

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:01 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, Evancho, Gregory, Keegan, Tihansky, Veet.

Absent: Ryba.

Others Present: Solicitor, Manager, Zoning Officer.

Absent: Mayor, Chief.

Citizens: Maureen Bendig, Linda Grencavich, Sherri Homanko, Shawn Yearick, Jonathan W. Rinkus, Marc E. Eble, Craig Smith, Dillon Smith, Tyler Smith.

Public Comment: Sherri Homanko thanked Council for allowing her to host the Fall Festival & Trail of Treats at Whispering Willows last year. She provided a brief synopsis of the events requested for this year and looks forward to collaborating with the Borough.

Jonathan Rinkus requested Council approval for improvements Valley West Little League would like to make at Whispering Willows with no cost to the Borough.

Boy Scout Troop 267 were in attendance working towards a Merit Badge in Citizenship in the Community.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session December 17, 2024 – Bartlinski. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: LC 911 Center received twenty (20) calls for offenses, incidents, and/or requests for the month of December for Conyngham Borough. Additionally, while on duty CBPD responded to twenty-four (24) incidents and/or requests. Thirteen (13) traffic warnings and three (3) traffic citations were issued. Report is on file.

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

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 – Tihansky. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Absent	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations in the amount of \$ 152,636.88 to be approved.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills – Keegan. Second – Veet.

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Questions on the Motion: Councilman Bartlinski questioned if new heating system was installed in DPW garage – Yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Absent	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Solicitor: The Solicitor provided Council an overview of updated Abuse & Molestation Policy required by the Borough Insurance Carrier. A copy of the policy is on file and available for public inspection.

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 1 of 2025 Adopting Updated Abuse & Molestation Policy – Bartlinski. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Absent	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2025 CVCO Valley Night & Day August 1st & 2nd - Gregory. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2025 Fall Festival & Trail of Treats October 25th & 26th - Veet. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2025 Christmas in Conyngham December 6th - Veet. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Valley West Little League Request to Recondition Grass Infields, Fix Backstops, Update Playing Surface to All Dirt Infield at Whispering Willows Park at No Cost to the Borough – Gregory. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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

The Solicitor provided a review of the Luchi Subdivision recommended for Council approval by the Planning Commission.

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Motion

Motion to Approve Luchi Subdivision – Keegan. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Absent	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Department of Public Works: Discussion ensued regarding Fairway Motors quote to repair 2014 Chev Truck. Vice President Tihansky would like to discuss repairs with Service Manager at Fairway.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2014 Chev Truck Repairs Not-to-Exceed \$7,000.00 Upon Vice President Tihansky's Review – Veet. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Ryba	-	Absent	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2025 Building Use Greater Hazleton Concert Series; Valley West Little League; Wednesday Bridge Group - Veet. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

CSJMA: Marc Eble updated Council regarding Land Development Approval, Building Permit progress along with opening of Escrow Account required by Sugarloaf Township. Penn Vest closing date has not been scheduled.

Sewer Line Replacement on West Benjamin Avenue is in the Design Phase.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Linda Grencavich questioned why the retaining wall on Walnut Avenue is not progressing? Zoning Officer stated due to weather. Work will begin in March. The Solicitor confirmed that a Notice of Violation has been filed against the property owner in the event the situation is not rectified.

Maureen Bendig stated she reported to Manager a streetlight outage at 9 Twain Circle.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:39 pm – Veet. Second – Tihansky.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary