

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:02 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, Tihansky, Veet (Via Phone).

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Manager, Chief.

Absent: None.

Citizens: Linda Grenavich, Maureen A. Bendig, Thomas Licurgo, Sherri Homanko, Shawn Yearick.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session July 16, 2024 – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: LC 911 Center received twenty-six (26) calls for offenses, incidents, and/or requests for the month of July for Conyngham Borough. Additionally, while on duty CBPD responded to sixteen (16) incidents and/or requests. Twelve (12) traffic warnings and three (3) traffic citations were issued. Report is on file.

National Night Out was an overwhelming success.

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

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 – Bartlinski. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations in the amount of \$ 315,304.15 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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The Treasurer stated Mid Penn Bank inquired about the Borough accounts.

Council will begin compiling their requests for 2025 Budget preparation.

Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed the CSJMA Loan Guarantee.

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 324 CSJMA Penn Vest Loan Guarantee \$16,052,987.00 – Kubitz.
Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: Vice President Kubitz inquired about Sugarloaf Township’s adoption of Loan Guarantee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Solicitor reviewed the letter sent to CSJMA Chairman Gallagher in March of 2024.

Council broke for Executive Session at 6:19 pm.

Meeting was called back to order at 6:42 pm.

Motion

Motion to Remove CSJMA Appointment Chairman Joseph Gallagher – Tihansky. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: President Gregory stated he is not comfortable rushing into a decision since a meeting was never held between the Borough, Authority & Sugarloaf Township.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Negative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Appoint Kenneth Temborski as Replacement to CSJMA Term Ending 12/31/26 – Bartlinski. Second – Keegan.

Questions on the Motion: President Gregory is not opposed to appointment however answers are needed before making such a decision and considering removal and appointment were not agenda items.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Negative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

The Solicitor will file a lien in the amount of \$7,650.00 for the demolition of the Brookhill Pump House in order to recoup funds.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve Christmas in Conyngham December 7th – Tihansky. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: President Gregory questioned who the funds benefit – Sherri Homanko advised CVCO & Valley Food Pantry.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Fall Festival & Trail of Treats October 26th & 27th – Keegan. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: Sherri Homanko advised she represents Miss Greater Hazleton is excited to host Fall Festival in Conyngham this year in conjunction with CVCO Haunted House.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Planning & Zoning: Vice President Kubitz advised a Stop Work Order has been issued on an unpermitted retaining wall on Walnut Avenue.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2024-2025 Penn DOT Winter Services Agreement \$ 2,244.26 – Bartlinski. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Purchase of Sugarloaf Township Street Sweeper \$500.00 – Tihansky. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Skid of Tar Blocks \$ 2,321.25 TEAM Supply – Keegan. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Councilman Tihansky procured three quotes for installation of a trench drain on Walnut Avenue. The installation is in the Borough ROW in front of 98 Walnut Avenue. The purpose is to divert water coming off of Orchard & Lissa Lane into the existing swales.

Motion

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Motion to Approve Trench Drain Installation Quote Yannuzzi Inc \$19,500.00 – Tihansky.
Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: President Gregory requested confirmation work is in ROW and questioned the impact on the Budget. Solicitor confirmed blacktop would not exceed bidding threshold.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Building & Grounds: Vice President Kubitz solicited quotes for Whispering Willows Park bridge repair and/or replacement. Only one quote was received.

Motion

Motion to Approve WW Bridge Replacement Quote Ed Shemansky Construction \$ 11,500.00 – Tihansky. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Grants:

Motion

Motion to Advertise RFP Engineering Services 2024 LC CDBG Butler Avenue Streetscape – Kubitz.
Second – Keegan.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: Councilwoman Veet requested Executive Session for Personnel at the conclusion of meeting.

Public Comment: Linda Grencavich questioned if paper shredding is still a possibility – Yes. Maureen Bendig questioned growth around PPL light pole in Brookhill. Vice President Kubitz stated it will need to be trimmed when poles are painted. Tom’s Kitchen waterline is being installed by CSJMA. The Sachse Avenue extension was questioned. The Solicitor stated a letter was sent indicating the Borough was not going to open road it would be up to landowner.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:22 pm – Kubitz. Second – Tihansky.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary