

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Thursday, November 10, 2022

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:00 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: Bartlinski, Fuccile, Gregory, Kubitz, Tihansky, Veet.

Absent Gallagher.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Manager, Engineer.

Absent: Police Chief.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Deborah Jordan, Leann Busch, Cindy Howe, J. Matt Palko, Dominic Yannuzzi, Maureen A. Bendig.

Public Comment: Deb Jordan, Sugarloaf Township provided an overview on Ballot Security and requested Council pass a Resolution urging the State Legislature to revise PA Election Laws.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session October 18, 2022 – Kubitz. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Engineer: Dominic Yannuzzi, Alfred Benesch & Company provided an update to Council on Sugarloaf Avenue Phase IV & Main Street Streetscape Phase III.

Pond Park Grant was closed out and approved by DCNR.

Penn DOT Multimodal & LSA Grants were awarded totaling \$690,000.00 to provide a second entrance on Butler Avenue to Whispering Willows Park.

Additional grant funding has been applied for through DCNR, LC ARPA and LSA. An overview on planned projects was provided. Awards will be announced in the coming months.

Councilman Bartlinski questioned the Engineer on water runoff on Walnut Avenue.

Mayor: The Department responded to eight (8) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of October. One (1) traffic citation was filed. Five (5) warnings issued. Report is on file.

Motion

Motion to Accept Resignation of Police Chief Rinehimer Effective November 16, 2022 – Veet.
 Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: President Gregory read resignation letter to be entered into the record.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory w/Regret-	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Mayor Marnell requested a Motion to advertise for Police Chief.

Motion

Motion to Advertise for Police Chief – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

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Questions on the Motion: President Gregory questioned protocol since advertising was not on the agenda. The Solicitor advised it is allowed since no finances will be expended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had three (3) Fire and Rescue calls and twelve (12) EMS calls for the month of October.

Fire Chief Pecile is retiring. Councilman Fuccile extended thanks for all his years of service.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve October Financial Report – Bartlinski. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations to be approved at the November 15th Meeting.

A draft of the 2023 Budget was reviewed in detail. Council will consider for advertisement at November 15th Session.

Motion

Motion to Opt Out of 2023 U/C Solvency Fee \$ 521.68 – Kubitz. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Solicitor: 2023-2024 Equipment Bids will be opened on November 15, 2022 at 2:00 PM with possible award November 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM. No one has requested a bid packet to date.

Motion

Motion to Approve Dennis Evans to Survey Smith Drive Cost NTE \$2,500.00 Conditioned Upon Owners Consent – Kubitz. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Council broke for a brief Executive to discuss Intergovernmental Agreement.

Motion

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Motion to Reject Intergovernmental Agreement CSJMA – Fuccile. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Act 57 of 2022 requires municipalities to allow Waiver of Additional Charges for failure to receive Real Estate Tax Notice within one year of purchase. Resolution will be considered for approval Tuesday.

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 23 of 2022 Requesting Revision to PA Election Laws to Disallow No-Excuse Mail-In and Drop Box Voting –Bartlinski. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Fuccile	-	Affirmative
Gallagher	-	Absent	Gregory	-	Negative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Recreation: Christmas in Conyngham to be held at Whispering Willows Park December 3rd. Mayor Marnell stated Police are prepared for event.

Shade Tree/Lighting: PPL will be contacted once Sugarloaf Avenue lighting is complete to consider removal of streetlights. Cemetery & Park tree removal is complete.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were six (6) concerns addressed/actions taken including one (1) permit issued.

Department of Public Works: Leaf pick up is underway. DPW Foreman found a used leaf vac capable of holding 22 cubic yards. Estimated price is \$15,000.00. Councilman Fuccile requested Treasurer see if cost can be absorbed into budget.

Building & Grounds: Councilman Bartlinski reiterated trees have been removed on cemetery grounds and Whispering Willows Park.

Motion

Motion to Approve VWLL Shed Relocation at Whispering Willows Park – Kubitz. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory advised Salt Shed Permit has been received from Sugarloaf Township. Foundation must be installed to move project forward. Hess Concrete has blocks 6' X 2' X 2' for \$50.00. Council will consider options for clearing site and purchasing materials needed.

Grants: LC ARPA Grant is currently under review. The firm reviewing the application requested a budget breakdown which has been submitted.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

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Public Comment: Linda Grencavich provided Council with a history of the Conyngham Police Department and hiring of Chiefs. She questioned size and status of Department. Mayor Marnell stated she is working on it.

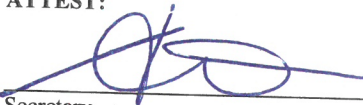
Maureen Bendig questioned the Resolution Eliminating Police Pension Contributions. The Manager explained the Police Pension is fully funded therefore the Actuary recommended eliminating the 5% police payroll deduction for pension contributions. She also questioned process to obtain Collective Bargaining Agreement – File Right-to-Know.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 pm – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Executive Session held for personnel.

ATTEST:


Secretary