
CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:06 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, Schneider, Tihansky.

Absent: Ryba.

Others Present: Solicitor, Manager, Patrolman Muir.

Absent: Mayor, Police Chief.

Citizens: Steven Williams, Alan Papinsick, Allison Yourechko, Deb Cara, John M. Cara.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session July 20, 2021 – Reber. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: Absent. The Department responded to seventeen (17) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of July. Report is on file.

New Police vehicle has been delivered.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had one (1) Fire and Rescue call and twelve (12) EMS calls for the month of July.

Borough upgrades to firehouse include inhouse driveway paving, fountain float & waterline installation, sidewalk replacement and landscaping.

Building Committee working with Valley Regional on interior upgrades.

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 – Schneider. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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 \$ 73,651.36 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: Verizon Wireless has no intention of releasing Borough from Land Lease Agreement.

Recreation: Councilwoman Reber advised Movie Night to be held August 20th at 8:00 PM showing *Evan Almighty* & August 27th at 8:00 PM showing *Inside Out*.

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:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2021-2022 Penn DOT Winter Service Agreement \$2,114.82 - Fuccile. Second - Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve ½ Plum-Air Invoice Carrier Condenser Unit \$1,500.00 - Fuccile. Second - Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve Nature Park Pavilion Lighting Quote SL Pecora LLC \$ 1,520.00 - Fuccile. Second - Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Reber	-	Affirmative
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Tihansky	-	Affirmative			

President Gregory advised Dulcey Electric was at the Borough building to service generator. During most recent power outage, the generator did not start. A quote for a generator upgrade was provided by Dulcey Electric totaling \$7,200.00. Council will evaluate necessity of upgrade.

Recent Borough building upgrades include UV and HEPA Filtration systems and drain repairs.

Grants: Councilman Gallagher stated the Borough is currently working on proposals for Sugarloaf Avenue Phase IV LSA Grant, LC CDBG Streetscape and COVID ARPA Stormwater Improvements.

New Business: Allison Yourechko provided an overview of the Hometown Hero Banner Program.

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Motion to Approve Hometown Hero Banner Retirement Ceremony & Approval for Additional Five-Year Banner Program - Gallagher. Second - Reber.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory advised Luzerne County will be hosting a Free Tire Collection October 2nd 7:00 AM-1:00 PM at Drums Elementary School. Details will be posted on the Borough Website.

The Manager advised a \$1,000.00 donation was received from the Marquis George MacDonald Foundation, Inc. for the Police Department.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Deb Cara Sugarloaf had been notified of Verizon Wireless decision to move forward with cell tower Zoning Hearing Monday, August 23rd. She reiterated her previous comments regarding the tower's impact on her 29-acre property and beautiful valley.

President Gregory noted inaccuracies in statements made.

Alan Papinsick, 12 Lissa Lane, presented his ongoing water problems between his property and neighboring parcel. He stated impact affects Henricks, Yourechko and Yuhars parcels as well. He is awaiting a visit from the Zoning Officer. Previously the Manager, Council President and DPW Foreman visited property. Mr. Papinsick requested an engineering study.

President Gregory noted swales have been filled in by owners.

Councilman Gallagher noted water runoff is a problem throughout the Valley.


Discussion ensued.

John Cara, Sugarloaf stated that Council is responsible for cell tower.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:16 pm – Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary