

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 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, Evancho, Gregory, Keegan, Kubitz.

**Absent:** Veet.

**Others Present:** Solicitor, Manager, Police Chief.

**Absent:** Mayor.

**Citizens:** Maureen A. Bendig, Teresita Marino, Joseph A. Marino, Linda Grencavich.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Continued Session December 29, 2023; Reorganizational Session January 2, 2024 – Bartlinski. Second – Kubitz.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Mayor:** Absent. LC 911 Center received fifty-seven (57) calls for offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of December for Conyngham Borough. Additionally, while on duty CBPD responded to nine (9) incidents and/or requests. Eighteen (18) traffic warnings and two (2) traffic citations were issued. Report is on file.

**Fire, Rescue & EMA:** Conyngham had three (3) Fire and Rescue calls for the month of December. The EMS Report for December was not available.

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

**Motion**

Motion to Approve December Financial Report – Kubitz. Second – Keegan.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Veet	-	Absent

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations in the amount of \$ 51,868.68 to be approved.

**Motion**

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

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Veet	-	Absent

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**Solicitor:** The Police Chief expressed interest in adopting an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Police Cooperation Agreement with Sugarloaf Township, Butler Township & West Hazleton Borough

Motion

Motion to Advertise Ordinance & Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Police Cooperation Agreement with Sugarloaf Township, Butler Township and West Hazleton Borough Contingent Upon Approval by All Municipalities – Bartlinski. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Veet	-	Absent

CSJMA Board Expansion requires amending Joint Municipal Authority Ordinance, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Recreation: Tree Burning was held January 14<sup>th</sup> at CVCO with s'mores, hot chocolate, and movie night.

Planning & Zoning: The new Zoning Officer, James Turnbach, will hold regular office hours.

Department of Public Works: Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds: F&L Doors will be installing new doors at Whispering Willows in coming weeks.

Police:

Motion

Motion to Approve Route 93 Auto Repair LLC \$692.41 Oil Change with Four Goodyear Eagle Enforcer Tires Mount/Balance – Bartlinski. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Veet	-	Absent

New Business: Kim Scalleat did not get sworn in as Councilwoman.

Motion

Motion to Declare Council Vacancy – Kubitz. Second – Keegan.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Appoint Rich Tihansky to Fill Vacant Seat – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Veet	-	Absent

Motion

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Motion to Appoint McKenna Turnbach Auditor Term Expiring 12/31/25 – Bartlinski. Second – Keegan.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Abstain	Veet	-	Absent

Motion to Appoint Ann Tihansky Auditor Term Expiring 12/31/25 – Kubitz. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Veet	-	Absent

President Gregory discussed adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day to contractual holidays due to Federal/State/Municipal Office Closures moving forward.

Old Business: Councilman Bartlinski directed the Solicitor to request CSJMA Fund Balance, Loan Requested & Increase in Construction Costs for Plant Expansion.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 pm – Kubitz. Second – Evancho.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Executive Session held for Potential Litigation.

**ATTEST:**



Secretary