

## **WORKSHOP MEETING –October 7, 2015**

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, October 7, 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** – J. Skocich, R. Skocich, A. Sobolosky, D. Vidovich,  
Mayor Rose, EMA Coordinator- Robert Skocich,  
Fire Chief Charlovich  
Public Works Supervisor-Brian Giles  
**ABSENT** - J. Bohach, M. DeDominicis, R. Senock

### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:** *Brian Giles, Supervisor*

Mr. Giles provided each member of Council with a copy of his written report for the month of September 2015. At the request of Council he read his report.

President Sobolosky stated that an area on 11<sup>th</sup> Street near the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is sinking. Mr. Giles said that they will place more cold patch in this area tomorrow and will put some hot patch here before the winter.

Mr. Jim Skocich informed Mr. Giles that the dirt around the section of the storm drain at the ballfields is washing away again. Mr. Giles stated that they are aware of this and need to purchase more gabions for this area.

Mr. Robert Skocich asked Mr. Giles if the department replaced any water meters in September. Mr. Giles said that they did not. He also stated that the Borough needs to purchase limestone, gravel and sand as bid out by the BCRCOG. The Borough is required to purchase the amount which we put in for. The Secretary was not sure of hand what the amount of each item was but will look at the contract tomorrow when she was in the office. He asked Mr. Giles to get this ordered and place in the bins at the reservoir. Mr. Giles stated that the bins are not completed yet but they will complete these and get the supplies ordered within in the next couple of weeks.

### **EMA COORDINATOR’S REPORT:** *Robert Skocich*

Mr. Skocich stated that he had attended the quarterly EMA meeting on September 29, 2015. He had brought his EMA computer with him to see if they could repair it. They kept it to see if they could. They also provided the Borough with some supplies. He said that he placed these in the EMA headquarters at the Borough building.

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

Chief Charlovich informed Council that calls for the department have been steady but have not had a lot of rehab calls.

He stated that he hopes by the end of the year that all of the volunteers will be nationally registered firefighters. Christopher Then has just passed his.

He told Council that all of the fire hydrants have been tested and a new flow listing has been provided to the Borough Secretary and the Public Works Department. He stated that the pressure on a few of the hydrants has changed and the hydrant top will need to be painted a different color. Mr. Giles said that he will make sure this gets done.

Chief Charlovich let Council know that he and Mr. Robert Skocich had attended a meeting last week regarding regionalization of fire departments. This meeting was also attended by representatives from Baden, Ambridge, Aliquippa, Hopewell and Monaca. He said that he needed to hear more information about this. Another meeting will be scheduled.

The department is still in the running for the FEMA grant. He said that they made the sixth cut. This grant was for the \$350,000 for a new truck.

He stated the department will again help out on Trick or Treat night. He invited Council for wings and pizza after this at the Banquet Hall.

Mr. James Skocich asked if they would be able to help with Halloween Parade on Sunday October 25, 2015. Chief Charlovich said that he did not know anything about this but thought it would not be a problem to have some of the volunteers there. Mr. Skocich will have Mrs. Metzger contact him with the details.

Chief Charlovich also informed Council that they dropped the ball on applying for a grant for the building so if Council was still interested in this then he would need drawings and would apply for this grant during the next open round.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

-The Secretary stated that Mr. Bohach had reviewed the bills earlier today. He said that all looked good. President Sobolosky asked if any Council member had any questions on them. None did. He asked the Secretary to place these on the Regular Meeting's agenda for approval.

-Council scheduled a budget meeting for October 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Secretary's Office. President Sobolosky stated that they will discuss changes to the permit fee schedule at this meeting.

-Mayor Rose asked Council if they wanted to have a Borough Christmas Party. Council said that they would like to continue this. Mr. James Skocich stated the Recreation Committee could help out with the cost of this. He said that they may not be able to pay for the entire thing but could possibly do half of the cost. Mrs. Janet Barker, 1428 Chaplin Street, asked how the Recreation Committee can pay for half. Mr. Skocich said that they have their own check book and budget. They do all their own fundraising and it is not Borough funds. She asked where the other half was coming from then. Mayor Rose stated that they did not get that far yet in the discussion. She said that there will not be any tax payer money spent to hold this, as was the case in the past. She said that they will have to work to find out where they can get the rest of the money or possibly not have the party if they cannot find the funds. Mayor Rose suggested Wednesday, December 23, 2015 as the date for the party since she will be away until then. Council was okay with this date. President Sobolosky said that they will make the party happen; they will come up with the money.

President Sobolosky read the notes at the bottom of the agenda. He also added that the Garbage bid will be opened in the Secretary's Office on October 28, 2015 at 4:00 pm if anybody would like to attend.

Mr. Jim Skocich said that he still has ten tickets left for the Recreation Committee's Night at the Races if anybody was interested.

Mr. Vidovich asked the Public Works Supervisor if the grate he provided the Borough with for the storm drain on 11<sup>th</sup> Street worked out. Mr. Giles said that it was too big. Not only was it too long it was too wide. Mr. Vidovich stated that if it was too wide then you can't use it because you can't cut it that way. President Sobolosky said that they would have to purchase one then. Mr. Giles said that he got a quote and it was for \$800 but he said that he has one in the building that he could possibly trade in. President Sobolosky told him to do this but if he could not trade it in then he would just have to order one and get it fixed.

A motion was made by R. Skocich seconded by J. Skocich and carried to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay  
Borough Secretary

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**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_