

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:02 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, Schneider.

Absent: Reber.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Tim Ference, Tom Wozniak, Rodney Hawk.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session January 15, 2019 – Gallagher. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to twenty-one (21) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of January. Five hundred twenty-nine (529) miles were patrolled. Report is on file.

Mayor Yourechko stated volunteers were needed for the Cancer Telethon Saturday, February 23rd. Discussion ensued as to who will represent the Borough. Chief Harris, Sgt. Rinehimer and Mayor Yourechko will attend.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had six (6) Fire and Rescue calls and seven (7) EMS calls for the month of January.

Electrical upgrades are scheduled to commence in the Spring for the firehouse.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reviewed the January 2019 report in detail at the Work Session. A copy of the report is available for public inspection and is on file.

Motion

Motion to Approve January Financial Report – Hawk. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 74,081.27.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve Nature Park Deed & Certification of Title – Gallagher. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Bid DCNR Nature Park Project – Gallagher. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Partial Payment Request DCNR Nature Park Grant \$19,750.00 – Gallagher.
Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned drawdown amount – 50%.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Whispering Willows Reverse Sub-Division almost complete. The Surveyor needs to add and Easement through CVCO.

Motion

Motion to Approve Surveyor's Addition of Easement to Sub-Division – 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	-	Absent
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Bid 60 Butler Avenue – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

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Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned if Council will be able to review bids – Yes. Councilman Gallagher questioned whether Council should set a base bid – No. The Solicitor added Council has the right to reject any and all bids. Councilman Gallagher requested the tenants be notified they must make property available for inspection. Councilwoman Hawk questioned when the bids will be opened – April Session. President Gregory questioned time period for tenants to vacate premises. The Solicitor will send a Thirty (30) Day Notice to Quit.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Appoint Sara Merritt to Parks & Recreation Board Term Ending December 31, 2023 – Schneider. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilman Gallagher questioned if it was appropriate to appoint a non-resident. The Solicitor stated there is nothing in the Code which prohibits appointment.

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The Recreation Board will sponsor Movie Night Valentine’s Day 2020 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

March 16th the Avengers movie will be shown at CVCO starting at 6:00 pm.

Planning & Zoning:

Motion

Motion to Table Appointment of Zoning Officer – Hawk. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The meeting will be continued to Thursday, February 28th at 6:00 pm to consider appointment.

Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve Street Excavation Escrow Refund 11 Frederick Drive \$487.00 – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Building Use Request Community Services for Sight – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The 2004 Chev Truck needs tires. The low bid is \$554.00 from Lehigh Tire.

Motion

Motion to Advertise for Part Time Plow Drivers – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Public Comment: Mr. Wozniak questioned if the Borough considered contracted services.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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New Business: None.

Old Business: Councilwoman Hawk questioned the progress of the electrical work at the Borough building. Councilman Fuccile will determine scope and secure comparable quotes. President Gregory stated Gazebo maintenance must be included per grant specifications.

Mr. Wozniak spoke with the Solicitor who advised of the recommendations of the Engineer regarding complaint. Chief Harris spoke with the neighboring property owner. President Gregory hopes an amicable agreement can be reached between both parties.

President Gregory requested a Council member to act as liaison for resolution, however he stated there is no guarantee.

Motion

Motion to Release Engineering Report to Complainant Despite Denial of Right to Know Request – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mr. Wozniak questioned the Right to Know Officer if a denial has ever been appealed – No. He proceeded to explain the process. Mr. Wozniak also provided Council with a link to an investigative report regarding litigation.

Vice President Schneider and Councilman Gallagher will serve on a Stormwater Committee.

Councilman Gallagher will work with Mr. Wozniak. The Solicitor advised Mr. Wozniak to avoid contact with neighboring property owner.

Catch-All: President Gregory requested Mr. Ference work with the Stormwater Committee. Mr. Ference will speak to the Friends of the Nescopeck.

Public Comment: Chief Harris thanked the Borough for the purchase of Class A Uniforms. He also thanked Attorney Karpowich for sponsoring the award provided to a recent graduate.

Motion to Continue Meeting to February 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:



Secretary