

## **WORKSHOP MEETING –February 3, 2010**

The Town Council of the Borough of Conway met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fire Department Banquet Hall, South Gross Street, for the purpose of transacting General Business. Vice-President Sobolosky presided and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT** – B. Gilmore, R. Pribulsky, R. Senock, A. Sobolosky,  
P. Then, Mayor Rose, Fire Chief Charlovich,  
Engineer-Ray Antonelli, Jr.,  
EMA Coordinator-Bob Skocich  
**ABSENT** - S. Levenson, G. Ritorto,  
Maint. Department - Brian Giles

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** *Ray Antonelli, Jr.-NIRA Engineers, Inc.*

The Engineer stated that the Borough still owes Mortimer's \$29,920.56 as payment for the CDBG project, Roosevelt Street Water Line replacement. He reminded Council that the County only pays up to \$50,000.00 per project, the cost of this project exceeded it by that amount and they had approved doing the project with the Borough funding the difference.

-A complete copy of the Engineer’s Report will appear at the end of the minutes.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:** *Brian Giles, Supervisor*

Mr. Giles was absent from the meeting. Mr. Sobolosky reported that the department has been busy with changing out water meters and other routine maintenance procedures.

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

Fire Chief Charlovich read his report. A copy is on file at the Secretary's Office.

He also informed Council that they have parked a couple of cars at the end of the Fire Hall parking lot. They are going to use these cars to train on extraction rescues. Mr. Gilmore asked the Chief to let him know when this will be so he can bring his Boy Scout Troop up to observe.

**EMA COORDINATOR’S REPORT:** *Robert Skocich*

Mr. Skocich had nothing to report.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

-Mr. Gilmore reviewed the bills. He stated that they were fine and could be placed on the Regular Meeting's Agenda for approval.

-A discussion was held on applying for CDBG funds. The Engineer suggested getting income surveys for Center Street, from 11th Street to Porter Street. He said that this is where there was a water break recently and the water line was found to be located only two feet beneath the surface. He said that if it qualified it would be a good project to do. Council agreed and asked the Secretary to get income surveys done on this road to see if it qualifies as a project that they can submit to CDBG.

Mr. Sobolosky informed Council and the Engineer that he and Sheryl had attended a meeting on Monday with the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority. He said the meeting was attended by representatives from all the communities who purchase water from the authority. He said that they all have a problem with TTHM exceedences. He noted that the authority would be changing their method of chlorination. They are going to begin using chloramine instead of chlorine. This should help bring the TTHM level down. They also said that increased flushing of the system, especially the dead ends, would also help bring the TTHM level down. Ms. Rose asked how long that they thought it would take. Mr. Sobolosky stated that they have just begun making changes to the plant and the system. He said that it would be a lengthy process. Ms. Rose asked if they said anything about reimbursing the communities for the money they have to spend to send out violation notices. He said that this was not even discussed and he assumed that they would not do this since they would have to reimburse all the communities. He addressed the Engineer and said that they had said mixing in the water tank may aid in reducing the TTHM level. The Engineer did not like this idea and asked that Council allow for testing of the water in the tank before this would be done. A discussion about the water tank at the shopping center took place. The Engineer did not think that this was in use. He suggested contacting the shopping center and asking them to remove it.

-Mr. Gilmore suggested having Committee Meetings on the night of the Workshop Meeting instead of the Workshop Meeting. Mayor Rose felt that this was not a good idea. He just asked Council to keep this idea in their mind for the future.

-The Secretary explained that she received an email from Representative Altmire's Office regarding appropriation requests. She said that this was just a request for money for a certain project to be considered for funding for next year. Council agreed that it would not hurt to submit a request. They decided that they should put in for a new Municipal Building and felt that they could place it under the Homeland Security request.

-A letter of resignation from the Recreation Committee was received by Ms. Then.

A motion was made by Pribulsky seconded by Gilmore and carried to accept the resignation of Cindy Forsythe from the Recreation Committee.

Ms. Then passed out copies of a letter of interest she received from Stephanie Gilmore for the Recreation Committee.

A motion was made by Then seconded by Senock and carried to appoint Stephanie Gilmore to the vacant Recreation Committee seat.

-The Secretary read the resignation letter of Greg Ritorto from Council.

A motion was made by Pribulsky seconded by Then and carried to accept the resignation of Greg Ritorto from Council.

**Discussion:** Mr. Gilmore stated that Council still has two letters of interest from residents who would like to be appointed to Council. The Secretary stated that this should be placed in the paper to notify all the residents of this vacant seat. Council asked her to do this. Mayor Rose also asked the Secretary to write Mr. Ritorto a letter thanking him for all his years of service.

A motion was made by Gilmore seconded by Pribulsky and carried to adopt the year 2010 Annual Budget being General Fund of \$1,018,100.00 and Water & Sewer Fund of \$1,053,075.00.

-After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Senock seconded by Gilmore and carried to accept the proposal from Free-Col Laboratories, as recommended by NIRA Consulting Engineers, for 2010 sampling and analysis for the Industrial Pretreatment Program at an estimated cost of \$8,865.00.

-Mayor Rose commented that the computers and server are in and we are waiting for the completion of the wiring and the shelving. Mr. Sobolosky said that he will be doing this tomorrow. Ms. Rose said that they had spoken with a gentleman who could do this work for under \$400.00. She stated to Mr. Sobolosky that all of Council knows you donate way too much. She said that they understand if he is busy and can not do this project. He said that it is already set up. He will be there tomorrow morning. Ms. Rose thanked him in advance for doing this project.

Mayor Rose asked Mr. Gilmore how the Fire Department Roof Grant is coming along. He said that it should be put out for bid within the month. He said that he had his structural Engineer look at the building and he said that a pitched roof would be okay to put on. He said that the plans needed to be finished.

Mr. Bozza informed Council that the Civil Service By-laws need to be updated.

A motion was made by Senock seconded by Then and carried to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. McKay  
Borough Secretary

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**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_