

WORKSHOP MEETING –August 5, 2015

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fire Department Banquet Hall, South Gross Street, for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Sobolosky presided and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT** – M. DeDominicis, J. Skocich, R. Skocich,
 A. Sobolosky, D. Vidovich, EMA Coordinator- Robert Skocich
ABSENT - J. Bohach, R. Senock, Fire Chief Charlovich

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: *Brian Giles, Supervisor*

Mr. Robert Skocich, Council Chairperson, reported that the Public Works Superintendant will be attending the Workshop Meetings from now on to report to Council. This was decided at the meeting with him held earlier today. Mayor Rose showed Council the log sheets that she brought as an example for the Public Works Superintendant to use to keep a record of his daily jobs.

EMA COORDINATOR'S REPORT: *Robert Skocich*

Mr. Skocich stated that he had received papers on NIMS training but was not able to attend any of them because of prior commitments. The Secretary informed him that she also placed a couple of EMS newsletters in his mailbox. He said that he will look for.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Robert Charlovich, Chief*

Chief Charlovich was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

-Mr. R. Skocich stated that the bills are good and could be placed on the Regular Meeting's agenda for approval. President Sobolosky asked the Secretary if the audit was complete. The Secretary stated that it was almost done. The auditor picked up some papers she needed today and they should be done by end of week and have report to DCED by then.

-Council was still reviewing the permit fee schedule. President Sobolosky stated that he had a few questions on some of them. He asked to table this item until the Regular Meeting. Mr. Vidovich asked the Secretary to make him a copy of this. He did not think that he had one.

-A discussion took place on the adoption of the proposed Floodplain Ordinance. Mr. Frank Thompson, owner of Crows Run Self Storage and property along Crows Run Road, presented Council with a paper outlining his concerns and proposing a few changes to the proposed Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion;

A motion was made by R. Skocich seconded by Vidovich and carried to adopt Ordinance 550, requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses, and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Borough of Conway which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with, the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance as presented to Council and with the following revisions: 1. Section 3.04(C)4, documentation, certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, to show that the cumulative effect of any proposed development within an AE Area/District without floodway (See Sections 4.02B and 4.02 C) when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the base flood elevation more than one (1) foot at any point within the community; 2. Section 7.02 A, No expansion or enlargement of an existing structure shall be allowed within any Identified Floodplain Area that would cause any increase in BFE. In A Area/District(s), BFE's are determined using the methodology in section 4.02 ED; 3. Section 8.02 A, No variance shall be granted for any construction, development, use or activity within any Floodway Area/District or A-Area district that would cause any increase in the BFE.

-The Secretary informed Council that she researched the correct spelling of Hiland Avenue in the Borough. She said that both the Post Office and the Assessment Office have this spelled HILAND. Council agreed that this would be the correct spelling of the Avenue. Mr. R. Skocich will direct the Public Works Department to order new street signs reflecting this. Council directed the Secretary to send all the residents on this Avenue a letter explaining that the correct spelling is HILAND. They also asked her to send a letter to the 911 Center informing them of this decision.

A motion was made by R. Skocich seconded by DeDominicis and carried to rehire Alan Loskoch as a part-time police officer for the Borough of Conway, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, retroactively effective to July 16, 2015.

The Borough of Conway Planning & Zoning Commission presented Council with a letter outlining their concerns about the Borough and asking Council what their duties are. President Sobolosky thanked them for their concern. The Secretary commented that Council hired a Code Enforcement Company to take care of all the issues that they were describing. She asked them to direct residents who have complaints to call the office. She also reminded them that they were given a letter from the Solicitor which outlined the duties of the Commission. She will find the letter and give them a copy of this, as well as give a copy to Council again.

A motion was made by R. Skocich seconded by DeDominicis and carried to adjourn at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay
Borough Secretary

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PRESIDENT _____