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CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, Municipal building, 215 Main Street, Conyngham, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Council President Gary Gregory, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Present: Fuccile, Gallagher, Gregory, Hawk, Jones, McKee (Via Telephone), Schneider.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: Mayor.

Citizens: Victoria Kozlek, Jacob Kozlek, Linda Grenavich, Matt Balliet, Tim Ference, Lynne Miller, John Gregory, Ken Zipovsky.

The Solicitor advised the Conyngham Borough By-Laws allow for participation via telephone.

Motion

Motion to Approve Councilman McKee to Participate Via Telephone – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Public Comment: Lynne Miller Hillside Drive has a feral cat problem in her neighborhood which she described in detail. The Borough will have their feral cat volunteer be in touch.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session September 19, 2017 – Jones. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: Absent. The Department responded to nineteen (19) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of September. Report is on file.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had four (4) Fire and Rescue calls and fourteen (14) EMS calls for the month of September.

Treasurer: The September report was reviewed in detail at the Work Session. A copy of the report is available for public inspection and is on file.

Motion

Motion to Accept the September 2017 Treasurer’s Report – Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Treasurer Blase requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 65,350.01.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills – Gallagher. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

The 2018 Budget preparations have begun.

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Accept Resignation of Deputy Tax Collector Betty Jane Gasper - Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Madelyn M. Lawson Deputy Tax Collector – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Appoint Chief of Police & Approve Employment Agreement for Anthony Harris - Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Negative
Jones	-	Negative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Negative			

Motion

Motion to Approve Fire Services Agreement with Valley Regional - Schneider. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Negative	Gallagher	-	Negative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Negative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Council expressed the negotiations have been ongoing for months and the decision was very difficult however they are trying to negotiate the best value for the residents. It is their desire to have area departments working together for the common good.

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Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 14 of 2017 Approving Promissory Note and Authorizing Purchase of George Estate - Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Negative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

The George Land Acquisitions allows the Borough to obtain 11.322 acres in additional recreational area which will be incorporated into the Master Plan. One half of the purchase has been funded by a grant.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve CVCO Halloween Parade Sunday October 29th Line Up at 1:00 pm Parade 2:00 pm – Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Pumpkin decorating was very successful with 80 participants.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were five (5) permits issued and thirteen (13) concerns addressed/actions taken.

Department of Public Works: Nothing at this time.

Buildings & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve Building Use Request Valley West Little League – Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Conyngham Code Crackers Mystery at the Watershed – Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve CVHS 2018 Building Use Request – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Christmas in Conyngham December 1, 2018 – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory noted slight conflict with CVHS House Tour will be worked out.

Grants: Nothing at this time.

Police: Councilman Fuccile thanked all the applicants for Chief of Police. Five (5) really good candidates applied for the position. He wishes everyone the best on their future endeavors.

New Business: COG will be held Friday October 20th at 8:00 am. Paul Grella from DEP will be the speaker regarding the MS4.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Linda Grenavich expressed her disappointment that the current Borough officer was not appointed. She stated the entire community stands behind him.

Vice President Schneider stated hiring was an agonizing process.

President Gregory added a lot of thought went into the decision and numerous interviews were held.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 pm – Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

An Executive Session was held regarding personnel and litigation.

ATTEST:


Secretary