

BOROUGH OF CONWAY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers, 801 First Avenue, Conway, Pennsylvania
October 18, 2023

MEETING was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Mr. Tim Antoline presiding. The following members of Council and officials of the Borough were present: Mr. Tim Antoline, Mr. John Antoline, Mr. Joe Bohach, Mrs. Jocelyn Hertneky, Mr. Mark Hertneky, Mr. Scott Levenson, Mrs. Patty Then, Mayor Debbie Rose, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, Borough Solicitor Kate Diersen and Borough Engineer Emile Ketterer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTATION: Council held an Executive Session at 6 p.m. for a personnel matter.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Then, Chairperson of the Administration & Public Relations Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

Full-time Public Works Vacancy – There was some discussion regarding the hiring of a Public Works Supervisor or a Public Works Laborer. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Bohach to offer the position of Public Works Laborer to Nathan Welton was made.** A roll call vote was taken of the members of Council present. **The motion passed after receiving five (5) affirmative votes of all members of Council present with the exception of Mr. Hertneky and Mrs. Hertneky who abstained.**

Mr. J. Antoline – Yes	Mr. T. Antoline – Yes	Mr. Bohach – Yes	
Mrs. Hertneky – Abstained	Mr. Hertneky – Abstained	Mr. Levenson – Yes	Mrs. Then – Yes

FINANCE & GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Levenson, Chairperson of the Finance and Grants Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

1. List of Bills - A list of expenditures for the time period of October 5, 2023, through October 18, 2023, in the amount of \$90,956.02 from the General Fund, expenditures in the amount of \$390.23 from the Liquid Fuels Fund and expenditures in the amount of \$16,273.62 from the Water & Sewer Fund were presented to Council for review. **After some review, the motion of Mr. Levenson, seconded by Mrs. Then to approve the List of Bills as presented was unanimously carried.**
2. Budget Reports – These reports were ordered received and filed.
3. Treasurer Report – This report was ordered received and filed.
4. CD Rates – This matter was tabled until the next regular scheduled meeting of Council.
5. Secretary Bond – The Borough Secretary reviewed the bond quotes received. **After some discussion, it was the consensus to authorize the secretary bond from H. A. Thompson.**
6. Budget Meeting Date – A meeting was scheduled for October 24, 2023, to work on the 2024 Draft Budget.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report.

PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report.

Mr. J. Antoline stated that a new chlorinator pump would be purchased, and the old pump would be repaired.

Valley Rage will be using the field(s) on October 29, 2023, and the yearly winterizing will be on November 6, 2023.

There was some discussion regarding the sink hole being repaired and the need to replace the drains at the Gross fields near Birchwood Falls with a 12-inch or bigger drain. The Borough Engineer stated that televising the line will show any low spots.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

Mayor Rose presented Council with updates regarding the Warming Station for residents without heat.

BVRPD REPORTS: Mayor Rose presented Council with updates regarding Rochester Township joining the BVRPD and that further discussion with Hope Learning is needed for the two (2) rooms on the first floor. There was discussion regarding whether Council wishes to receive monthly police reports and it was determined that every six (6) months or yearly would work since the reports are online monthly.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Report.

The Borough Engineer provided an update regarding the paving by Columbia Gas and some minor items that need completed.

The Borough Engineer reported that the 11th Street Waterline Replacement Project bid documents are being reviewed and will be ready to be distributed soon. The intent is to be under contract before December 23, 2023, in order to satisfy the grant.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report.

The Borough Solicitor stated that she has reached out to the Conway-Baden Sewage Interconnect Solicitor to set up a meeting but has not heard back from them as of yet. The Borough Engineer stated that she has not had any contract from the Conway-Baden Sewage Interconnect Engineer and that the letter received has a contingency cost for materials which is a variable.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Harshman CE Group, LLC-Monthly Report - This document was ordered received and filed.
2. Philadelphia Insurance Claim Decision-200 11th Street – The insurance company denies any responsibility.
3. Norfolk Southern Railyard Co. Sample Analysis Report-Dated 10/03/2023 – This document was ordered received and filed.
4. Re-Grand Opening of Walmart of November 2, 2023 – This document was ordered received and filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Conway-Baden Sewage Interconnect Cost Estimate Letter – The letter reviewed the estimated cost increase from 2020 to 2023.
2. Conway Water System Consolidation – No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senate Bill 191 and House Bill 1128 – Mrs. Hertneky provided a review of the documents asking municipalities to write a letter of support to their Representatives. **After some review, it was the consensus of Council to send a letters of support for Senate Bill 191 and House Bill 1128 to our Representatives.**

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Michael Crispeno, not signed in, inquired if the Council Meetings and Budget Meetings have been advertised. Mr. T. Antoline stated that these meetings are advertised at the beginning of year. Mr. Crispeno also asked if the Emergency Council Meeting was advertised. Mr. T. Antoline stated that the meeting was posted on the municipal building door, on the website and on the Facebook page.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. T. Antoline requested Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel a matter at 7:46 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Bohach, seconded by Mr. J. Antoline.

On the motion of Mr. J. Antoline, seconded by Mr. Bohach to reconvene at 8:24 p.m. was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the motion of Mrs. Hertneky, seconded by Mr. Levenson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Timothy Antoline
President of Council

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

1. Motion to offer Nathan Welton the position of PW Laborer
2. Approve the List of Bills
3. Consensus authorizing the secretary bond from H.A. Thompson
4. Consensus to send letters of support for Senate Bill 191 and House Bill 1128