

REGULAR MEETING – October 19, 2016

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Regular Session on Wednesday, October 19, 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, M. DeDominicis, D. Falk, A. Sobolosky, D. Trombetto, Mayor Rose, Solicitor Dierson, Engineer-Ray Antonelli, Jr.
ABSENT - M. DeDominicis, R. Senock, J. Skocich

MINUTES:

Upon motion of Sobolosky seconded by Trombetto and carried, the minutes from the June 15, 2016, July 20, 2016 and August 17, 2016 Regular Meetings stood approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

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

Goehring, Rutter & Boehm

Re: Freedom Road Upgrade Project FEMA Floodplain Coordination.

Gulisek

Re: Two letters sent regarding update to road projects along Route 65.

CEC

Re: Notice of PennEnergy Resources, LLC application for a renewal of coverage for a permit to drill & operate an unconventional gas well.

Norfolk Southern

Re: Conway Railyard sample analysis report from August 1, 2016.

Re: Notice of alteration of pretreatment facility at Conway Railyard.

PennDot

Re: Notice of estimated allocation of municipal liquid fuels and turnback for 2017.

Re: SR0065-Ohio River Boulevard Construction-Spring 2017.

Re: SR0065-Highway Construction Project Utility Relocation Reimbursement Agreement.

Mockenhaupt Benefits Group

Re: Borough of Conway Police Pension Plan.

NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Re: 2016 Road Program – Contractors Payment Application #2 (Final).

ESI

Re: Chapter 105 General Permit Registration Form – Municipal Notification for ETC Northeast Pipeline, LLC

Beaver County Auxiliary Appeal Board

Re: Assessment Appeal – Two Notices

PSAB

Re: PSAB UC Plan – 2017 Rate Notice.

PA Department of Revenue

Re: 2016 PURTA distribution check for Tax Year 2015.

Beaver County Emergency Services

Re: Elected Officials Informational Meeting.

Manko, Gold, Katcher, Fox

Re: Borough Pre-treatment Program and Norfolk Southern Railway Company Discharge Agreement.

PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Re: DCNR Grants.

PA Rural Water

Re: Distribution I Training Seminar.

Crossgates

Re: Conway Towers – Consideration of Late Charge Removal.

Mark C. Turnley, CPA

Re: 2015 Annual Audit.

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

GENERAL FUND

Ambridge Do It Best Home Ctr	Supplies/Stormwater	31.94
Amcom Office Systems	Qtrly Reading/Police	59.63
Association of Mayors	2017 Membership Dues	60.00
Terry Barnick	Repairs/Building	80.00
Big Daddy Wildlife Removal	Animal Removal/Traps	330.00
Building Inspection Underwriters	Zoning/September 2016	130.00
Cercone Sales & Service	Repairs/Police	125.00
Conserve Communications	Red Phone/Bldg/Police	80.00
County of Allegheny/Med Examiner	Testing/Police	130.00
CVFD	September Uniform Allowance	296.00
Dog Waste Depot	Supplies	189.00
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/Maint.	105.28
Goehring, Rutter & Boehm	Services/Aug & Sept 2016	4,083.50
Kopac Enterprises LLC	Cleaning Service/August 2016	149.00
MedExpress Urgent Care	Vaccinations/Maint.	270.00

Mgsoft-net	Backup service/Police computers	70.00
NIRA Consulting Engineers	Services/September 2016	6,044.45
Pipelines, Inc.	Supplies/Stormwater	2,205.74
PSAB	2017 Member Dues/Boro & Council	460.00
PSMA	2017 Membership Dues	60.00
Taser International	Supplies/Police	356.26
Traffic Systems	Monthly Fee/October 2016	70.00
Tri-State Waters	Water-rental/Municipal Bldg.	20.00
US Bank	Office Copier	306.16
US Bank	Police Copier	148.38
Valley Waste Service, Inc.	Refuse Pickup/August	12,540.00
Verizon Wireless	Air Card/Police	80.02
Visa	Internet/Bldg	43.91

WATER & SEWER FUND

Joseph J. Brunner, Inc.	Sludge removal/STP	35.00
Cercone Sales & Service	Repairs/Sewer Truck	180.45
CWM Environmental	Water-Sewer Testing	1,614.75
Drnach Environmental, Inc.	Flow Monitoring/STP	1,040.00
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/Water	315.00
Economy Septic Service	Pumping /September 2016	3,500.00
Goehring, Rutter & Boehm	Services/September 2016	2,040.00
Gordon Brothers, Inc.	Water Softener & Salt/STP	36.00
NIRA Consulting Engineers	Services/September 2016	1,484.50
PAOne Call System, Inc.	Monthly Activity Fee/September	9.84
Pipelines, Inc.	Supplies/Water	216.77
Reliant Systems West, LLC	Qtrly Monitoring/STP	66.00
USABlueBook	Supplies/STP	1,094.66
Visa	Supplies/Water	186.02

HIGHWAY AID FUND

AutoZone	Supplies/Trucks	44.28
BLS Transit & Supply, Inc.	Trucking	1,200.00
Economy Plumbing & Heating Co.	Supplies/Paver	104.05
Lehigh Hanson	Hot Patch	7,693.95
Visa	Parts/Paver	144.66

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

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

Mayor Rose distributed a copy of her Mayors Report to all of Council.

She informed Council that she will have a couple more officers out for Trick or Treat night.

Mayor Rose asked to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss police negotiations.

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

Mr. Antonelli stated that they prepared the 2016 Road Program-Contractor's Payment Application #2 (Final) and provided a copy to Council. All work has been completed.

He stated that he and the Solicitor had both reviewed the Conway/Baden Municipal Authority Sanitary Sewage Interconnect Agreement. There were only a couple minor items in the agreement that were tweaked and it was sent back to Baden for their review. We are still waiting on their response. Solicitor Ott commented that she had received an email from John Gullace, the Railroad Attorney, asking for more information on the Agreement with Baden. She said that she has not responded to him yet but will do so soon because she has some questions for them also.

The Engineer brought up the PA DCED Small Water & Sewer Program Grant information which the Secretary had forwarded to him and Council last week. He said the grant application is due by the 31st of this month. It is for projects ranging from \$30,000 to \$500,000 with a 15% contribution due from the municipality. He suggested applying for the 7th, 8th, and 9th Avenue water project. He said that they already have a layout of this project and the cost is estimated to be around \$300,000. He also said that the Borough may want to do the Sanitary Sewer Repairs which were proposed back in May 2013. The cost of these was around \$278,000. Mr. Sobolosky stated that Council raised the Sewer rates over the past two years to do sewer projects and none have been done so far. He said that he would like to see this project submitted. Mayor Rose thought it was a good idea to submit for both. Council agreed.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Sobolosky and carried to have the Engineer submit the 7th, 8th and 9th Avenue Water project and the Sanitary Sewer Repairs project to the PA DCED Small Water & Sewer Grant program

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

Solicitor Ott informed Council that the Maintenance Bond for the Birchwood Fall roads should be delivered to the office tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION: *Joe Bohach, Chairman*

President Falk stated Council is considering purchasing the Conway Elementary School and making it the Municipal Building/Activity Center for the Borough. He said that he and Mr. Trombetto had met with the Superintendent and a couple school members but there are still a few items which need addressed. He wanted to have Council authorize the Solicitor to begin talking with the school Solicitor to come to some sort of agreement. Mr. Trombetto state that they are willing to work with us in terms of the amount of the payment and the length of the loan. Mayor Rose just wanted them to keep in mind that the electric and gas bills for that building are around \$2,000 a month. Mr. Sobolosky said that you would need to heat the entire building unless you capped off some pipes. President Falk said that many of these items still need to be discussed.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Trombetto and carried to authorize the Solicitor to begin informal discussions with the Freedom Area School District Solicitor regarding purchase of the Conway Elementary School.

The budget meeting scheduled for Monday, October 10th at 7:00 pm at the Secretary's Office was not held. Mr. Bohach said he will have to look at his schedule and will email everybody a date.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mark DeDominicis, Chairman

Mr. DeDominicis was absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: Dave Trombetta, Chairman

Mr. Trombetta informed Council that Chad McCray attended a seminar today as part of his training hours needed for his Water License. The cost of the class was \$85.00.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Bohach and carried to ratify sending Chad McCray to a Distribution I seminar, October 19, 2016, at a cost of \$85.00 and to pay his daily wages to him.

PLANNING/ZONING/ORDINANCE: Albert Sobolosky, Chairman

Mr. Sobolosky had nothing to report.

Mr. Calahan, a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, said that they will not have a meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

PARKS/RECREATION: Renee Senock, Chairwoman

Ms. Senock was absent from the meeting.

The Children's Halloween Parade and Party is Sunday, October 30th. Meet at 1:30 pm at the Conway Elementary for parade. Party from 2:00-4:00pm at the CVFD Banquet Hall.

President Falk said that he had spoken with somebody from another Security camera company and they said that it would cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to put this type of camera system in. Council decided that they would not pursue this any longer. The Engineer suggested using trail cameras or something on that line.

COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRANTS: James Skocich, Chairman

Mr. Skocich was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Rose said that the Borough needs to contract with someone who writes grants. President Falk asked her to get a list of these for next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Sobolosky seconded by Trombetta and carried to approve the Byrne Lot Consolidation Plan and authorize the Council President and Secretary to sign.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Sobolosky and carried 3-1 on a Roll Call vote to remove the late fees from the third quarter Water & Sewer billing for the Conway Towers (Crossgates) in the amount of \$574.25.

Roll Call: *Yes* - Falk, Sobolosky, Trombetta
 No - Bohach

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Raymond Andreno, 1924 Aspen Court, asked about the school issue. He asked what is going to happen with the current municipal building. President Falk said that they are not sure at this point if they would sell it or rent it out. He said that this is still a part of our due diligence. Mr. Andreno made a comment on the issue of the Borough hiring a grant writer. He said that he knows from the Fire Department that the Borough would still have to review the entire grant application before it is submitted. President Falk thanked him for his input.

Mr. Bill Calahan, 1421 4th Avenue, informed the Secretary that he thought the house on 4th Avenue which was recently purchased was going to be having an addition put on. The Secretary said that they have not gotten a building permit yet. Did they start the work? Mr. Calahan said they had not started yet. The Secretary asked him to inform the office if this work starts without a permit.

Mrs. Patty Then, 1000 East Ridge Avenue, asked how much the Freedom Area School District is asking for the Conway Elementary School. President Falk said that it is in the range of \$385,000. She also asked the Secretary what the communications were that she read regarding the unconventional wells. The Secretary said that these were well drilling for natural gas and that they were only notifications because Conway is within the radius of towns that they must notify. The drilling is taking place in New Sewickley. Mrs. Then also commented on the manhole cover on 4th Avenue and 11th Street which keeps coming off because of the road paving. She knows that the Borough workers have been coming out to fix this since it is happening after hours. She asked if the paving company is doing something for the Borough because it is not right that we must pay our workers to come out. President Falk said that the company has in fact given the Borough some road materials. Mr. Andreno asked when this project was going to be complete. President Falk said that he was told it would be done by the end of October but that there was some other work, handicap ramps and drainage, that was going to be done in the spring.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Sobolosky and carried to go into Executive Session at 7:59 pm for the purpose of contract negotiations and legal advice.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Bohach and carried to resume the Regular Meeting at 8:59 pm.

No action was taken.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by Trombetta and carried to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay
Borough Secretary

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PRESIDENT _____