

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Thursday, December 14, 2023

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:01 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 (Phone), Gregory, Kubitz, Tihansky.

Absent: Veet.

Others Present: Solicitor, Manager, Police Chief.

Absent: Mayor.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Maureen A. Bendig.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session November 21, 2023 – Kubitz. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Invited Guest: Michael Vergari of Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC reviewed Police & Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Plans. Synopses of both plans are on file.

Mayor: The Department responded to forty-six (46) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of November. Twenty-six (26) traffic warnings and two (2) traffic citations were issued. Report is on file.

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

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

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations in the amount of \$ 68,464.19 to be approved.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills – Tihansky. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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The proposed 2024 Budget and Resolution 10 of 2023 Establishing 2024 Tax Rate were reviewed in detail. The Budget includes all contractual raises along with 3% raises for DPW Employees, Office Clerk & Manager. Insurance renewals have been received and are within budget range.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2024 Budget & Resolution 10 of 2023 Establishing Tax Rate for 2024 – Kubitz.
Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: The Police Chief expressed interest in adopting an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Police Cooperation Agreement.

Motion

Motion to Advertise Drafting Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Police Cooperation Agreement & Ordinance via Communication with Sugarloaf & Butler Townships – Kubitz. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Recreation: Tree Burning will be held January 14, 2024 6:00 pm at CVCO with s'mores & hot chocolate. Movie may be held afterwards.

Shade Tree/Lighting: Nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were three (3) concerns addressed/actions taken including one (1) permit issued.

Motion

Motion to Advertise 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Department of Public Works: Leaf pick up has been completed. Residents were thanked for their cooperation.

Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2024 Building Use Wednesday Bridge Group; Greater Hazleton Concert Series; Friends of the Nescopeck; Brookhill Association; Historic Brainerd Church Association – Gregory.
Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Salt Shed Bids were opened December 5, 2023 and reviewed by Solicitor & Engineer.

- Contract # 1**
- Dutchman Contracting, LLC
\$28,975.00
- Benuel Fisher Construction Co., LLC
\$46,000.00
- Linde Corporation
\$48,900.00
- Kobalt Construction, Inc
\$60,972.50
- Lehigh Asphalt Paving & Construction Co., Inc
\$76,518.00
- American Asphalt Paving Co., Inc
\$89,860.00
- Contract # 2**
- Keystone Concrete Products, Inc.
\$18,382.50
- Contract # 3**
- Benuel Fisher Construction Co., LLC
\$62,500.00
- Dutchman Contracting, LLC
\$78,245.00
- Kobalt Construction
\$111,000.00

Motion

Motion to Award Salt Shed Bids Contract # 1 Dutchman Contracting LLC \$ 28,975.00; Contract # 2 Keystone Concrete Products, Inc \$ 18,382.50; Contract # 3 Benuel Fisher Construction Co., LLC \$ 62,500.00 Total Award \$ 109,857.50 Utilizing ARPA Funds –Kubitz. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

DCNR Grant Funding will be sought in Spring 2024 for Pickle Ball Court.

New Business:

Motion

Motion to Advertise 2024 Council Meeting Schedule – Bartlinski. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Old Business: Councilman Gallagher reviewed CSJMA Act 537 Implementation/Construction Schedule.

Catch-All: President Gregory publicly thanked outgoing Councilmen Fuccile, Gallagher and Tihansky. Their hard work and dedication have made a difference.

Public Comment: None.

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Motion to Cancel December 19, 2023 Council Meeting & Continue Meeting to December 29th at 2:00 pm – Gregory. Second – Kubitz.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary