

August 8, 2011 – Minutes West Wyoming Borough Council Meeting

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Eileen Cipriani.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Gustave and the following were in attendance: Daniel Gadowski, Gary Stavish, Geno Leoni, Eileen Cipriani, Daniel Grescavage, Gil Atherholt, Leonard Tarreto, Solicitor Lukesh, Treasurer Jo Ann Desanto, and Secretary Gustave. Excused were Mayor Herbert and Engineer Amato.

Councilwoman Cipriani thanked our fire department and street department for their fine efforts this past week. There were two rain events including Saturday night when we received over two inches of rain. That level of rain overwhelmed our drainage systems in town on Third Street, Fourth Street, the sewer pump along Fourth street and Shoemaker Ave. on the back road, and both Washington and Lincoln Streets. The fire and street departments pumped in multiple locations. They did a fine job protecting all properties.

Our Little League in town our nine and ten year old girls, playing under the title Greater Wyoming Area, which is Wyoming, West Wyoming, and Exeter, won the state tournament and finished third in the region. I believe they lost to Rhode Island. This was quite an accomplishment for the young ladies. We are very proud of them.

Minutes of the previous meeting was approved by Councilman Stavish and second by Councilman Leoni. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Minutes are posted at our web site [www.west.wyoming.org](http://www.west.wyoming.org).

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Personnel and Recreation : Gary Stavish – routine business at this time.

Public Facilities: Geno Leoni – First this is for Tom Roccograndi, the entrance to Knob Hill, the triangle in front is not being maintained by the property owner. Ray Gustave will address the question, if the property is owned by the borough. There is also a dumpster there that is filled and should be looked at. We had a incident on West Sperling Street . There was a large truck parked there and had been there for a while. It obstructed the view of cars coming either way. The Chief of Police went there and nothing could be done because there are signs that say parking is allowed on the side of the street that truck was parked on. A recommendation was made that not only West and East Sperling but all of our roads be posted that there be local deliveries only. Councilwoman Cipriani suggested that our solicitor look into this. Leoni also stated that our cruiser needed repair so it was done and it was run for a few months and now it needs a new transmission. Now we have to decide what to do with it. The

cruiser is out of service. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that the council as a whole can make a decision . It has been brought to the attention of councilman Leoni that in our parks that dogs are being walked in them but not cleaning up behind them. We had signs up but they were taken down. Signs will be put back up in the parks. Question about the salt shed. Councilwoman stated when the contractor is in town putting macadam down he will also put the macadam in the salt shed.

Community Development – Daniel Grescavage Additional funds have been approved by DEP that includes additional repairs to Abrams Creek Concrete Channel , from the borough building down stream. I would like to thank the residences on Eight St., Carolina Ave., Florida Ave. along with DEP, JPS Construction, and council for cutting through their yards to make the repairs. To follow up on what Councilman Leoni said about the dogs. Please use a pooper scooper or any other means when walking your dogs, in the parks or on the streets of West Wyoming. If any one does not comply with this they will be cited, also there is no smoking allowed in the parks, because young lungs are at play. As of July 29 of this year 26 permits were taken out

Public Safety: Gil Atherholt – No report from the fire chief. I would also like to thank the fire company for their efforts over the weekend. A stop sign is needed at the end of Washington where you make a right onto Lackawanna Ave. Cipriani stated in order to put a stop sign we would have to ordinance it, so we will have to put together an ordinance and put it on the table for September.

Health & Sanitation: Leonard Tarreto – On sanitation we have one water shut off this year and 44 residences that still owe \$41,486.00, It has come down from \$180,000.00. People are on the payment plan and they are doing what they have to do. Yard waste is going very well, same with the trash collection, three bags. On the recyclables, a lot of people are doing the recycling but we still need more, especially all the paper. Paper products are the big thing and the cardboard is also. Please make sure all the boxes are broken down before they are put in the bins. Street sweeper will be borrowed from Wyoming, we should have that in 2 weeks. Tub Grinder, we have a grant for \$400,000.00, passed by West Wyoming, Exeter and Kingston. We are waiting for Jackson Township to come on board. Hopefully Wyoming will come on board also. A moment of silence was taken for all of our troops especially those who gave their lives this past week.

