

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 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, Gallagher, Gregory, Hawk, McKee, Reber, Schneider.

**Absent:** None.

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

**Absent:** None.

**Citizens:** Thomas J. Wozniak, George Hudock, George Stephen Hudock, Thomas Licurgo, Linda Grencavich, Tim Ference, Barry R. Jones, Rodney Hawk.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session May 9, 2019; Continued Session May 23, 2019 – 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 May. Six hundred twenty-one (621) miles were patrolled and six (6) miles foot patrol. Report is on file.

Mayor Yourechko thanked Dan Rymond for hosting the ‘Stop the Bleed’ training and thanked Council for ordering tourniquet holsters.

**Fire, Rescue & EMA:** Conyngham had one (1) Fire and Rescue call and nine (9) EMS calls for the month of May.

A meeting will be held Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Fire Company with Chief Bob Pecile.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer reviewed the May 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 May Financial Report – Gallagher. Second – Fuccile.

**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 \$ 72,418.68.

**Motion**

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

**Questions on the Motion:** Councilwoman Reber questioned Eddies Lawn & Landscaping – Topsoil.

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**Solicitor:** 60 Butler Avenue closing is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilwoman Reber questioned if the Luzerne County Courthouse computer issues are causing a delay – No.

**Recreation:**

**Motion**

Motion to Hire Jaya Franek as Park Program Substitute – Schneider. Second – Reber.

**Questions on the Motion:** Councilwoman Hawk questioned if application was in on time – Yes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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The Hudock Eagle Scout Project was presented to Council and is on file. Councilman Gallagher had a site meeting with Stephen Hudock and provided an overview.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Hudock Eagle Scout Project at Whispering Willows Entrance – Schneider. Second – Reber.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Council will not pursue CVCO pool usage at this time.

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

Whispering Willows Park Subdivision is in the process of being recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

**Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds:** In-house paving is underway and will be sealed upon completion.

Luzerne County is resurfacing Walnut Avenue.

Borough underground electrical upgrade is nearing completion.

**Grants:** The Nature Park bids were reviewed by the Engineer & Solicitor and the recommendation is to approve apparent low bidder Bognet with a modified scope to stay within grant budget.

**Motion**

Motion to Award Nature Park Contract to Bognet Subject to Approval by Contractor for Modification & DCNR for Scope Change – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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**New Business:** Councilman Gallagher stated that Mayor Yourechko brought up concerns with rental properties and questioned if the Solicitor should move forward with drafting an Ordinance to address the concerns and provide for rental inspections.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Solicitor to Draft Rental Ordinance – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

**Questions on the Motion:** Mr. Hudock questioned if occupancy permits are currently required. Councilman Gallagher stated they are required for new construction and commercial properties.

No Roll Call. Six Yes. Hawk – No.

**Old Business:** Councilman Gallagher advised the Stormwater Committee needs to schedule a meeting.


**Catch-All:** None.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Wozniak, Property Owner A, stated he filed a complaint in October 2018 due to a neighbor, Property Owner B, discharging water onto his property. In January Reilly Engineering prepared a report for the Borough suggesting Property Owner B contact a professional engineer to consider remedial action. To date no work has commenced. The Solicitor advised this issue is a civil matter between two property owners. President Gregory suggested the possibility of facilitating a meeting between the parties to come to some type of resolution.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:00 pm – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary