
CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Thursday, June 14, 2018

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:04 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, Gregory, Hawk, McKee, Reber, Schneider.

Absent: Gallagher.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Carol Ference, C.A. Zamba, Andrew Cwierniewicz.

Public Comment: John Buglio, 48 Myers Avenue, Conyngham questioned 46 Myers Avenue constant pumping of water year-round. President Gregory advised the Borough is aware and next step is to determine the source.

Motion

Motion to Authorize RJD Engineering to Assess 46 Myers Avenue – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Public Comment: None.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk clarified motion was to determine cause not correct.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Andrew Cwierniewicz provided an update on CVCO.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session May 10, 2018 – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to thirty-one (31) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of May. Five hundred twelve (512) miles were patrolled and sixteen (16) miles of foot patrols were conducted. Report is on file.

Each officer will soon have individual email accounts. Councilwoman Hawk questioned if Police Chief should review all emails.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had eight (8) Fire and Rescue calls and seven (7) EMS calls for the month of May.

Police Chief and Vice President Schneider are working on specific disaster responses. EOP does not affect current Butler Township agreement.

Garage door replacement has been completed.

President Gregory spoke on Wilkes-Barre Township tornado.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reviewed the May 2018 report in detail. A copy of the report is available for public inspection and is on file.

Motion

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Motion to Approve May Financial Report – Gregory. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 62,551.82.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Reber questioned the cost of street lighting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

CVCO: Vice President Schneider thanked CVCO & Valley West Little League for time and effort repairing ball field and mulching playground due to storm damage.

A letter will be sent to CVCO requesting use of building for park program during inclement weather.

CVCO is requesting permission to have a beer tent at Valley Day utilizing Valley Regional's license and insurance. A constable will be on hand to check identification and provide security.

Motion

Motion to Approve CVCO Request for Alcoholic Beverage Sales at Valley Day – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned if that would present any conflict for the Borough. The Solicitor replied – No.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory inquired if CVCO would consider dedicating Gould's Way to the Borough and Borough would maintain.

Councilman Fuccile is working with CVCO to coordinate electrical upgrades on Borough grounds.

Councilwoman Reber would like to establish a CVCO Liaison. The Solicitor suggested quarterly updates be provided.

Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed the Conyngham-Sugarloaf On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance in detail. Discussion ensued with proposed changes.

Motion

Motion to Advertise the Conyngham-Sugarloaf On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Conyngham Borough Cat Control Ordinance has been drafted and will be discussed at the July Work Session. The next step is to advertise for adoption.

Motion

Motion to Accept Resignation of the Deputy Tax Collector Madelyn M. Lawson - Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Deputy Tax Collector Anthony N. Tier -Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Council broke for Executive Session for Pending Litigation at 8:07 pm.

Regular Session called back to order at 8:20 pm.

Motion

Motion to Accept Settlement & Release Agreement M&J Excavation, Inc. and Approve Payment Application for Phase I & II Sugarloaf Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Recreation:**Motion**

Motion to Hire 2018 Park Program Staff Pending Clearances – Schneider. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Absent
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Negative
McKee	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
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Vice President Schneider will explore Eagle Scout project request.

The Solicitor will draft amendment to Ordinance updating Park Rules and Regulations for July Work Session.

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A willow tree at Whispering Willows Park needs to be removed. Quotes will be solicited.

Movies in the Park will be held June 29th featuring Ferdinand and July 20th featuring Coco.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were five (5) permit issued and six (6) concerns addressed/actions taken.

Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve Purchase of Stihl Trimmer \$479.94 - Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
McKee	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Approve Street Sweeper Drive Pump Motor Rebuild & Replace - Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk stated if money is allocated in budget for maintenance a motion is not necessary.

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Sugarloaf Avenue bids due June 27, 2018 and to be awarded June 29, 2018.

First payment has been received for electrical and gazebo upgrades from Luzerne County

Grants: LC Community Development Block Grant application has been submitted for \$700,000.00 for Main Street Streetscape from Sugarloaf Avenue to Butler Avenue. The improvements will be like Phase I on Main Street.

Main Street garage purchase was discussed as potential Active Adult Center. Council will discuss negotiations in Executive Session.

Police:

Motion

Motion to Approve Purchase of Crime Watch Signs 6 for \$150.00 - Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Purchase of Four Tires for 2014 Police Car from Shannon Tire \$ 671.16 - Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Motion

Motion to Approve Firearm Training - Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Traffic Control Device Training - Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
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Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion for CBPD to Assist HPD with Security for Independence Day Celebration- Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Drop the Drugs June 17, 2018 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at St. John Bosco.

Conyngham-Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority: Two (2) applications were received to date to fill vacancy on the Joint Authority Board. Council will contact potential candidates.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.


Catch-All: Mayor Yourechko questioned whether Mr. Frederick has permission to plant cover crop on Borough land acquisition this year – Yes.

Public Comment: C.A. Zamba questioned the private installation of storm pipe on Smith Drive. The Borough Engineer has inspected and approved of the replacement. The concern was the velocity flowing into the unnamed creek and the need for routine maintenance. President Gregory stated the Borough will consider the possibility of dredging the creek.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:16 pm - Reber. Second – Fuccile.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary