

## REGULAR MEETING – *January 17, 2018*

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fire Department Banquet Hall, South Gross Street, for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Falk presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT –** J. Antoline, T. Antoline, D. Falk (arrived @ 7:25pm), P. Then, D. Trombetta, Mayor Rose, Solicitor Dierson, Engineer-Ray Antonelli, Jr.  
**ABSENT -** **J. Bohach**, M. DeDominicis

### MINUTES:

None submitted by Secretary.

### REPORTS:

Upon motion of T. Antoline seconded by J. Antoline and carried the reports read were accepted and ordered to be placed on file after proper action is taken.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

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Norfolk Southern Corporation

Re: Conway Railyard Sample Analysis Report from December 1, 2017.

HRG, Inc.

Re: PennEnergy Resources, LLC application to PADEP to drill and operate an unconventional gas well.

Goehring, Rutter & Boehm

Re: Berkheimer Per Capita Agreement.

Re: ADA Litigation – Consent Decree.

BFMA Re: 2018 Rates.

Department of General Services

Re: Road Salt Contract for August 2018-July 2019

Community Development Program of Beaver County

Re: 201 CDBG Application.

NIRA Consulting Engineer, Inc.

Re: UCC Fee Schedule.

Re: Baden Interconnect – Preliminary drawings for the two proposed sewage force main options submitted to Norfolk Southern.

ORSANCO Re: Review of its pollution control standards for discharges to the Ohio River.

A motion was made by J. Antoline seconded by T. Antoline and carried to pay the following bills:

Discussion: Mrs. Then asked the Engineer about the amount of his December Invoice which was over \$17,000. The Engineer said that around \$11,000 of this bill was for the Act 537 facilities planning report which is required by PADEP for the sewage project. He said that they are doing the preliminary drawings for this.

**GENERAL FUND**

AutoZone	Supplies/Police	143.63
Beaver County Dept. Waste Mgmt.	Leaf Disposal	246.00
Crimestar	Software Annual Support/Police	600.00
CVFD	Uniform Allowance/December 2017	208.00
Economy Plumbing & Heating, Co.	Supplies/Maint.	56.56
Galls, LLC	Equipment/Police	119.70
GateHouse Media PA Holdings, Inc	Advertising/Tax Ordinance	368.49
Goehring, Rutter & Boehm	Services/ November 2017	1,446.00
Kopac Enterprises LLC	Cleaning Service/November 2017	149.00
Mgsoft-net	Backup Service/Police	37.50
NIRA Consulting Engineers	Services/December 2017	442.00
RA Services	General Fund Checks	310.00
S&D Calibration Services, Inc.	Accutrak-Enrad Cert./Police	56.00
Staples	Supplies/Office	200.18
Traffic Systems	Monthly Fee & Repairs/January	70.00
Tri-State Waters	Water-rental/January	32.00
USBank	Copier/Police/Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb	616.75
USBank	Copier/Office/Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb.	1,344.03
Valley Waste Service, Inc.	Refuse Pickup/December 2017	12,724.80
Verizon Wireless	Air Card/Police	80.02
VISA	Supplies	12.60

**WATER & SEWER FUND**

Ambridge Do It Best Home Center	Supplies/STP	27.98
American Leak Detection	Water Break 13th Street	650.00
AutoZone	Supplies/Sewer	57.21
CWM Environmental	Water-Sewer Testing	2,144.19
Drnach Environmental, Inc.	Flow Monitoring/STP	1,040.00
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/STP	129.07
Economy Septic Service	Pumping /December 2017	3,062.50
Ferrellgas	Propane/STP	1,205.24
Goehring, Rutter & Boehm	Services/November 2017	561.00
Gordon Brothers, Inc.	Water Softener /STP	36.00
Kinzua Environmental	Supplies/STP	249.24
Knickerbocker Russell Co., Inc.	Repairs/STP	162.00
LB Water Service, Inc.	Water Meters	1,914.00
Lowe's	Supplies/Water	51.87
NIRA Consulting Engineers	Services/December 2017	16,942.00
PAOne Call	Monthly Activity Fee	13.12
RA Services	WS Fund Checks	180.00
Reliant Systems West LLC	Qrtly Monitoring/STP	66.00
USA BlueBook	Supplies/STP	1,606.01
Weber Electric	Repairs/STP	2,627.00

**MEMORIAL PARK FUND**

Ambridge Do It Best Home Center Supplies 136.49

**HIGHWAY AID FUND**

AutoZone	Supplies/Trucks	19.09
Cargill, Incorporated	Salt	3,519.02
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/Snow Plow	48.00
Gilarno's Auto Repair, Inc.	2006 Chevy Silverado	309.88

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** *Debbie Giska Rose, Mayor*

Mayor Rose did not have a written report to present to Council. She said that she will have a yearend report for them at the February Regular Meeting.

She would like to set a date to update the Emergency Operations Procedure Handbook. With the recent happenings she thought that it needs updated as well as reviewed by all so that everybody knows what they are to do in the event of an emergency. She will set up in the near future.

The Police manual is just about complete with the updates. She will have that soon for all Council to review.

Mayor Rose informed Council that she had received several calls concerning the Code Enforcement Officer. She asked who this was. The Secretary stated that the Borough contracts with Building Inspection Underwriters of PA and Ron Mulcahy, who works for them, is the Borough's Code Officer/Inspector. Mr. Trombetto also stated that he has received complaints about him. He suggested getting Steve Badamo, a Public Works employee, certified in performing these inspections instead of contracting with a company. Mrs. Then did not think this was a good idea having a Borough employee doing them. Mayor Rose also stated that the Ordinance needed to be enforced with all homes not just rentals. The Secretary suggested setting up a meeting with Mr. Mulcahy. This way the new Council members who are on the Planning and Zoning Board can understand what is going on and talk to him about what they want from him. T. Antoline will get this set up.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** *Ray Antonelli, Jr., NIRA Engineers*

Mr. Antonelli did not have a written report. He commented that there has been a meeting set up to discuss the Intermunicipal Sanitary Sewage Agreement. That meeting will be on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Baden Municipal Building. This meeting will be with the Engineers, Solicitors and Managers only.

The CDBG Application is due in March but Income Surveys are due to be submitted by February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Engineer suggested looking into submit one of the following:

- Miler Street Waterline – Highland to 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Waterline - 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- 10<sup>th</sup> Street Waterline - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

He asked the Secretary to get income surveys on these and see which one might qualify so that it can be submitted by the due date.

The Engineer within NIRA who administers and performs the inspections on UCC Building Permits has proposed new plan review fees. Council did not know what the current fees are. President Falk asked the Secretary to give them the current fees and the proposed fees side by side for their review at the next meeting.

President Falk arrived at 7:25pm.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT :** Kate Dierson, *Esq.*

Solicitor Dierson stated that they are still waiting to hear from the proposed tenant at the Conway Elementary School regarding the changes to the lease.

She noted that Council was given a copy of the corrected Consent Decree on the ADA Litigation. This will need signed. Mrs. Then asked if it was signed by the plaintiffs in the case. She believed that this is what Council had been waiting on before they signed it. Solicitor Dierson said that they do not have the signatures yet. President Falk did say that they did not want to sign until these were secured. Solicitor Dierson said that it fine but maybe you could make a motion to sign once these are secured.

A motion was made by T. Antoline seconded by J. Antoline and carried 4-1 on a Roll Call vote to approve the ADA Litigation consent decree and have President Falk execute once all signatures are secured from the plaintiffs.

Roll Call: Yes - J. Antoline, T. Antoline, Falk, Trombetto  
No - Then

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:*** Dave Trombetto, *Chairman*

A motion was made by Trombetto seconded by J. Antoline and carried to transfer \$12,000 from the Water & Sewer Fund to the General Fund for the annual rent payment.

Mayor Rose commented on the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority rates for water purchase. She informed those residents present that their rates increase every year and the Borough does not increase the rates to the residents every year.

***PUBLIC SAFETY:*** Joe Bohach, *Chairman*

Mr. Bohach was absent from the meeting.

***PUBLIC WORKS:*** Dave Trombetto, *Chairman*

Mr. Trombetto thanked the Engineer and all those who helped with the recent water break. Mrs. Then also wanted to thank the Public Works employees. They have put many overtime hours in the past two weeks with all the snow and then the water break. She wanted to make sure they were getting time off. President Falk said that they were getting as much as possible with all that has been going on.

Mrs. Then asked about a plow and salt spreader which she is being stored at the water tank. She wanted to know if they could put that on another truck and use that. Mr. Trombetta stated that the part timers still need to be trained a little more before they can send out on their own. Once they are then we can do this. Mayor Rose also commented that Mr. Dan Byrne offered his services to help them plow the streets. President Falk said he also had a couple people offer this but the problem is that we have union workers.

***PLANNING/ZONING/ORDINANCE: Tim Antoline, Chairman***

Mr. Antoline had nothing to report. Mr. Gudzan, the Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman, stated that there will not be a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

***PARKS/RECREATION: John Antoline, Chairwoman***

Mr. Antoline stated that he had contacted the YMCA regarding a summer program which they sponsor. It takes place at the Borough park and would run Monday through Friday for four hours. The cost is \$95 per day and they offer a free lunch program. The program runs 6-8 weeks. Council liked the idea. They were a little worried about the cost. The Secretary commented that he should reach out to the Recreation Department. They may be able to contribute or help in some other ways. She will get him the contact information for them.

***COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRANTS: Patty Then, Chairman***

Mrs. Then stated that the Borough now has the SwiftReach notification program in place. This will help with future events/emergencies. President Falk noted that we will have to manually input some of the new contacts if they did not do this themselves online. The system can also let us isolate certain areas for notification.

She also commented that she would like to look into upgrading/updating the website. Mr. J. Antoline suggested getting a Senior from Freedom Area School doing this for their Senior project.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Solicitor Dierson gave Council several changes that she recommended be made to the Berkheimer Per Capita Taxes Agreement. Council asked the Secretary to relay these to Berkheimer and see if they would make the changes as per the Solicitors suggestions. If this is done then the Borough will sign.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Rose would like to have Council try to get some roads paved this year. President Falk suggested that when the roads are free of snow Council members ride around and rate them. Then have a discussion at a Workshop Meeting. Mr. J. Antoline asked if they would be milled to the base. Mr. Trombetta stated that if did this to each one then would only get one done. This is very expensive. Mr. Antoline also asked about inspecting the water lines before a road is paved. The Engineer stated that he knows which lines are newer and which would need replaced before the road is pave. This information is on the water maps.

The 2018-2019 Road Salt Contract with the Department of General Services is due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Trombetta asked the Secretary to call and see if they are bidding out for the new blue salt. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Julie Operchal, 1419 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, asked Council what the contingency plan was if the Borough has a water break and snow that needs plowed at the same time. President Falk stated that they would call contractors out to fix the water lines. She also asked who pays for the water lost during the water break and is the amount of water lost known. The Engineer stated that the Borough would pay for this water and that there are yearly reports done which show the amount of water used and the amount of water unmetered. Ms. Operchal asked if the Borough actively plans for water line replacement. President Falk said that they apply for yearly grants. The engineer said that this was discussed earlier in the meeting. The CDBG grant which is funded by income surveys. She asked if don't get funded this way then what is the plan. President Falk stated that they would try for a different grant or obtain some other funding. The engineer stated that all the lines downtown were replaced in the 80's. The lines from Highland Avenue south were replaced ten years ago and the north side of the hill are the oldest ones and need replaced. He said that the Borough has mapping of the water lines which shows this. He said that you can go there and the Secretary could let you look at them. Ms. Operchal stated that residents need to know about these things. President Falk stated that this is why there are Council meetings and residents should attend them. She said that sometimes you can't and the minutes that are online do not state much. President Falk said that the minutes are not verbatim. They just show what was discussed. Not word for word. She asked if they could use social media more. President Falk stated that this would not happen. Residents need to attend meetings to hear exact discussions.

Mrs. Barb Miller, 912 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated that she appreciated how the water break was handled. She asked if discussions have taken place recently about leaving Beaver Falls and purchasing water from Ambridge. The engineer said that this was a major law suit a few years ago and the Borough lost. Beaver Falls stated that we are a part of their service area. Mrs. Miller stated that she was told that parking lines would be painted on the street last year and this was not done. President Falk promised that these lines are coming in the spring. Curtis Miller, also of 912 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, said that the police do a great job but with the increased traffic in town with all the road closings he would like to see speed humps installed. These are not the bumps but humps and are removable and are legal to put on the roads. Mayor Rose said she would look into this. Mrs. Miller also commented on the Presbyterian Church which is for sale. She commented on the sinkhole in the middle of the parking lot and wondered who would buy. The Secretary said that they have had a couple of perspective buyers. The problem isn't with the parking lot it is with the zoning.

Ms. Margot Meyers stated that she is interested in purchasing the Presbyterian Church but had a couple questions. President Falk asked if she would stay a few minutes after the meeting to discuss this with the Solicitor.

Mr. John Gudzan, 1421 Miller Street, commented again about the number of water breaks on Miller Street. He said he is keeping an eye out for the Borough.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by J. Antoline and carried to adjourn at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay  
Borough Secretary

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PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_