

BOROUGH OF CONWAY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers, 801 First Avenue, Conway, Pennsylvania
April 20, 2022

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. Scott Levenson, Mr. Aaron Patrick, Mrs. Patty Then, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Kate Diersen and Borough Engineer Emile Ketterer.

ABSENT - Mayor Debbie Rose

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Earl Conner of 1633 2nd Avenue
Amber Tavern of 1225 5th Avenue
Doreen Byrne of 1201 15th Street
Karen Bozza of 1409 Miller Street
Wil and Caleb Falk of 1512 Porter
Janice and Brent Rizzo of 1109 Sampson Street
Brittany Vogt of 1320 Sampson Street
Rick Capone of Baden, PA
Rhonda J. Grant of Midland, PA
Ray Andreno

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 April 7, 2022 through April 20, 2022, in the amount of \$12,717.64 from the General Fund, expenditures in the amount of \$2,319.73 from the Liquid Fuels Fund and expenditures in the amount of \$70,074.32 from the Water & Sewer Fund were presented to Council for review. **After some review, the motion by Mrs. Then, seconded by Mr. Levenson to approve the List of Bills as presented was unanimously carried.**
2. Budget Reports – These reports were ordered received and filed.
3. Treasurer’s Report – This report was ordered received and filed.
4. Mockenhaupt Benefits Group Inv. 2022-03802 – This invoice will be paid directly from the pension plan.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report.

There was discussion regarding the water being turned on for Valley Rage and the hot water tank not working.

PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: – No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report.

Mr. J. Antoline stated that the Police Chief has made a recommendation to hire two (2) part time officers. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Bohach to hire two (2) part-time officers was unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS 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. **Catherine Drive – Lift Station Pump** – There was discussion regarding the Air Relief Valves needing replaced, Ambridge Water Authority being the backup water supply, Beaver Falls Municipal Authority will be changing the meter at the same time and the need for a SWIF alert to be send to residents. **After some review, the motion of Mr. T. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Levenson to approve the replacement of the Air Relief Valve and move forward with the changing of the meter was unanimously carried.**

There was discussion regarding a broken window and the repairs needed at 1208 3rd Avenue.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Rose presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s):

1. **Police Report** – After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.
2. **Police Regionalization Update** – Discussions are moving forward with the four (4) interested municipalities.
3. **Arnaldo F. “Ron” Bozza Memorial Bench** – Rome Monuments will be doing the engraving and picture insert to the bench for Mr. Bozza. Council has already approved the expense up to \$1,800.00.

Mayor Rose reclaimed Community Days due to a lack in volunteers.

The Borough Secretary has mailed the letters for Memorial Day and Mayor Rose will be doing follow-ups.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

1. **Conway/Baden Municipal Authority Sanitary Sewage Interconnect** – A letter, dated April 19, 2022, was received from Mr. David P. Trzcianka, Chairman of the Baden Municipal Authority.

There was discussion regarding which roads will be placed on the bids for the 2022 Roadway Paving Program. **After some discussion, it was the consensus to bid the roads not completed from the 2021 Roadway Paving Program.**

There was discussion regarding the 11th Street Water Line Household Surveys not reaching the percentage need to be eligible for the award of the CBDG. It was recommended to begin the process earlier to permit more help.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **LSA Grant Support Letter – Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.** – Mr. Levenson updated Council of the meetings that have been held. Mayor Rose thanked Mr. Levenson, Mr. Falk, Mrs. Then and Mr. T. Antoline for all the time and hard work that they put into the six (6) LSA Grant Applications.
2. **Norfolk Southern Railyard Sample Analysis Report (Dated 04/05/2022)** – This was ordered received and filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Borough Copiers – No update at this time.
2. Ground Lease w/Conway Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) – Mr. Falk stated that this has been an ongoing matter and that he believes that an agreement has been reached after discussions from the last meeting with the CVFD. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. T. Antoline, seconded by Mr. J. Antoline to accept the last revised draft lease with the CVFD was unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Emergency Management Operations (EMO) Plan Promulgation – **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Levenson to accept the EMO Plan Promulgation was unanimously carried.**
2. Resolution No. 2022-07 – Emergency Management Operation Plan Adoption – A Resolution adopting the Emergency Management Operation Plan was submitted to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Levenson to adopt Resolution No. 2022-07 was unanimously carried.**
3. MuniLink Quote – Assistant Secretary Training – **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Levenson, seconded by Mr. Patrick to approve the quote received for that Assistant Secretary training on the water and sewer software was unanimously carried.**
4. Beaver County Regional COG 2022 Summer and Winter Commodities Bid Tabulation – The Borough Secretary reviewed the bid tabulation results for the products that was bid on. **After some discussion and review, the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Bohach to accept the bid tabulation and execute the agreements for such was unanimously carried.**
5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update (Resolution No. 2022-08) – A Resolution electing the “Treasury Exemption” to determine the amount of lost public sector revenue, as provided for in the U.S. Department of Treasury Final Rule, for State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and further authorizing the Borough Secretary to report this one-time decision to the Treasury Department as part of the required April 2022 Project and Expenditure Report was submitted to Council for review. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Levenson to adopt Resolution No. 2022-08 was unanimously carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Bozza was present to express concerns regarding parking on Hiland Avenue, charging utilities to the fire department, contracted grass cutting, why the moving of the fire truck and the letter sent to abutting fire departments.

Mr. Harry Gilarno (not signed in) was present to express concerns regarding the letter to outsource services and discussed a fire tax based on assessments.

Mr. Mike Crispeno (not signed in) inquired if the letter to remove Engine 491 from 1208 3rd Avenue still stands. This will be discussed with the Public Safety Committee and the fire department.

Mr. Capone was present to express concerns regarding the moving of the fire truck.

Ms. Tavern was present and stated that she did not know about the lease agreement, but as a taxpayer she would rather pay more for equipment and training than the up keep of the hall.

Mr. Andrino was present to express concerns regarding insurance on the buildings and the fire department being reimbursed for any disasters that could happen.

Mr. Dan Byrnes (not signed in) was present and discussed insurance for the rescue truck and the \$27,000.00 the fire department has put into the hall renovations that was not taxpayers' money.

Mr. Denny Falk was present and inquired about the underground repairs.

Mr. Falk addressed the concerns regarding the letter sent to neighboring fire departments. This letter was sent as a proactive stance due to the legality of the Borough being responsible for emergency services in the event that the fire department would close without the instruction of the Borough. Mr. T. Antoline stated that changes have been made to help eliminate the he said/she said issues by having one Public Safety Committee Member and one fire department member to discuss matters. Mr. T. Antoline also stated that residents should look over the Beaver County ARPA funding available and how it was distributed to municipalities within the county.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Levenson, seconded by Mr. Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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 List of Bills
2. Approval to hire two (2) Part-time Police Officers
3. Approval Replacement of Air Relief Valve & move forward with the Meter Change
4. Consensus to bid 2022 Roadway Project
5. Accept latest revised draft lease with the CVFD
6. Accept EMO Plan Promulgation
7. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-07
8. Accept 2022 BCRCOG Summer & Winter Commodities Bid Tabulation
9. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-08