

WORKSHOP MEETING –October 5, 2016

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, October 5, 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 with the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT** –J. Bohach, M. DeDominicis (arrived @ 7:10pm),
D. Falk, J. Skocich, D. Trombetta, Mayor Rose,
Fire Chief Charlovich,
Public Works Supervisor-Brian Giles
ABSENT - R. Senock, A. Sobolosky,
EMA Coordinator-Robert Skocich

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: *Brian Giles, Supervisor*

Mr. Giles distributed a copy of his September 2016 Public Works Report to Council. He read the report.

EMA COORDINATOR’S REPORT: *Robert Skocich*

Mr. Skocich was absent from the meeting.

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

Chief Charlovich informed Council that the Fire Department is applying for a FEMA Grant for a new pumper. The grant does require that you pay 5% of the cost. The cost of a new pumper is around \$800,000. So, it would be around \$30,000 that is required to be paid. He asked Council if this could be taken from the Fire Truck Escrow Account. Council said that it would be fine. That is what the Escrow Account is to be used for.

He also stated that the department is still trying to get a grant to renovate the building. They would like to extend the truck bay ten feet. He asked Council if this would be okay since the building is owned by the Borough. He said that maybe there should be some sort of agreement signed. President Falk said that he did not have a problem with this but will have the Secretary check with the Solicitor and see what she thinks.

Chief Charlovich was excused at 7:14pm.

AGENDA ITEMS:

-Mr. Bohach asked about the bill from Big Daddy Wildlife. President Falk said that this will be discussed a little later in the meeting. Other than that bill Mr. Bohach was fine with bills and asked that they be placed on the Regular Meetings Agenda for approval.

-President Falk stated that they had not sent a letter to the Police Department yet with Council's counteroffer to their offer. He was still waiting to hear from the Insurance Company on the Life Insurance quote. Once this is received he will have the Secretary send the Police Department the counteroffer.

Mayor Rose let Council know that the Police Department is short on part-time officers. They would like to hire Jeff Allen. He is currently a part-time officer in a couple other departments.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by Bohach and carried to hire Jeff Allen as a part-time police officer, on the recommendation of the Police Chief, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, with training wages of \$7.25 per hour, and after all necessary paperwork is received.

Discussion: Mr. DeDominicis asked if he has a bullet proof vest or if the Borough would have to purchase one for him. Mayor Rose stated that Officer Allen has a vest but if he did not than the Borough would purchase one for him and he would have to reimburse it back 100%. This is per the bullet proof vest policy the Borough adopted. It also says that the Borough will pay 50% of Full Time Officer vests.

The Mayor also commented that the paving company who is paving 11th Street asked if they could work from 3-6 am. She said that she did not see a problem with this. President Falk said that it may propose a problem with the residents who live on 11th Street with the noise. He said that he knows it would be better for traffic purposes but did not see it being better for this reason. She will relay this to the Police Chief.

-The Secretary said that they are still waiting on a second quote for the backhoe. Mr. Trombetta asked if the cost of this could be paid from the Water & Sewer Fund. The Secretary said that she did not see why some of it, maybe 75%, could be paid from there.

A motion was made by DeDominicis seconded by Trombetta and carried to adopt Resolution #100516-1 adopting the 2016 Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Conway.

Mr. Giles was excused at 7:24pm.

-A discussion took place on the hiring of Big Daddy Wildlife Removal. Mayor Rose explained that she had asked to contract with them and received approval from four members of Council. At the time, she was told that they take the cats to a no kill shelter if they were not feral. If they were feral then he would put down. It came to her attention that he may not be taking any of the cats he caught to a no kill shelter. She called him and he said that there are no shelters to take them. The Humane Society would charge him \$40 for each cat he brought there because he is a business. So, she said she told him to stop trapping. But he did trap for three days and thus would need to be paid for that time. She said Sergeant Sperduti has contacted the Humane Society again and is trying to work something out with them again. She did say that residents can trap on their own and bring them to the Humane Society with no charge to them but the Borough will not be able to transport the cats there for them anymore. This was becoming a problem when the residents were trapping and then calling the Borough to dispose of them.

A motion was made by Trombetto seconded by DeDominicis and carried to retroactively approve the contract with Big Daddy Wildlife effective September 22, 2016.

A motion was made by Bohach seconded by DeDominicis and carried to retroactively terminate the contract with Big Daddy Wildlife effective September 27, 2016.

President Falk read the notes at the bottom of the agenda.

Mayor Rose explained why she removed some things from the Borough Facebook page of which she is the administrator. She said that of the remarks involved accusations about children and the parents of these children. She also noted that some of the comments which were removed were done so by the person who made the comments.

Mr. Skocich asked the Mayor how she was handling the clown issue that is happening in some communities. Mrs. Patty Then, 1000 East Ridge Avenue, said that some towns are restricting clown costumes this year for Halloween. Mayor Rose responded that this has not been an issue in Conway yet but if it does it will be addressed then.

Mr. Bohach asked the Secretary if something was ever done with the pool on Dupont Street. He received an anonymous complaint about it. She said that it was emptied. She said that she hasn't received any complaints in the office. She asked him to have them call and put in a formal complaint. The problem is that the Code Officer needs to get some pictures of it and he would need to get on the resident who is lodging the complaint property to do so. Mr. Bohach will ask them if they want to do this. He thought they wanted to remain anonymous. The Secretary stated that they do not act on anonymous complaints.

Mr. DeDominicis said that there was a company in town soliciting for solar panels. He asked if they had a license. The Secretary stated that they did not have one and that she had also received a call in the office about them and she sent the police up to inform them that they must have a permit.

A motion was made by Trombetto seconded by DeDominicis and carried to adjourn at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay
Borough Secretary

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PRESIDENT _____