

BOROUGH OF CONWAY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers, 801 First Avenue, Conway, Pennsylvania
March 17, 2021

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Falk presiding. The following members of Council and officials of the Borough were present: Mr. Doug Falk, Mr. John Antoline, Mr. Tim Antoline, Mr. Joe Bohach, Mr. Kris Hall, Mr. Scott Levenson, Mrs. Patty Then, Mayor Debbie Rose, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Kate Diersen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: - of the Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2020, were presented to Council. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Levenson, seconded by Mr. J. Antoline to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020, as presented was unanimously carried.**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Aaron Patrick of 359 11th Street
Dan & Doreen Byrne of 1201 15th Street

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, GRANTS & WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Then, a member of the Communications, Public Relations, Grants & Website Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the new website and domain procedures.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Then, Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

1. **List of Bills** - A list of expenditures for the time period of March 4, 2021 through March 17, 2021, in the amount of \$38,729.97 from the General Fund, and in the amount of \$327.60 from the Highway Aid Fund and \$9,902.73 from the Water & Sewer Fund were presented to Council for review. **After some review, the motion of Mrs. Then, seconded by Mr. Levenson to approve the List of Bills as presented was unanimously carried.**
2. **Draft Resolution No. 2021-01 – Schedule of Water & Sewer Service Charges** – There was some discussion and amendments made to the draft schedule of water and sewer charges that was presented to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mrs. Then to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 as amended was unanimously carried.**

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report

Mr. Jason Hoover was present to discuss the possibility of using the ballfield for children's disc golf and to hold a tournament at Gratty Park. There was some discussion regarding the groups who are already on the schedule for using the ballfield. Mr. Hoover was granted permission subject to filling out an application and providing a deposit and permission to use the backfield if needed.

There was some discussion regarding the Valley Rage asking for approval to paint the concession stand (which was granted), having the debris cleaned out of the dug-out area(s) by public works and having the port-a-johns re-installed for April 1, 2021.

PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: – Mr. Hall, Chairperson of the Planning, Zoning & Ordinance Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector – A draft agreement with Battaglia Home Inspections was presented to Council for review and a copy is ready to be forwarded to Mr. J. Battaglia for review.
2. Naugle Lot Consolidation – There was some discussion regarding a letter that the Borough Secretary had previously sent giving an outline of the steps that would need accomplished. The Borough Solicitor will review said letter and prepare a reply.
3. Water and Sewage Ordinance – There was discussion regarding a draft being forwarded to the Borough Solicitor for review. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 to finalize a draft ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: – No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: – Mr. T. Antoline, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

1. Hot Water Tank Estimate – A quote in the amount of \$920.00 was received from Economy Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. for a new hot water tank, accessories and installation. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. T. Antoline, seconded by Mr. T. Antoline to approve the Economy Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. quote to purchase/install a hot water tank as quoted was unanimously carried.**
2. Playground Mulch – Mr. Hall reviewed the quote received from Dragan's Landscaping for certified playground quality mulch, as well as, delivery of mulch and the use of a small bobcat to help move the mulch. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Bohach, seconded by Mr. Hall to approve the Dragan's Landscape quote to purchase of 45 yards of certified playground mulch in the amount of \$1,035.00 in May 2021 was unanimously carried.**

Mr. T. Antoline, advised Council that the fuel tanks need filled and that the Sewage Operator will be purchasing the yearly maintenance supplies.

Mayor Rose presented concerns regarding the generator malfunctioning during power surges and discussed shutting off the power to the building to see if the generator will restart and reset itself.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Report.

Mr. Falk presented Council with an update regarding the ADA Ramps and requested permission to have the Borough Engineer move forward with the designs. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. T. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Bohach to approve moving forward with the ADA Ramp designs was unanimously carried.**

Mr. Falk presented Council with an update on the 2021 Roadway Program regarding the add-on bid for Foote Street being useless due the street was chipped in 2020.

Mr. Falk presented Council with an update regarding Columbia Gas Line Replacement Project. There are some disagreements with some of the proposed engineering fees, so a meeting with engineers for both parties will be conducted to resolve the issue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Sheriff's Sale – 1201 3rd Avenue – was forwarded to the Borough Solicitor to be lienied for outstanding utilities.
2. PennEnergy Proposed B39 Well Pad (New Sewickley) – Dated 03/12/2021 – was received and filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Conway Recycling Program – Mrs. Then proposed establishing a Recycling Committee to help with educating the residents and businesses so that we can qualify for more grant monies. There was discussion regarding the cardboard bins and how the glass is being used as layering in the landfills. **After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to establish a Recycling Committee.**
2. PennDOT - Crows Run Road Update – PennDOT was contacted regarding the removal of their construction items used for Crows Run Road and they stated that the items would be removed.
3. Route 65 Corridor Study Update – PennDOT is funding Route 65 and Route 51 corridor studies for the purpose of beautification and safer conditions.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Dan Byrnes stated that the Fire Truck has been sold for \$2,900.00, Engine 492 has been repaired and a check will be submitted to the Borough as agreed. The pad for Engine 491 has metal sticking out and needs fixed (approx. 10x20) and possibly get sidewalks for 4th and 11th Streets. It was determined that a quote for all of the work needed needs to be acquired and submitted to Council for review.

Mayor Rose presented concerns regarding the sidewalk along the “S” bend on the hill being unlevel. There was discussion regarding who is responsible for the curbs along Conway Wallrose Road which is a state road.

Mr. Dan Byrnes stated that the parking area in front of the fire hall was to be paved years ago but wasn't and asked if some of the millings from the 2021 Roadway Program could be used for this area. There was discussion regarding the reason it wasn't paved, using the millings is fine if the contractor agrees and that using 2A gravel maybe better than millings.

There was some discussion regarding the Public Works Department doing small sections of roadways. It was determined that our backhoe is in bad shape and there wasn't enough funding for equipment use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Falk requested Council go into Executive Session regarding a potential litigation matter at 8:15 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. T. Antoline.

On the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. T. Antoline to reconvene at 8:55 p.m. was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. J. Antoline to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Doug Falk
President of Council

Motion(s) made and/or Council consensus decision(s):

1. Approve the Minutes of November 18, 2020.
2. Approve the List of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-01.
4. Approve the quote to purchase/install a new hot water tank.
5. Approve the quote to purchase certified playground mulch.
6. Approve moving forward with ADA Ramp designs.
7. Consensus to establish a Recycling Committee.