
CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:09 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, Tihansky.**Absent:** None.**Others Present:** Solicitor, Secretary/Treasurer.**Absent:** None.**Citizens:** Matt Kalinchok, Maureen Susa, Maureen Bendig, Linda Grecnavich, Jim Susa, Barbara Schneider, Tim Ference, R.M. Hoppy, Katie Wagner, Sharon Wagner, Wendy Thomas, James E. Thomas.**Public Comment:** Linda Grecnavich questioned why Sgt. Rinehimer was only being appointed Acting Police Chief. President Gregory stated there is a process to follow.**Approval of Minutes:****Motion**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session August 18, 2020 - Reber. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had three (3) Fire and Rescue calls and six (6) EMS calls for the month of August.

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

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

Motion to Approve August Financial Report – Schneider. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

The Treasurer provided the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 48,586.16 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion

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Motion to Approve Resolution 11 of 2020 Eliminating Police Pension Contributions for 2021 – Reber.
Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer needs the 2021 budget requests as soon as possible.

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 12 of 2020 Adopting LC 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Tihansky.
Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

DEP MS4 meeting September 22, 2020.

Draft proposal has been prepared for 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve Cub Scout Pavilion Use Every Other Wednesday 9/2/20 – 11/11/20 – Reber.
Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory stated as part of the LC COVID-19 Grant touchless bathroom fixtures will be installed.

Councilman Gallagher reviewed the upcoming pond repairs.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were fifteen (15) concerns addressed/actions taken including four (4) permits issued.

Motion

Motion to Approve Eury and Serra Minor Reverse Subdivision – Ryba. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
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Department of Public Works: Thanks were extended to Sugarloaf Township for their assistance paving Sugarloaf Avenue.

Motion

Motion to Approve UGI Escrow Refund Pending Engineer Approval 15 Willow, 405 Main & 87 West Benjamin \$1,500.00 Each – Fuccile. Second – Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve LSA Grant Drawdown # 2 Sugarloaf Avenue Phase III \$ 119,837.30 – Fuccile. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Hetler Drive & Patriots Circle paving has been completed. RC Young, Inc. to mill Birch Street next week.

Sugarloaf Avenue Phase III Streetscape is nearing completion. Frontier needs to relocate poles.

Building & Grounds: Nature Park Pavilion installation is underway. Conduit will be placed prior to concrete pad installation. Cable installation for cameras were discussed.

Borough building roof quotes are being obtained.

Police: The Department responded to twenty (20) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of August. Report is on file.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Robert Rinehimer as Acting Chief of Police @ Chief Starting Salary – Reber. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Appoint Donald G. Karpowich, Attorney-at-Law as Arbitrator for Act 111 2021 Arbitration – Ryba. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
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Councilman Gallagher gave the Police Department permission to utilize his driveway once the Butler Avenue bridge reopens to detour speeders.

New Business:

Motion

Motion to Appoint Wister P. Yuhas as Mayor – Ryba. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: Vice President Schneider noted three qualified candidates applied.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Ryba	-	Affirmative	Schneider	-	Affirmative
Tihansky	-	Affirmative			

President Gregory welcomed Mayor Yuhas.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Matt Kalinchok Main Street requested assistance with the neighbors. Police have responded numerous times. Discussion ensued.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:02 PM – Reber. Second – Schneider.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

An Executive Session was held for Personnel.

ATTEST:


Secretary