

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, Municipal building, 215 Main Street, Conyngham, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Thomas Fuccile Jr., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Present: Fuccile, Gallagher, Hawk, Reber.

Absent: Gregory, McKee, Schneider.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Tim Ference, Barry Jones, Linda Grencavich, Kent Jackson.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session February 19, 2019; Continued Session February 28, 2019 – Reber. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to twenty-three (23) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of February. Seven hundred twenty-six (726) miles were patrolled. Report is on file.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had zero (0) Fire and Rescue calls and twelve (12) EMS calls for the month of February.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reviewed the February 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 February Financial Report – Gallagher. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 60,360.05.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed the Whispering Willows Survey & Subdivision in detail. Discussion ensued.

Motion

Motion to Approve Whispering Willows Survey & Subdivision to be Sent to Conyngham Borough Planning Commission & Luzerne County for Review – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Advertise Ordinance Re-Establishing a Recreation Board – Reber. Second – Gallagher.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent appointment to the Recreation Board and protocol. The Solicitor advised appointments are at Council's discretion.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 3 of 2019 Approving Police Policy & Procedure Handbook – Reber. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

60 Butler Avenue Bid to be advertised for April Session.

Recreation: Movie Night was held on Saturday, March 16th as a joint venture with CVCO. Seventeen attendees enjoyed the movie & refreshments.

Discussion ensued regarding the graffiti removal from the handball court at Whispering Willows. Chief Harris will coordinate removal with the juveniles involved.

Mayor Yourechko will order the Park Rules & Regulations signs for Whispering Willows and the Nature Park.

Motion

Motion to Approve Cub Scout Day Camp Whispering Willows August 5th – 9th 8am-4pm – Hawk. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilman Gallagher questioned if it conflicts with the Summer Park Program – No.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning:

Motion

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Motion to Approve Zoning Officer Employment Agreement – Reber. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds:

Councilman Fuccile advised an Executive Session was held prior to the start of the Regular Session for Personnel.

Motion

Motion to Hire Wayne Eisenhower as Part-Time As-Needed DPW Laborer at a Rate of \$12.00/Hour for Snow Plowing and \$10.00/Hour for Summer Labor Pending Background Check – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Nowak Estimate Tree Trimming/Removal Borough Grounds \$1,025.00 Pending Council Review – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Grants:

Motion

Motion to Bid Main Street Streetscape – Hawk. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Discussion ensued regarding applying for a DCNR Recreation Grant. The consensus of Council is to apply for a land acquisition grant to connect the Nature Park to Whispering Willows Park.

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 4 of 2019 Authorizing DCNR Recreation Grant Application & Authorized Signers– Hawk. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Councilman Gallagher also recommended the installation of cameras and lighting at the Nature Park.

51 trees from the PPL Community Roots Program will be delivered in April/May. Councilman Gallagher will coordinate the planting.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Councilman Fuccile advised estimates for milling Birch Street are being secured. The paving will be reviewed by RJD Engineering for stormwater.

Councilwoman Reber spoke with the Cara's regarding the DPW employees taking over maintenance of the fountain at the entrance of Whispering Willows.

Councilman Gallagher advised CSJMA will be releasing the Act 537 for public inspection soon.

Councilwoman Hawk questioned the progress on the Borough electrical upgrade and the sign at the cemetery.

Councilman Gallagher will be applying for a permit to do streambank restoration and raise the inlet structure at the pond at Whispering Willows.


Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:09 pm – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:



Secretary