

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 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, Gregory, Reber, Ryba, Schneider, Tihansky.

Absent: Gallagher.

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

Absent: None.

Citizens: Thomas Licurgo, Robert Pecile, Linda Grencavich, Nick T. Rizzo, Ian Conahan, Gary Martini, Angela Conahan, Dominic Yannuzzi.

Public Comment: Matt Cara, Main Street expressed concern over property values if a cell tower is placed on the CSJMA Subdivision. Ric Patton reiterated similar concerns. The Solicitor stated the subdivision is a separate issue and requested allowing the CSJMA Subdivision to proceed in order for the Borough to acquire the parcel for essential government services. Any proposed cell tower would be addressed at a Zoning Hearing.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session June 16, 2020 - Reber. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to thirty-four (34) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of June. Seven (7) miles were on foot patrol. Report is on file.

Mayor Yourechko stated Luzerne County would like the local municipalities to join the DUI Task Force. The Solicitor stated an Ordinance would need to be drafted and adopted in order to participate.

Motion

Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Draft DUI Task Force Ordinance for Council Review – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Speed Enforcement Month continues through the end of July.

Police Negotiations to commence.

A donation of \$250.00 was received In Memory of Thomas Stark Sr. by Hershey Foods. Mayor Yourechko would like to utilize donation to order coloring books for the Department.

The Mayor requested Council consider a new Police vehicle for 2021 budget.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had two (2) Fire and Rescue calls and nine (9) EMS calls for the month of June.

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Motion

Motion to Approve Valley Regional Insurance to Pay Firehouse Claim – Schneider. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Motion

Motion to Approve June Financial Report – Fuccile. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer provided the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 71,988.07 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Face Value Extension to 12/31/20 on 2020 R/E Taxes Pending Luzerne County Adoption of Same – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 8 of 2020 Adopting the Official Joint Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update Revision – Reber. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 9 of 2020 DCED CFA GTRP Pond Park Improvements & Trail Development Grant Application & Authorized Signers – Ryba. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Recreation: Interviews were conducted for Seasonal Maintenance.

Motion

Motion to Hire Christian DeAngelo for Seasonal Maintenance at \$10.00/Hour– Reber. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Discussion ensued concerning hiring 2021 Park Program Director.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were eight (8) concerns addressed/actions taken including two (2) permits issued.

The Planning Commission tabled the CSJMA Subdivision.

Department of Public Works: Nature Park pavilion pad is complete. New zero turn mower in service. Kubota was repaired. Paving project to be set up with Penn DOT in order to utilize Liquid Fuels.

Building & Grounds: Nothing at this time.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: Dominic Yannuzzi, Alfred Benesch & Co., provided an update on grants. The Solicitor recommended the Engineer seek funding from the Sheetz Foundation regarding Sugarloaf Avenue Sidewalk Improvements.

Public Comment: Ian & Angela Conahan, 430 Main Street & Park Circle, placed an addition & garage on their property and are requesting guidance for drainage issues. The Borough Stormwater Engineer to provide.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:57 PM – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary