

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:05 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, McKee, Reber, Schneider.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Secretary, Police Chief.

Absent: Treasurer.

Citizens: Romilda Crocamo, Frank Delmonico, Patty Delmonico, Tim Ference, Ray Croker, Matt Balliet.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session January 16, 2018 – Reber. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to one hundred five (105) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of January. Three hundred eighty seven (387) miles were patrolled. Report is on file.

Motion

Motion to Authorize Police Department to Participate in “Drop the Drugs” Program – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned scheduling – As needed. President Gregory advised it will be posted in advance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had four (4) Fire and Rescue calls and nine (9) EMS calls for the month of January.

Fire Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Fire House.

Treasurer:

Motion

Motion to Table the Acceptance of the Resignation of Fred Blasé as Treasurer – Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The January report was reviewed in detail by the Assistant Treasurer. A copy of the report is available for public inspection and is on file.

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President Gregory requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 70,979.34.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills – Schneider. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Reber questioned Elliot Greenleaf & Dean – Sugarloaf Avenue legal representation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Authorize Joseph Gallagher Additional Check Signer for All Borough Accounts – Gregory. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Abstain
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
McKee	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 6 of 2018 Eliminating Police Pension Employee Contributions for 2018 – Gregory. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

A vacancy exists for Borough Auditor to fill remaining term expiring 12/31/19. Two applicants have submitted their names for consideration – Anna Mae Wegener and John Bigelow.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Anna Mae Wegener as Borough Auditor for a Remaining Term Expiring 12/31/19 – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Reber questioned if resumes were received.

Council broke for Executive Session at 7:19 pm.

Meeting resumed at 7:32 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Due to additional interest in the Shade Tree Commission there is an option to amend the size of the Board from a three (3) member Board to a five (5) member Board.

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Public Comment: None.**Motion**

Motion to Amend the Shade Tree Ordinance to Increase the Board Size to Five Members – Gregory.
Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion

Motion to Appoint Two Vacancies to the Shade Tree Commission with Third Nominee Appointment
Effective Upon Adoption of Amendment to Ordinance – Gregory. Second – Reber.

Public Comment: None.**Questions on the Motion:** None.**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion

Motion to Authorize the Solicitor to RFP Three CPA Firms to Provide Services to Treasurer –
Schneider. Second – Reber.

Public Comment: None.**Questions on the Motion:** None.**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Shade Tree:**Motion**

Motion to Appoint Jacqueline Evans to Shade Tree Commission for a Three Year Term Ending
12/31/20 – Reber. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Ann Schneider to Shade Tree Commission for a Four Year Term Ending 12/31/21
– Reber. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

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Motion to Appoint Barry Jones to Shade Tree Commission for a Five Year Term Ending 12/31/22 – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

Public Comment: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Recreation: Recreation Board reorganized with the following officers: Tommy Licurgo and Barry Jones Co-Presidents, Jael Maue Secretary, and Tracy Cechak & Janet Zwalkuski Publicity.

Formation of a Garden Club was discussed along with Spring Clean-Up Day. Community Yard Sale will be held May 19th with Rain Date of May 20th from 8:00am-2:00pm with utilization of Borough Grounds if interested. An Easter Egg Hunt is under consideration for next year.

Motion

Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Draft Young Lungs at Play Ordinance – Schneider. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were zero (0) permits issued and seven (7) concerns addressed/actions taken.

The Solicitor provided Council with a summary of information provided at PMPEI workshops regarding the administration of Planning & Zoning.

Motion

Motion to Approve Hosting PMPEI Workshop Two Saturdays in April –Gallagher. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds: Brookhill Association requested roads to be addressed for possible paving. Foreman is working on prioritizing roads to be addressed this paving season.

Councilman Gallagher noted Planning Commission is providing letter of support for Inflow & Infiltration Grant which will entail paving as well.

The Solicitor advised Luzerne County is also accepting grant applications for various projects.

Motion

Motion to Approve PA One Call Proclamation Recognizing April 2018 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” - Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Councilman McKee advised Kubota Tractor has been delivered which will be utilized for many Borough services.

Police:

Motion

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Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Draft and Advertise Formation of Non-Profit Corporation and By-Laws for Conyngham Borough Crimewatch – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Public Comment: None.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned if 501C3 is tax status – Yes. Discussion ensued regarding Council's role. The Solicitor stated the only cost to the Borough is the cost of advertising. President Gregory clarified this is final step in formation of Crimewatch by Borough.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Purchase of Cannon TS5934-45 Gun Safe Not to Exceed \$649.99 – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned size – 34" x 24" x 59".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2014 Ford Taurus is at Barber Ford for repair of internal water pump requiring 9 ½ hours labor. Estimate to replace is \$1,200.00.

New Business:

Motion

Motion to Authorize President to Request Extension for Phase One Sugarloaf Avenue LSA Grant to June 30, 2019 – Gallagher. Second – Fuccile.

Public Comment: None.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Old Business: Councilwoman Hawk questioned status of Master Plan. It has been completed and presentation will be made shortly.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 pm - Reber. Second – Gregory. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


 Secretary