Treasurer’s Report – Daniel Gadomski: For the month of August

	<u>08/08/11</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
112.000 · LUZERNE BANK - SETTLEMENTS	413.64	Luzerne	185,722.99
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	64,840.61	PLGIT	69,572.22
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>120,468.74</u>	PNC	472,581.99
105.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	7,143.92		
107.000 · CASH-PLIGIT GENERAL	15,669.28		727,877.20

<b>108.000 · PLGIT - GROW GREENER</b>	239.44
<b>100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING</b>	125,042.55
<b>110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE</b>	7,049.66
<b>115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE</b>	68,910.43

*Highway Aid Fund*

<b>35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT</b>	<u>46,519.58</u>
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*Sewer Fund*

<b>08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG</b>	<u>271,579.35</u>
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Motion by Gadomski to accept the treasure’s report, second by Tarreto, voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadomski to pay all outstanding bills approved by the Finance Committee, second by Grescavage, voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Cipriani – Under Grants – Last council meeting on July 11 we opened bids for the Abrams Creek Stream Bank Stabilization. At that time we tentatively approved a bid from A R Popple which was the lowest bid. We approved that contingent on a complete background check on clearance for A R Popple. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has advised us that we are not to give contract or sub contractor rights to A R Popple due to outstanding payment owed to the Department of Revenue. At this time if someone would make a motion to rescind the bid award to A R Popple. A motion by councilman Grescavage, second by Councilman Leoni. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. At this time the second lowest bidder was Adam Enterprises with a total base bid of \$138,869.50. Motion by Councilman Leoni, second by Councilman Grescavage to award the contract to Adam Enterprises. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was asked for by Cipriani pursuant to the borough code section 1,201 part 4 the borough of West Wyoming wishes to sell the triangle piece of property on the eastern side of the property located across the street from the borough hall. The sum of this transaction is \$1450.00 to the adjacent property owner. The value of the property has been confirmed by certified appraiser Alan Rosan. Motion by Councilman Tarreto, second by Councilman Stavish, voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Participation:

Marty Harring, Shoemaker Ave. Why was the street not blocked when there was a parade? Street in question was Shoemaker Ave. Mr. Harring stated he went out into the street for the candy that was thrown for his 8 year old grandson and the boy yelled so he would watch because cars were coming.

Councilwoman Cipriani stated that this was the first she heard this and it will be looked into so it does not happen next year. A discussion followed. Another question from Mr. Harring: When are the storm drains going to be cleaned. There has been a lot of discussion about this and Shoemaker Ave. is a state road. Council is trying to fix the problem.

Dianna Farrel: First of all thanks to the fire department. They were at her house until two o'clock in the morning with pumps to pump out her basement. They did a tremendous job. Thanks to all of the neighbors that helped.

Resident of Gregory Street A while back I asked if a one way sign could be placed on Gregory Street, because it is so narrow. Some large trucks have been going through and now my sidewalk is broken. I do not believe that it is my sidewalk because I do not think my property goes out to the street. Now the side walk is broken and heaved and if some children riding a bike on the walk they could have an

accident. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that a study will be done on that street. A discussion followed. Councilman Atherholt will call the chief of police and have him look into the situation.

Wayne Miller: Corner of Butler and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. A lot of water goes through yard down the drive way and out my garage. It has been happening for several years now. I need something to be done. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that Mr. Amato will check it out.

Frank Perfinski : English Street President of the Wyoming –West Wyoming Seniors. Recently we had our picnic at Daley Park. We used the pavilion and the rest rooms. They were very comfortable and clean, however when it rains the pavilion is flooded with about an inch of water. I did not know if council was aware of that. The water situation is bad there. Also, I spoke to the rec. board about the baseball teams using the facilities. The kids are sitting on the tables and their spikes are on the seats. I suggested that a sign be put up stating that the kids sit on the seats with their cleats on the concrete. Councilwoman suggested that the rec. board write a letter to the high school and little league to advise their coaches that it is our property and they need to treat it as such.

Rick Humphry. : Just to reiterate about the parade, was there just one or more vehicles that came through when the parade was going on? Answer: There were a line of vehicles. If there was a lot of traffic coming out of some of the side streets heading south, that might have happened. We will look into it and see what can be done. On a personal note and on a note from the fire department, I want to thank all of those from council that was able to participate, I know there were a few that were on vacation and things like that and it is understandable. We had a great evening. Hope we will get a few of the problems solved because next year we actually trying for two days bazaar. This year was the tell tale weather we were going to continue. If we get the support that we have been getting it shows the people in town really want to have it. Next year we will be trying for a two day bazaar and asking for every ones support . Thank you . Great job.

Councilman Grescavage: A question for Mr. Humphry What was the final count on what the hose house made? Mr. Humphry: I could give you a gross dollar. We grossed a little over \$12,000.00. It was a good night, we do not have the final tally after all of the vendors are paid, but by the next meeting I hope to have that for you.

Grescavage: When does Adams construction plan on working on the catch basin? Cipriani: We are going to notify them on Tuesday and it will take about 2 weeks for them to get their bonding order. We need to know so it will not interfere with the work that is being done. Grescavage will find out.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Grescavage, second by Gadomski, voice vote all in favor, motion carried.