
CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:01 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, Reber, Ryba, Schneider.

Absent: Tihansky.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Ray Croker, Dan Rymond.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session December 12, 2019, Continued Session December 27, 2019 & Reorganization Session January 6, 2020 – Schneider. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Engineer: Dominic Yannuzzi, Alfred Benesch & Co., presented the plans for Sugarloaf Avenue Phase III. It will be bid with a full road closure as well as a single lane closure. Discussion ensued. Right of Entry releases will be sent to the impacted property owners.

Motion

Motion to Bid Sugarloaf Avenue on PennBid & Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit– Gregory. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Affirmative	Schneider	-	Affirmative
Tihansky	-	Absent			

Mayor: The Department responded to thirty-nine (39) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of December. Report is on file.

Luzerne County 911 Radio Upgrades were discussed. Mayor Yourechko recommends the purchase of an extended warranty. Discussion ensued regarding the EMA base station.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had three (3) Fire and Rescue call and eight (8) EMS calls for the month of December.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve December Financial Report – Reber. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Affirmative	Schneider	-	Affirmative
Tihansky	-	Absent			

The Treasurer requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 83,247.18.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: Councilman Ryba questioned the yellow highlights – Indicates additions since Work Session. Councilman Gallagher questioned TAMCO invoice – Phone lease.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Affirmative	Schneider	-	Affirmative
Tihansky	-	Absent			

Solicitor: The Stormwater Ordinance will be presented for Council review at the February Work Session.

Recreation: Councilwoman Reber advised a Shade Tree Reorganization meeting was held. The Commission will develop a Mission Statement and provide a tree assessment for Whispering Willows Park and Main Street. The Solicitor stated Borough Code would allow a levy to be assessed to property owners for tree removal and/or replacement.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Ray Croker to Parks & Recreation Term Ending 12/31/24 – Reber. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: Vice President Schneider noted Mr. Croker has been attending the Recreation Board meetings as Shade Tree liaison.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Accept with Regret Resignation of Nicole Berezna as Park Program Director – Reber. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Reber noted the resignation was due to Ms. Berezna's graduation from college.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were five (5) concerns addressed/actions taken including zero (0) permits issued.

Department of Public Works: Councilman Fuccile stated he will have a quote for street sweeper repairs for the February meeting.

Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve Valley West Little League Building Use – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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New Business: Discussion ensued regarding the request from Sugarloaf Township Police Department to approve a Letter of Intent for DCED Regional Police Study.

Mayor Yourechko supports seeking information and will serve as Chief Elected Official and Vice President Schneider will serve as the contact person.

Motion

Motion to Approve DCED Letter of Intent for Regional Police Consolidation Study – Schneider.
Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Negative
Gregory	-	Negative	Reber	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Affirmative	Schneider	-	Affirmative
Tihansky	-	Absent			

Vacancies exist on CSJMA, Shade Tree, UCC and the Zoning Hearing Board.

Councilwoman Reber requested advertisement on Community Boards, Website, Facebook as well as published in the Community News.

Council broke for Executive Session regarding appointments at 8:18 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:46 pm.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: Mayor Yourechko advised 911 Radios will be available for inspection on January 28, 2020.

The Emergency Operations Plan has been updated for 2020.

Conyngham Crimewatch will have a presentation on scams by Trooper Anthony Petroski, PSP on February 4th at 7:00 pm at the Borough building.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Continue Meeting to January 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Gregory. Second – Reber.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary