

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 20, 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:** Gregory, Hawk, McKee (Late), Reber, Schneider.

**Absent:** Fuccile, Gallagher.

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

**Absent:** None.

**Citizens:** Alan Papinsick, Linda Grencavich, Tim FERENCE, Robert Pecile, Barry R. Jones, Thomas Licurgo.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session July 16, 2019 – Reber. Second – Schneider.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Mayor:** The Department responded to thirty-nine (39) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of July. Five hundred twenty-nine (529) miles were patrolled and ten (10) miles foot patrol. Report is on file.

Mayor Yourechko thanked everyone who helped make National Night Out a success.

Northeast Counseling held a Kindness Challenge at Whispering Willows Park which the Mayor attended.

An Executive Session was requested to be held for Personnel.

**Fire, Rescue & EMA:** Conyngham had seven (7) Fire and Rescue call and eleven (11) EMS calls for the month of July.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Allocation for Capital Improvements Per Fire Services Agreement \$10,200.00 – Schneider. Second – Gregory.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</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>			

President Gregory requested Valley Regional also paint side of building as part of improvements.

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

**Motion**

Motion to Approve July Financial Report – Reber. Second – McKee.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

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<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</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 \$ 105,683.15.

**Motion**

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

**Questions on the Motion:** Councilwoman Hawk questioned Wex Bank – Gas for Park Mowers. Councilwoman Hawk questioned CSJMA bill under Recreation – 60 Butler Avenue.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
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**Solicitor:** 60 Butler Avenue closing is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Rental Inspection Ordinance will be reviewed at the September Work Session.

The Solicitor suggested looking into refinancing Landmark Bank loan for park land purchase.

**Recreation:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Nowak Bros. Tree Service Quote \$2,375.00 Utilizing Shade Tree Funds – Reber. Second – Schneider.

**Questions on the Motion:** Councilwoman Hawk questioned utilizing Shade Tree Funds. Discussion ensued.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</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>			

Movie Night scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> was rained out.

**Planning & Zoning:** The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were ten (10) concerns addressed/actions taken including zero (0) permits issued.

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

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Building Use Request Hazleton Camera Club – Gregory. Second – Reber.

**Questions on the Motion:** Councilwoman Hawk questioned dates – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Hazleton Site Contractors Payment Certification #1 With Change Order 1 & 2 \$22,117.55 for Milling Liberty Place, Independence Avenue & Captains Circle – Reber. Second – McKee.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

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<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>			

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Building Use Request Conyngham Union Cemetery Association October 29<sup>th</sup> – Schneider. Second – Gregory.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Vice President Schneider advised Council on joint ownership of MCOG Tar Kettle/Crack Sealer between White Haven, West Hazleton and Conyngham.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve MCOG Tar Kettle/Crack Sealer Invoice \$1,423.00 – Reber. Second – Hawk.

**Questions on the Motion:** The Solicitor recommended reviewing the Joint Ownership Agreement with MCOG.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
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<b>Schneider</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>			

**Motion**

Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Review the Agreement with MCOG – Gregory. Second – Reber.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Questions on the Motion:** Vice President Schneider does not feel this is necessary.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</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>Negative</b>			

President Gregory advised Council the DPW has an opportunity to purchase a Mauldin Paver for \$9,800.00. This will enable the Borough to continue in-house paving at great savings. Council will consider purchase at September meeting.

President Gregory commended the inter-municipal cooperation.

**Grants:**

**Motion**

Motion to Reject All Nature Park Bids and Approve Co-Stars MRC \$43,761.00 & LoBello Inc. Masonry Contractor \$13,950.00 Pending DCNR & Solicitor Approval – Reber. Second – Hawk.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
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The Main Street Streetscape Phase II is slated to commence.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** President Gregory updated Council on the Hudock and Palfey Eagle Scout Projects occurring at Whispering Willows. Presentations were made at the May Council Meeting and both projects are near completion.

Vice President Schneider reminded Council of the Red-Carpet Breakfast on August 29<sup>th</sup> featuring Congressman Meuser.

**Catch-All:** None.

**Public Comment:** Alan Papinsick of 12 Lissa Lane challenged Council to amend Ordinance # 290 regarding vegetation to include tree maintenance. The Solicitor advised Borough Code only allows Council the power to regulate diseased plants, trees or shrubs.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:08 pm – Reber. Second – Schneider.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

A brief Executive Session will be held for Personnel.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary