

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
Thursday, May 9, 2019

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 9, 2019 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/Treasurer, Police Chief.

**Absent:** None.

**Citizens:** Carol Ference, Maxwell Palfey, Barry R. Jones, George Hudock, Christian Molino, Dominic Yannuzzi.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session April 16, 2019 – Fuccile. Second – McKee.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Eagle Scout Projects:** Maxwell Palfey Troop 207 proposed installing a rain garden at Whispering Willows Park for his Eagle Scout Project. The project was reviewed in detail and is on file. Councilman Gallagher will coordinate the projects. Mayor Yourechko commended Mr. Palfey on his presentation and public speaking.

**Mayor:** The Department responded to thirty-seven (37) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of April. Five hundred two (502) miles were patrolled. Report is on file.

**Fire, Rescue & EMA:** April Report was not available for meeting.

The proposed electrical upgrades to the Firehouse are progressing.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer reviewed the April 2019 report in detail. A copy of the report is available for public inspection and is on file.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve April Financial Report – Reber. Second – Schneider.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>McKee</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Reber</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Schneider</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>			

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 64,550.53.

**Motion**

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

**Questions on the Motion:** Councilman Gallagher questioned mulch & edger expense for the Borough Grounds.

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**Solicitor:** One (1) bid was received for the purchase of 60 Butler Avenue. Walter Harayda Jr. bid \$147,000.00 which includes a pre-qualification letter from Quicken Loans for \$141,850.00 loan.

The Solicitor recommended to table any motion until an appraisal is completed by Colonial Realty, Inc. President Gregory requested meeting be continued to May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**Motion**

Motion to Continue Meeting to May 23, 2019 – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Motion**

Motion to Table Bid Award to May 23, 2019 for Solicitor Review and Appraisal Completion – Gallagher. Second – Hawk.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The Solicitor has advertised the milling specifications for bid opening May 23, 2019.

Comments on the Nature Park Bid will be reviewed with the Engineer.

**Recreation:** A Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow, May 10<sup>th</sup>, to determine Park Program schedule.

Sara Merritt has been appointed the new Recreation Board Secretary.

Recommendations for Park Program Staff hiring will be submitted for May 23<sup>rd</sup> Continued Session.

The Park Clean-Up was a great success with the support of the Valley West Little League, Recreation Board and Council. Mulch was installed in addition to clean-up.

A Park Needs list was compiled and will be accomplished on a weekly basis.

President Gregory thanked the Recreation Board, VWLL and CVCO for all their dedication and cooperation in the park beautification.

**Planning & Zoning:** The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were ten (10) concerns addressed/actions taken including one (1) permit issued.

Mayor Yourechko questioned how to contact the Zoning Officer. The Secretary will provide Mr. Pedri's cell phone number.

The Planning Commission has received the comments received from Luzerne County regarding the Whispering Willows Subdivision. Planning Chairwoman Hawk questioned the potential for moving the Planning meeting to a different night. The Secretary advised it would have to be re-advertised.

**Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Valley Vets Memorial Day Parade & Program May 27, 2019 – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

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**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Milling Bids for Birch, Liberty & Independence will be opened May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Fuccile recommended approval of Borough grounds electrical quote from Arc Electric per the requested specifications.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Arc Electric Borough Grounds Electrical Quote \$9,850.00 – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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A 240 V service can be installed on the South side in the future.

DPW Foreman has recommended the purchase of tar blocks for sealing all new paving along with crack sealing.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Bradco Supply Quote Tar Blocks \$2,025.00 – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

**Questions on the Motion:** Vice President Schneider noted paving looks good. President Gregory reiterated his sentiments and extended his appreciation.

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Myers Avenue Stormwater Remediation work will commence soon.

President Gregory stated the Hometown Hero Banners have been installed.

Councilman McKee stated Banks Avenue has been heavily travelled with the Butler Avenue detour in place.

**Grants:** Mayor Yourechko suggested applying for a grant to install sidewalks on Butler Avenue while the detour is in effect for the bridge replacement.

Nature Park Bid Package was reviewed in detail by Dominic Yannuzzi, Alfred Benesch & Company. Bid Specifications are on file in the Borough office.

**Motion**

Motion to Advertise Nature Park Bid Specifications with Implementation of Solicitor Recommendations – Gallagher. Second – Fuccile.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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Motion

Motion to Approve LC CDBG Certification Request for Payment \$ 11,918.52 – Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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The Main Street Streetscape Phase II Plan was reviewed, and discussion ensued.

The Engineer recommended approving a Resolution to apply for a CFA Recreation Grant to purchase and improve the Waschko property.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Councilman Gallagher has been planting the fifty (50) trees acquired through the PPL Community Roots Program.

GP 3 Inlet Permit Streambank Restoration is close to completion.

Raingarden renovation almost weeded. Plants will be replaced.

Luchi Manor paving can be coordinated with the Joint Authority. The Act 537 allows for 1.5 million in Inflow and Infiltration improvements. Significant restoration will be made to the water and sewer lines.

Lights have been ordered for the fountain. A retro fit will be needed for installation. Chemicals to treat the fountain have also been ordered.

Councilman Gallagher suggested with the bridge replacement project underway, Council should approach Penn DOT to install a pedestrian crossing where the proposed trail would extend from the Waschko property across Butler Avenue to Whispering Willows. His recommendation is to draft a letter requesting the installation.

Motion

Motion to Contact Penn DOT about Bridge Replacement SR3034 Section 351 Regarding Addition of Flashing Pedestrian Crossing – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory commended Councilman Gallagher for his time and expertise and he would like to publicly thank him for all the work he has done for the Borough.

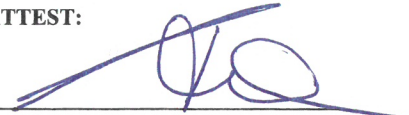
Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Continued to May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

A short Executive Session will be held for potential litigation.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary