

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Thursday, December 13, 2018

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:06 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, Reber, Schneider.

Absent: Hawk, McKee.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Tom Wozniak, Kristy Welch.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session November 20, 2018 – Reber. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to twenty-nine (29) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of November. Five hundred twenty-six (526) miles were patrolled. Report is on file.

Mayor Yourechko requested set up of individual email addresses for the officers along with installation of hard drive for cameras.

Councilwoman Reber questioned if Conyngham has been plagued by “Porch Pirates” – No.

The Crimewatch Holiday Meet & Greet was a huge success with over 72 attendees.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had zero (0) Fire and Rescue calls and eight (8) EMS calls for the month of November.

Vice President Schneider stated the Emergency Operations Plan submitted to Council in November is a boiler plate awaiting the addition of an Appendix listing all responsible parties. Once complete the Plan will be submitted to Luzerne County for approval. The plan covers emergencies such as snowstorms, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes etc....

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

Motion

Motion to Approve November Financial Report – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 82,319.50.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: Councilman Fuccile questioned if Robert C. Young invoices are the final payments – Yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Frey & Company LSA Audit Engagement \$1,750.00 – Reber. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2019 Budget as Advertised – Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: Vice President Schneider questioned if revisions were made as stipulated to advertise - Yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 313 of 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance for 2019 – Gregory. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 16 of 2018 LSA Grant Phase III Sugarloaf Avenue – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: Vice President Schneider questioned if there were any guarantees that Borough will secure grant - No.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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The Zoning Complaint has been sent in its entirety to Reilly & Associates. The engineer has the contact information for all pertinent parties and would like to inspect during a rain event for analysis purposes.

Recreation: Councilman Gallagher advised a proposal has been received for engineering services in conjunction with the Nature Park Grant for the addition of a pavilion and additional parking.

Motion

Motion to Approve Benesch Proposal Nature Park \$11,250.00 – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mayor Yourechko thanked the Borough staff for the support provided to Christmas in Conyngham along with Valley Regional.

President Gregory reiterated his thanks and added all Emergency Responders. Reports to follow. Christmas in Conyngham proceeds benefit the Valley Food Pantry and Christmas in Conyngham 5K proceeds benefit the Conyngham Borough Parks and Recreation Expansion Plan.

Planning & Zoning: Applications have been received for the appointment of a Zoning Officer and are currently under review. Chief Harris is the acting Zoning Officer.

Motion

Motion to Advertise 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule – Gallagher. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Councilman Gallagher noted the meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Borough building.

Council broke for Executive Session regarding Personnel at 7:33 pm.

Meeting called back to order at 7:58 pm.

Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds: Councilman Fuccile is working on securing quotes for CVCO electrical repairs.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2019 Building Use Request CSJMA; Brookhill Association; Conyngham Bridge Club; Historic Brainerd Church; Have Yarn Will Knit; Friends of the Nescopceck – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Table DPW Foreman Contract – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Release \$700.00 Escrow Payment to UGI 355 Main Street Upon Completion of Sealing Cut - Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

New Business:

Motion

Motion to Advertise 2019 Meeting Schedule – Gallagher. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory reviewed the open appointments for 2019 with Council. Appointments will be made at the January session.

Motion

Motion to Untable DPW Foreman Contract – Gregory. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve DPW Foreman Robert Babenko Contract 1/1/19 – 12/31/21 - Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

An Executive Session will be held at the conclusion of the meeting regarding Property Acquisition.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Kristy Welch 7 Maple Avenue stated her mother fell walking her dog which required seven stitches and dental repair. She stated potholes occur due to heavy water run-off. She also advised icing occurs at the intersection of Willow and Maple which is a school bus stop. One boy slipped on the ice. Councilman Fuccile noted the Borough will ensure area salted regularly.

Mayor Yourechko suggested a sign stating “Opposing Traffic Does Not Have Stop Sign” at the intersection of Main Street and Sugarloaf Avenue near Brass Buckle.

Councilman Fuccile will contact Magistrate O’Donnell to inquire about securing a Magistrate sign at Banks Avenue and Main Street to alleviate GPS confusion.

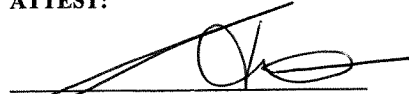
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Motion to Adjourn at 8:12 PM – Gregory. Second – Reber.

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ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'OK' with a flourish, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary