

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:05 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.

Councilman Anthony Ryba Jr. was sworn in by Mayor Marnell.

Roll Call:

Present: Bartlinski, Evancho, Gregory, Keegan, Ryba, Tihansky, Veet.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor (Late), Manager, Officer Sparich, Zoning Officer.

Absent: None.

Citizens: Maureen Bendig, Louise Zyburra, Marc Eble, Linda Grencavich.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session September 17, 2024 – Veet. Second – Bartlinski.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: LC 911 Center received twenty-eight (28) calls for offenses, incidents, and/or requests for the month of September for Conyngham Borough. Additionally, while on duty CBPD responded to twenty-four (24) incidents and/or requests. Three (3) traffic warnings and three (3) traffic citations were issued. Report is on file.

Councilman Keegan commended the police on their responsiveness.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had two (2) Fire and Rescue calls for the month of September.

Hydrant testing underway.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve September Financial Report – Evancho. Second – Keegan

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer provided a list of obligations in the amount of \$ 132,868.66 to be approved.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Treasurer presented the proposed 2025 Budget with No Tax Increase to Council for their consideration.

Solicitor: Municipal Lien has been filed against Brookhill property.

President Gregory requested the Solicitor follow up with Code Officer regarding NOV's.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve CVCO Halloween Parade October 27th at 1:00 PM - Gregory. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were two (2) concerns addressed/actions taken including zero (0) permits issued.

Luchi Subdivision has been presented to the Planning Commission.

Department of Public Works: MS-4 report has been prepared by RJD Engineering.

2024 Paving Project has been completed.

Leaf pick-up has begun.

Councilwoman Veet stated Sylvan Circle is uneven.

Building & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2025 Building Use Hazleton Camera Club - Evancho. Second – Veet.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve CVHS Veterans' Day Program Borough Building Use November 16, 2024 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Keegan. Second - Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The DPW building has no heat. Klesh Plumbing & Heating provided a quote to replace both units. Due to cold weather Council will act while allowing for public comment due to emergency addition to agenda.

Motion

Motion to Approve Klesh Plumbing & Heating Quote \$4,400.00 for DPW Building Heat – Bvancho. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

Public Comment: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Bartlinski	-	Affirmative	Evancho	-	Affirmative
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Ryba	-	Affirmative	Tihansky	-	Affirmative
Veet	-	Affirmative			

Grants:**Motion**

Motion to Approve Benesch Engineering Proposal for LC CDBG \$ 27,000.00 Pending Luzerne County Approval – Ryba. Second – Tihansky.

Questions on the Motion: Louise Zybura, 42 Butler Avenue questioned if property owners would be notified by Engineer – Yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

LSA Grant applications for Whispering Willows Park Pavilion/Restroom Renovations and Water Study have been submitted.

CSJMA: Marc Eble, CSJMA Board Member provided Council an update on status of sewer plant expansion. The Authority is currently awaiting Sugarloaf Township & LC Planning Commission approval in order to begin construction. Parcels will be combined to conform to setback regulations.

Penn Vest Loan Closing will occur on December 3rd at 10:00 am.

The main to sewer plant will be slip lined.

GIS System will go live in 2025.

Discussion ensued regarding sump pumps which are connected to sewer system.

Next CSJMA meeting is Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Ryba suggested a sub-committee be formed with representation from CSJMA, Sugarloaf Township & Conyngham Borough.

New Business:**Motion**

Motion to Nominate Rich Tihansky for Council Vice President – Bartlinski. Second – Ryba.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Louise Zybura recommended signage for walking trail additional parking, crosswalk ahead and curb your dog. She also stated two dead pine trees in rear of Whispering Willows park. DPW has scheduled removal.

Maureen Bendig questioned painting of light poles. Awaiting approval from PPL Electric Utilities. Overgrown shrubbery at the Brookhill Quads was also questioned. The Code Officer is aware of situation.

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Motion to Adjourn at 7:19 pm – Ryba. Second – Veet.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary