

REGULAR MEETING – November 16, 2016

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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. Bohach, D. Falk, R. Senock (arrived @ 7:08pm), J. Skocich,
A. Sobolosky, D. Trombetta, Mayor Rose, Solicitor Clair,
Engineer-Ray Antonelli, Jr.
 ABSENT - M. DeDominicis

MINUTES:

The Secretary presented Council with minutes from the November 2nd and October 5th Workshop Meetings and from the September 21st and October 19th Regular Meetings. She asked them to review and she will put on the December Workshop Meeting for approval.

REPORTS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Upon motion of Sobolosky seconded by Trombetta and carried, the communications read were accepted and ordered to be placed on file after proper action is taken.

PSABMRT

Re: Schedule of changes in net assets of the Conway Borough Police Pension Plan month ending September 30, 2016.

Re: Schedule of changes in net assets of the Conway Borough Police Pension Plan month ending October 31, 2016.

Beaver County Conservation District

Re: General Permit acknowledgement notification – ETC Revolution Pipeline Project – Phase I.

Norfolk Southern

Re: Conway Railyard Sample Analysis Report from September 23, 2016.

Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC

Re: Crows Run Road Fill Site, Permit application to PADEP.

Rory & Eva McCracken

Re: Utility Pole Installation near their home at 1432 Sampson Street.

Duquesne Light, Co.

Re: Installation of pole on 15th Street and Sampson Street.

William H. Andring, Esq.

Re: Water & Sewage bill for 920 4th Avenue and request for relief.

NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Re: 2017 Schedule of Rates.

Re: PA DCED – Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Application – 7th & 8th Avenue Water Line Replacement.

Ambridge Water Authority

Re: AWA/Conway Emergency Interconnect.

HRG

Re: PennEnergy Resources, LLC notification of application for a Permit to Drill & Operate an unconventional gas well to PADEP.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Sobolosky and carried to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND

Ambridge Do It Best Home Ctr	Supplies/Office	55.88
AutoZone	Supplies/Maint. & Parks	285.03
Beaver County Legal Journal	Annual Subscription	50.00
Building Inspection Underwriters	Zoning/October 2016	220.00
CVFD	October Uniform Allowance	48.00
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/Maint., Bldg. & Stormwater	373.11
Garcia Marketing	Supplies/Maint.	26.95
Kopac Enterprises LLC	Cleaning Service/September 2016	149.00
Lowe's	Supplies/Stormwater	77.84
Mgsoft-net	Backup service/Police computers	190.00
NIRA Consulting Engineers	Services/October 2016	1,766.00
Pipelines, Inc.	Supplies/Stormwater	799.68
PNC Visa	Supplies/Building	35.95
PSAB	Borough News Subscriptions	90.00
Quill	Supplies/Office	314.67
S&D Calibration	Enrad/Accutrak Cert./Police	56.00
Traffic Systems	Monthly Fee/November 2016	70.00
Tri-State Waters	Water-rental/Municipal Bldg.	74.00
US Bank	Office Copier	306.16
US Bank	Police Copier	148.38
Valley Waste Service, Inc.	Refuse Pickup/October	12,540.00
Verizon Wireless	Air Card/Police	80.02
Visa	Internet	44.58
C.S. Wicks	Excavating/Stormwater	3,740.00

WATER & SEWER FUND

Beaver Concrete & Supply Inc.	Supplies/Water	101.52
CWM Environmental	Water-Sewer Testing	1,166.60
Drnach Environmental, Inc.	Flow Monitoring/STP	1,040.00
Economy Septic Service	Pumping /November 2016	3,062.50
Ferrellgas	Propane/STP	771.23
Gordon Brothers, Inc.	Water Softener /STP	36.00
LB Water	Meter/Taco Bell	237.96
NIRA Consulting Engineers	Services/October 2016	6,215.40

PAOne Call System, Inc.	Monthly Activity Fee/October	26.24
Pipelines, Inc.	Supplies/Water & Sewer	83.04
Scobie Transit & Supply, Inc.	Supplies/Water	348.90
SwiftReach Networks, Inc.	Annual Subscription/Water	400.00
C.S. Wicks	Excavating/Water	3,894.00

HIGHWAY AID FUND

AutoZone	Supplies/Trucks	114.69
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/Signs	91.98

MEMORIAL PARK FUND

Economy Electric Supply Co.	Supplies	52.50
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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

Mayor Rose did not have a written report to give to Council. She asked to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss Police Negotiations.

She informed Council that the department is losing some part-time officers. They have been hired full-time with other departments. She would like to hire three new part-timers, Margaret Zaliponi, Cody Wisenor and Jacob Weston, as recommended by Chief Johnston.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Trombetto and carried to hire, Margaret Zaliponi, Cody Wisenor and Jacob Weston as part-time policed officers at \$16.50 per hour, training wages of \$7.25, contingent upon them providing all required documents, testing and exams.

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

Mr. Antonelli did not have a written report to provide to Council. He stated that there has been nothing new going on with the Conway/Baden Municipal Authority Sanitary Sewage Interconnect Agreement. He said that the marked up agreement is circulating through the other communities for their approval. He said that they have started the design plan work. They have made the necessary PAOne calls. They have met with Norfolk Southern to discuss the two options and look at the feasibility of the Borough constructing a forced main from the yard up to Route 65. They have been very accommodating so far. Should have the conceptual design soon and will be able to give a good cost estimate. Need these two cost estimates to submit to DEP for the Sewage Facilities Planning 537.

One grant application has been submitted for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program on behalf of the Borough. This was for the 7th & 8th Avenue Waterline Replacement Project. The Engineer informed Council that he was not able to prepare the second application for the sewer project that they requested. He did not have enough time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Megan Turnbull, *Esq.*

Solicitor Clair was in attendance in place of Solicitor Turnbull. President Falk asked to discuss the purchasing of the Conway Elementary School in Executive Session.

Solicitor Clair noted that Council had been discussing the issue of Handicap Parking Spaces in the Borough since April of this year. The Mayor and Council could not come to a decision on the correct way to determine who should get a space and who should not. With the number of applications it was also becoming a problem with the number of available spaces. Council wanted to consider rescinding the current Ordinance, thus not issuing any Handicap Parking Spaces.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Skocich and carried to advertise proposed Ordinance #556 repealing Ordinance #537, an Ordinance providing for residential handicapped parking on Borough streets and procedures for same, in its entirety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION: Joe Bohach, *Chairman*

Council decided to hold a final budget meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. They will finalize the budget at this meeting and then it can be advertised after.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Trombetta and carried to advertise the proposed 2017 Budget and proposed 2017 Tax Ordinance, once it is finalized following the November 30, 2016 meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mark DeDominicis, *Chairman*

Mr. DeDominicis was absent from the meeting. Mayor Rose stated that she did not have anything else to discuss.

PUBLIC WORKS: Dave Trombetta, *Chairman*

Mr. Trombetta had nothing to report.

PLANNING/ZONING/ORDINANCE: Albert Sobolosky, *Chairman*

Mr. Calahan, a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, said that the Commission will not be having their meeting on November 22nd because of the holiday. The Secretary informed the commission that she had provided them with copies of plans for a development on Dupont and 13th. She said that they need to review and provide comments/recommendations to Council regarding this before the Conditional Use Hearing is held.

PARKS/RECREATION: Renee Senock, *Chairwoman*

Ms. Senock informed Council that Santa will be riding on the firetruck through town on Saturday, December 17th. The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 18th from 2:00-3:00 at the Fire Department Banquet Hall.

She asked President Falk what was going on with the purchase of cameras for the parks. President Falk stated that Council had discussed this issue at the last meeting. He said that a system like the one they want would cost around \$50,000. Thus, Council decided not to go with this. He said that if she was able to research and come up with a grant that would cover this cost or most of it then the issue could be discussed again.

COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRANTS: *James Skocich, Chairman*

Mr. Skocich had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Bohach and carried to ratify payment to East Coast Paving & Sealcoating, Inc. for final payment for the 3rd Avenue Road Project in the amount of \$4,245.92.

A motion was made by Sobolosky seconded by Senock and carried to ratify adoption of Resolution #101916-1 requesting PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for 7th and 8th Avenue Water Line Replacement Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received a letter from the Estate of Ann Windisch regarding the Water & Sewer bill for 920 4th Avenue. The Secretary explained that they are disputing the reading from the 3rd Quarter. The amount of the bill was \$2,730.80. The Secretary stated that the Public Works department has gone in and re-read the meter to make sure that the reading was accurate. It did prove that it was. She said that they must have had some sort of leak. The house is vacant right now. Mr. Sobolosky said that the Borough could have the meter tested. Solicitor Clair stated that the Borough is under no obligation to do this. The burden is on the resident to prove that it was a faulty meter and the reading is wrong. The Secretary did comment that this is what they tell anybody who calls in challenging a reading. The resident can pay to have the meter sent out and tested. If it comes back faulty than the Borough reimburses the cost of the testing and will adjust the bill. President Falk asked the Secretary to write Mr. Andring, the executor of the Ann Windisch estate, a letter letting him know that he can have the meter tested at his own expense and if it came back faulty then Council would reconsider his request for relief from some of the charges.

Council received a letter from Rory & Eva McCracken of 1432 Sampson Street regarding installation of a Duquesne Light Pole near their property. They were asking Council to not approve the location of the pole. The pole was being installed because of a new house being built behind their house. President Falk said that he would schedule a meeting with the McCracken's and the other party involved to discuss this matter and hopefully come to some sort of amicable solution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Raymond Andreno, 1924 Aspen Court, asked the Engineer what the size of the proposed water line on 7th & 8th Avenue was. The Engineer stated that it would be an eight inch line. Mr. Andreno also asked what the Schedule of Rates for the Water & Sewer was on the Agenda. The Secretary stated that this was not the Water & Sewer Rates this was the new rate fees for Engineering services.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Senock and carried to go into Executive Session at 7:47 pm to discuss Police Negotiations and potential litigation.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Bohach and carried to resume the Regular Meeting at 8:57 pm.

No action was taken.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Sobolosky and carried to adjourn at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay
Borough Secretary

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PRESIDENT _____