

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Thursday, November 14, 2019

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 14, 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, McKee, Reber, Schneider.

Absent: Hawk.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Tim Ference, Richard Tihansky.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session October 15, 2019 – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to twenty-five (25) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of October. Four hundred sixty-two (462) miles were patrolled and eight (8) miles of foot patrols were conducted. Report is on file.

Mayor Yourechko presented a quote to Council for computer upgrades totaling \$1,800.00. A previous quote was received from Slick Cyber Systems totaling \$7,000.00. Discussion ensued. Councilman Gallagher requested an additional quote for a server which the Mayor will provide for the next meeting.

Mayor Yourechko and Chief Harris attended an informational meeting at the Valley Vets with several area groups. The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2020 to develop an event schedule for the year.

Motion

Motion to Approve Borough Grounds Request VFW Memorial Day Parade May 27, 2020 – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor Yourechko met with the Conyngham Code Crackers who are requesting approval for a Nature Park Project to combat a bug problem that has been identified. They are proposing to place mint in planters, place 3D printed mosquito traps and install bat boxes. Council requested a written plan for approval at November 19, 2019 Regular Session.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had three (3) Fire and Rescue calls and fourteen (14) EMS calls for the month of October.

The Luzerne County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update identifies the ongoing stormwater issues.

The Firehouse electrical upgrade is nearing completion.

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

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 59,163.15.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The 2020 Budget was presented to Council for their review and recommendations.

Motion

Motion to Opt Out of 2020 Solvency Fee – Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed the Cable Franchise Ordinance to be considered for adoption at next Regular Session.

The Stormwater Ordinance is pending Engineer revisions and comments.

A Letter of Interest has been sent to the owner of a parcel of land in Brookhill. The land was purchased at tax sale for \$13,034.06.

The Solicitor reviewed a Luzerne County Intergovernmental Cooperation for consideration at the next Regular Session.

Recreation: The next Board meeting will be held on January 8, 2020. The meeting will consist of Election of Officers and schedule of upcoming events.

Christmas in Conyngham & Christmas in Conyngham Classic 5K are preparing for the December 7th festivities.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were ten (10) concerns addressed/actions taken including three (3) permits issued.

Department of Public Works/Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2020 Building Use Request Historic Brainerd Association – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

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Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2020 Building Use Request Friends of the Nescopeck – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2020 Building Use Request Wednesday Bridge Group – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Purchase of Office Flooring from Builders Direct \$3,545.49 – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Three Welcome to Conyngham Signs have been ordered.

Mayor Yourechko requested the wooden Park Rules sign be painted over.

Grants: Councilman Gallagher reviewed the upcoming grants available including the LSA Grant and PA H2O Grant. A summary will be prepared for the next Regular Session.

Motion

Motion to Approve LC CDBG Certification Request for Payment \$166,388.25 – Gallagher. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

New Business: President Gregory stated the Borough building rear parking lot lights aren't working. SL Pecora Electric LLC will provide an estimate for replacement.

Old Business: Councilman Fuccile questioned the Engineer on the status of Phase III Sugarloaf Avenue. Dominic Yannuzzi stated the project is in the design process for early Spring bid.

Council requested the bid to be released in January.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Tim Ference extended his appreciation to Council for approving the Friends of the Nescopeck 2020 building use.

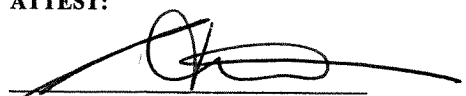
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Vice President Schneider welcomed Councilman-Elect Richard Tihansky.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:28 pm – Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary