

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:05 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, Gallagher, Gregory, Kubitz, Tihansky, Veet.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Manager.

Absent: None.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Maureen Bendig, Bob Hoppy, Carol & Dan Rymond, Judy Hynes, Ray Croker, Marty Zybur, Louise Zybur, ML Glassberg, Louise Baran.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session June 20, 2023 – Tihansky. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to eleven (11) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of June. Report is on file.

Motion

Motion to Table Hire of Part-Time Police Chief – Kubitz. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Draft Contract for Police Chief – Bartlinski. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had one (1) Fire and Rescue calls for the month of June. EMS Report for June was not available.

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 – Kubitz. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Gallagher	-	Affirmative	Gregory	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

The Treasurer provided the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 97,223.94 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: Notice of Violation has been issued for 45 Butler Avenue on June 21st with a thirty (30) day appeal period.

Notice of Violation has been issued for Brookhill property with twenty (20) day corrective action period. Council can abate the violations.

Discussion ensued regarding Ordinance 290 Noxious Weed, Grass, and Vegetation Ordinance. Conflicts exist between Ordinance 290 and the International Property Maintenance Code. Council has authorized the Solicitor to make necessary corrections for Council to review at August session.

Recreation: The 2023 Summer Park Program is nearing completion.

Movie Night held July 13th was a great success. An additional Movie Night will be held in August.

Conyngham Crimewatch will hold National Night on Tuesday, August 1st at Whispering Willows.

Shade Tree/Lighting: DPW will schedule painting of light posts in Brookhill.

PPL Electric Utilities has been notified of ongoing streetlight issue on Twain Circle.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were five (5) concerns addressed/actions taken including zero (0) permits issued.

Motion

Motion to Accept Resignation of Wister Yuhas ZHB Term Expiring 12/31/23 – Bartlinski. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory thanked Mr. Yuhas for his service to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Vacancy exists on Zoning Hearing Board Term Expiring 12/31/23. Interested residents may send Letter of Interest to the Borough office.

Motion

Motion to Advertise Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy in Community News – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Approve Penn DOT 2023-2024 Winter Service Agreement \$2,200.26 – Fuccile. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2023 Paving Project has begun in Brookhill. Due to CSJMA scheduled work on School Lane paving will be redirected to W. Benjamin Avenue as time and resources permit.

President Gregory commended Sugarloaf Township for working together with the Borough to complete paving of Brookhill Road in the Township section.

UGI Utilities to commence paving on Sylvan Circle utility cuts.

Building & Grounds: Salt Shed Bids are due Monday, July 24th at 2:00 PM.

Remote Door Locks have been received. The Borough will work with our camera installer to complete installation at a cost NTE \$500.00.

Councilman Gallagher requested volleyball courts be renovated.

Councilman Bartlinski is collaborating with Councilwoman Veet on Pickle ball.

Resurfacing of Whispering Willows blacktop sidewalks to be scheduled as time permits.

Discussion ensued on repair and/or replacement of park bridge.

Grants: LSA Grant Sugarloaf Avenue Phase IV has been completed.

2021 LC CDBG Main Street Streetscape Phase III has been completed.

LC ARPA/Penn DOT Multimodal/LSA projects are in the design phase. Councilman Gallagher provided a brief summary of the project.

New Business: None.

Old Business: CSJMA will be working on lateral inspections at night during rainy conditions

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Dan Rymond, Conyngham Crimewatch addressed speeding concerns throughout the community. He proposed the addition of Stop signs at Main & Butler Avenue, Main Street at Sugarloaf Avenue and Main Street at Walnut Avenue.

Council advised Butler Avenue & portions of Main Street are State highways which require Penn DOT studies and approval to implement change. Mayor Marnell stated she can reach out to our State Representative. The Police Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss concerns.

Linda Grencavich, Main Street, noted speeding is the worst between 6:00 am – 8:30 am and 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Ray Croker, Timber Circle, observed numerous stop sign and speeding violations at Main Street and Sugarloaf Avenue. President Gregory added Johnson’s Pharmacy parking lot is an ideal place for police to patrol intersection. Parking situation on Main Street has improved due to painting of yellow curbing as well as “No Parking” stencils on roadway.

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Louise Baran, Myers Avenue, stated speeding is a concern on Myers Avenue due to turn off of Route 93.

Ray Croker requested Mayor Marnell have the new Police Chief attend Crimewatch National Night Out with the patrol car.

Robert Hoppy, Frederick Drive, thanked Council for addressing commercial vehicle parked in residential area.

Mary Lou Glassberg, Myers Avenue, reiterated speeding concerns and need for stop sign at Myers and Charles Avenue.

Karen Croker, Timber Circle questioned ideal number of officers for Police Force – 2 Full Time and 2 Part Time.

Carol Rymond, School Lane stated the public would like more visibility from the Police.

Motion to Continue Meeting to July 25, 2023 @ 6:00pm – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Executive Session held for personnel.

ATTEST:


Secretary