

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 18, 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, Veet.

Absent: Tihansky.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Manager.

Absent: Police Chief.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Maureen A. Bendig, Scott Spangenburg, Sharon E. Spangenburg.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session May 9, 2024 – Kubitz. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: LC 911 Center received thirty-six (36) calls for offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of May for Conyngham Borough. Additionally, while on duty CBPD responded to sixteen (16) incidents and/or requests. Seventeen (17) traffic warnings and three (3) traffic citations were issued. Report is on file.

National Night Out will be held July 30th at Whispering Willows Park with a petting zoo featuring goats and rabbits.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had zero (0) Fire and Rescue calls for the month of May.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve May Financial Report – Kubitz. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations in the amount of \$ 126,059.00 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	Tihansky	-	Absent

Veet - Affirmative

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve Ordinance 323 to Adopt Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Police Cooperation Agreement with Butler Township – Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Conyngham-Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority Penn Vest Loan Guarantee Ordinance will be for adoption at July meeting.

Atty. Glassberg has expressed an interest in having the Borough extend Sachse Avenue to a parcel he has purchased. Discussion ensued. Council is not taking any action at this time.

Smith Drive Plot Plan has been completed and will be recorded.

Recreation: Park Program will run June 17th through July 26th.

Motion

Motion to Hire Additional Park Program Staff Keerah Stahora & Niko Mihalopoulos at Existing Rates – Veet. Second – Kubitz.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Increase Seasonal Park Maintenance Hourly Rate to \$13.00 – Veet. Second – Evancho.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Council inspected the foot bridge at the park and requested DPW attempt to move onto foundation. If successful decking will need to be replaced to reopen.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were four (4) concerns addressed/actions taken including two (2) permit applications.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Approve Robert C. Young Inc Milling Quote \$12,320.00 Maple Avenue for 2024 Paving Project Pending Penn DOT Approval – Keegan. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Veet	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Approve Reliable Sign & Striping Street Sign Quote \$2,482.50 – Veet. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Benuel Fisher Construction LLC \$1,980.00 Equipment Rental w/ Operators – Evancho. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve CVCO Valley Day August 2nd & 3rd with Alcoholic Beverages in Enlarged Secured Area – Kubitz. Second – Keegan.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Absent
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Grants:

Motion

Motion to Award Whispering Willows Park Driveway & Parking Lot Project Pending Penn DOT Approval to Columbia Excavating LLC \$612,800.00– Kubitz. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Keegan	-	Affirmative
Kubitz	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Absent
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Motion

Motion to Approve Penn DOT Trail Crossing Agreement – Bartlinski. Second – Kubitz.

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Veet	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Approve LC ARPA Grant Request for Funds Drawdown # 2 \$330,350.00 – Kubitz.
Second – Keegan.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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President Gregory advised Luzerne County Community Development Block Grant to be awarded shortly.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Councilwoman Veet questioned paving of Sylvan Circle by UGI. Manager stated DPW will coordinate paving area not covered by UGI Excavation Permit.

Catch-All: President Gregory stated the Borough is considering hosting a Paper Shredding Event.

Public Comment: Maureen Bendig requested update on shrubs at the Quads in Brookhill restricting Streetlight. Vice President Kubitz advised a letter was sent.

Scott & Sharon Spangenberg questioned WW Driveway & Parking Lot Project regarding location of their driveway. President Gregory advised the Engineer is working with Penn DOT. Discussion ensued.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:53 pm – Kubitz. Second – Veet.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary