

WORKSHOP MEETING –July 6, 2016

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, July 6, 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** –M. DeDominicis, D. Falk, J. Skocich, D. Trombetto,
Public Works Supervisor-Brian Giles,
Fire Chief Charlovich,
EMA Coordinator-Robert Skocich
ABSENT - J. Bohach, R. Senock, A. Sobolosky, Mayor Rose

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: *Brian Giles, Supervisor*

Mr. Giles distributed a copy of his June 2016 Public Works Report to Council. He read the report. He also stated that they installed a couple new water meters.

EMA COORDINATOR’S REPORT: *Robert Skocich*

Mr. Skocich had nothing to report.

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

Chief Charlovich stated that all has been going well within the department. He said that they had training last night and one of the firemen was injured. He said that Aaron Patrick hurt his back. He has had an ongoing back problem so he was not sure what the degree of the injury is. He told the Secretary that he has to write up the report and give to her. She asked that he bring it down tomorrow so that she can get called in. She informed him that she is to report injuries within 24 hours. She also said that she would be out of the office from Friday until July 18th. He said that he would get this to her tomorrow.

He notified Council that they will be sending the pumper out to get looked at next week. He will keep them in the loop as to what is the problem.

There is a meeting at noon this Friday with a contractor to discuss the renovations that the department would like to do to the building and would like to put into a grant application. He asked anybody on Council who could attend to do so then the construction of a new office building could be discussed. President Falk said that he will try to make it.

Larissa Hoover, 1001 Catherine Drive, stated that she works at the Cranberry Wastewater Treatment Plant and was wondering why Council is going to send the sewage to Baden instead of building their own Sewage Treatment Plant. Her opinion is that it is not a good idea to do this. She said that the Borough will still have to pay for upgrades to the system so it is better to have your own revenue coming in. President Falk said that the Borough will still control their rates but would pay for sewage to be sent there just like we pay for the purchase of water from the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority. He said that although that route was chosen by the previous Council talks are still taking place to determine if this is the right decision.

AGENDA ITEMS:

-The Secretary stated that Mr. Bohach did not review the bills for tonight's meeting but will review before the Regular Meeting and will have placed on the agenda to be approved.

-Council discussed setting a hearing date for the Handicap Parking space appeals. They decided to hold them at 6:00 pm before the July 20th Regular Meeting. They asked the Secretary to send out notice to the four people who appealed this. Mr. Marty McLaughlin, 1312 4th Avenue, asked Council why all of a sudden these spaces have become an issue. President Falk answered that the number of spaces issued versus the number of available spaces on the streets shows that there is not enough. And with new applications only makes worse. He stated that this will be discussed at the appeal hearing.

-A letter was received from Lori McBurnie (Andolina) requesting that a street be named after her late father, Jack Andolina. Mr. Trombetta said that if any street maybe Coral Circle because this one is not really named for something. President Falk commented that if this practice is started then it would have to be continued in the future. Mr. Skocich commented about criteria that you would set for naming the streets. Mr. McLaughlin, suggested naming one an honorary street like 3rd Avenue by the Catholic Church. It is Capuchin Way. President Falk reiterated that if this practice is started then it would set precedence for other requests. Council agreed. He asked the Secretary to write her a letter letting her know of their decision.

-Yearly membership in the Central Westmoreland COG was discussed. The Secretary explained that past Councils have approved this membership because it is who bids out for vehicles and where the Borough gets their pricing through. President Falk said if this is the case then it would save some money to approve a two year membership instead of only going with a one year membership. The Borough will save \$40 in doing this.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by DeDominicis and carried to rejoin the Central Westmoreland COG and pay \$350 for a two year membership which is from September 30, 2016 – September 30, 2018.

-President Falk explained that the Secretary got three (3) quotes for an ADA approved swing for Gratty Park as discussed at the last meeting. The lowest came in at \$400.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by DeDominicis and carried to purchase an ADA approved swing from AAA State of Play at a cost of \$400 plus shipping.

-President Falk stated that the Secretary had received two (2) bids for resealing of the walkway and basketball court at Gratty Park. He said that this is need of it. The lowest bid came in at \$956.

A motion was made by DeDominicis seconded by Trombetta and carried to have the basketball court and walkway at Gratty Park resealed by Altsman Seal Coating at a cost of \$956.

Mr. Trombetta stated that he would like to have the Borough purchase two (2) more dog waste stations for placement at Gratty and John Lucaric Parks. He said that the Conway Women's Civic Club had purchased one for Buttermore Park and he has heard many positive comments about this and believes that it would be beneficial to have these at the other parks. The cost for each is \$199 with free shipping.

A motion was made by Trombetta seconded by DeDominicis and carried to purchase two (2) dog waste stations from Dog Waste Depot at a cost of \$199 each for placement at Gratty and John Lucaric Parks.

President Falk asked Mr. DeDominicis, who is the chairman of the Public Safety Committee, if he has heard anything from the Police Department pertaining to contract negotiations. He said that he has not as of today. He will contact Sergeant Sperduti tomorrow.

President Falk stated that there is a utility meeting with PennDOT regarding the SR65 project on Tuesday, July 13th at 11:00 am in the McDonalds parking lot in Baden. He asked Mr. Giles if he would be attending. He said that he was. Mr. Trombetto will try to make it also.

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 _____