

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 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, Reber, Ryba (Late), Schneider, Tihansky.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Police Chief.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Nancy Stark, Dan Rymond, Tim Ference, Allison Yourechko, Chris Yourechko, Robert M. Hoppy, Ronald Schadder.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session July 21, 2020 - Reber. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had two (2) Fire and Rescue calls and twelve (12) EMS calls for the month of July.

The Firehouse building repairs are nearing completion. Awaiting new garage door.

Due to the pandemic Talon Emergency Drills have been cancelled. Four (4) virtual sessions will be held instead.

MCOG to meet August 28th at 8:15 am.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve July Financial Report – Gallagher. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer provided the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 68,877.45 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Ryba | - | Absent | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

The Treasurer reviewed the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligations in detail. The required Non-Uniformed Plan contribution is \$9,383.00 and no contribution is due for the Police Pension Plan as it is solvent.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2021 MMO's – Gallagher. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed the Penn DOT 5 Year Winter Maintenance Agreement and Resolution 10 of 2020 adopting same in detail. The total compensation for the term is \$10,870.22.

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 10 of 2020 Adopting the Penn DOT Winter Maintenance Agreement – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Ryba | - | Absent | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

Butler Township may propose a plan to continue their recycling program with Sugarloaf Township and Conyngham Borough providing shared manpower to operate the facility. Details are forthcoming.

An Easement Agreement has been prepared for CSJMA and Conyngham Borough for the proposed Subdivision.

Zoning Map Updates have been completed. Joe Calabrese of RJD Engineering will digitize for Council review.

Recreation: The American Cancer Society will host a Lights of Hope fundraising event on September 12th at 7:00 pm. It will consist of a drive-thru with luminaries surrounding the CVCO swimming pool at Whispering Willows. In the event of rain, the organizers would like to utilize the Pavilion.

Motion

Motion to Approve Lights of Hope Pavilion Use (Rain Only) September 12, 2020 – Reber. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Councilman Gallagher reviewed the necessary pond repairs needed for the outlet structure in detail.

Motion

Motion to Approve Pond Repair NTE \$500.00 – Gregory. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Ryba | - | Affirmative | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

Motion

Motion to Approve Intramural Volleyball at Whispering Willows August thru September 2-3 Days/Week 4:30 PM-6:30 PM – Reber. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Ryba | - | Affirmative | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were thirteen (13) concerns addressed/actions taken including four (4) permits issued.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Approve Banks & Main Street Line Painting Quote Precise Striping Inc.\$ 3,801.60 – Fuccile. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Ryba | - | Affirmative | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

Motion

Motion to Approve In-House Paving Project Hetler, Birch & Patriots Circle & Milling Low Bidder RC Young Pending Penn DOT Approval – Fuccile. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

Sugarloaf Avenue Phase III Streetscape is underway with a road closure in place.

Building & Grounds: Nature Park Pavilion installation is underway.

Borough Gazebo has been repainted and the decking stained.

Police: The Department responded to thirty-three (33) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of July. Five hundred six (506) miles were patrolled and nine (9) miles foot patrol. Report is on file.

Dan Rymond Conyngham Crimewatch President provided Council a recap of activities including Crimewatch Meeting August 4th with 31 Attendees and two guest speakers from PSP Troop N & Merrill Lynch. July Speed Enforcement Month updates were provided.

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Crimewatch collected donations and distributed 73 Care Packages to PSP, Sugarloaf Township and Conyngham Borough Police Departments. The next meeting will be October 6th at 6:30 pm featuring State Representative Tarah Toohil.

Grants:

Motion

Motion to Approve LC COVID-19 Relief Block Program Grant Application \$30,327.00 – Gregory.
Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: Funding will provide touchless plumbing upgrades, HVAC Disinfection & Filtration and Audio-Visual Equipment for Remote Meetings as well as PPE.

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| Gregory | - | Affirmative | Reber | - | Affirmative |
| Ryba | - | Affirmative | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

Motion

Motion to Approve 2021 LC CDBG Main Street Streetscape Phase III Application – Tihansky.
Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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| Gregory | - | Affirmative | Reber | - | Affirmative |
| Ryba | - | Affirmative | Schneider | - | Affirmative |
| Tihansky | - | Affirmative | | | |

New Business: President Gregory stated a Letter of Resignation was received by Mayor Yourechko and provided her with the opportunity to address Council.

Ms. Yourechko thanked the residents of the Borough for their support and stated she would be happy to address any Council member individually.

President Gregory thanked her for her work for the Borough over the last few years.

Councilwoman Reber extended her thanks as well.

Motion

Motion to Accept with Regret the Resignation of Mayor Allison Yourechko – Gallagher. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Accept Letters of Interest for Mayor Until September 8th - Schneider. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The position will be advertised in the Community News, Borough Website and Community Bulletin Boards. Interviews will be conducted.

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Old Business: Councilman Gallagher noted once the Butler Avenue Bridge opens Police need to coordinate speed enforcement with Sugarloaf Township due to the increased lanes.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Robert Hoppy questioned whether Sugarloaf Avenue can be opened when contractors are not working. Mr. Hoppy also stated his disappointment in the Resignation of the Mayor and complimented her on a great job.

A request was made to trim the hedges along the Cemetery on Main Street by DPW.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:08 PM – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

An Executive Session was held.

ATTEST:



Secretary