

BOROUGH OF CONWAY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers, 801 First Avenue, Conway, Pennsylvania
December 4, 2024

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Scott Levenson presiding. The following members of Council and officials of the Borough were present: Mr. Scott Levenson, Mr. Joe Bohach, Mrs. Jocelyn Hertneky, Mr. Mark Hertneky, Mrs. Patty Then, and Borough Secretary Margie Nelko.

ABSENT: Mr. John Antoline
Mr. Tim Antoline
Mayor Debbie Rose

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda Items) - None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Chris Then
Victoria Smith

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

1. UPMC Healthcare Policy Renewal - There was discussion regarding the increase in rates, the number of participants and the difference between available policies. **After some discussion, the motion of Mrs. Hertneky, seconded by Mrs. Then to approve the UPMC 2025-Gold PPO policy was unanimously carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Hertneky, Chairperson of the Community Development Committee, presented Council with updates regarding the following issue(s).

1. Zoning Discussion-1100 Hiland Avenue – There was some discussion regarding zoning concerns for 1100 Hiland Avenue which included lots and setbacks. This matter was postponed until the matter can be reviewed with the Borough Solicitor.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Fire Department Bay Concrete Replacement Discussion – There was some discussion regarding the two (2) bids received for the replacement of concrete at the fire department. This matter was postponed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 2024-10 – A Resolution appointing the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee Voting Delegate was presented to Council for review. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Hertneky, seconded by Mrs. Then to approve the Borough Secretary as the Primary Voting Delegate and Lori Bohach as the Alternate Voting Delegate was unanimously approved.**
2. Resolution 2024-11 – A Resolution electing to secure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN), in the amount of \$100,000.00 was presented to Council for consideration. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Hertneky, seconded by Mrs. Hertneky to adopt Resolution No. 2024-11 was unanimously carried.**

3. Resolution 2024-12 – A Resolution authorizing a ten (10%) percent Sewer Rate increase beginning the first quarter of 2025 was presented to Council for review. **After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Bohach, seconded by Mrs. Then to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12 was unanimously carried.**
4. Resolution No. 2024-13 – A Resolution authorizing a four (4%) percent Water Rate increase beginning the first quarter of 2025 was presented to Council for review. **After some discussion, the motion of Mrs. Then, seconded by Mr. Hertneky to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 was unanimously carried.**
5. Resolution No. 2024-14 - A Resolution establishing the Tax Rate of 3.96 mills for the year 2025 was presented to Council for review. **After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Then, seconded by Mr. Hertneky to adopt Resolution No. 2024-14 was unanimously carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chris Then asked questions regarding the proposed concrete replacement(s) for the fire department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Levenson requested Council go into Executive Session regarding a potential litigation matter at 7:48 p.m., as per the motion of Mr. Hertneky, seconded by Mrs. Then. Council requested the Borough Secretary to attend the Executive Session.

On the motion of Mr. Hertneky, seconded by Mrs. Then to reconvene at 8:16 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Upon re-entering the public meeting, the following item(s) were reviewed:

1. CVFD Recent Developments – **After some review, the motion of Mr. Hertneky, seconded by Mrs. Then to authorize the Borough Solicitor to send the CVFD a letter outlining Council’s concerns regarding recent development(s) was unanimously carried.** There was some discussion in regard to approaching other fire departments to inquire about interest in taking over emergency services due to recent resignations.

There being no further business, the motion of Mrs. Hertneky, seconded by Mr. Bohach to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Scott Levenson
President of Council

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

1. Approval of UPMC 2025 Gold PPO Policy
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-10 BCTCC Voting Delegate
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-11 2025 TAN Approval
4. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-12 2025 Sewage Rates
5. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 2025 Water Rates
6. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-14 2025 Real Estate Tax Rate
7. Authorize a letter to CVFD

