

June 13 th Minutes 2011

The monthly meeting of West Wyoming Borough was brought to order. Pledge to the flag and roll call was taken. Present were: Councilman Gadomski, Councilwoman Cipriani, Councilman Grescavage, Councilman Atherholt, Councilman Tarreto, Councilman Stavish, Mayor Herbert, Engineer Mike Amato. Excused: Gino Leoni.

The minutes of our previous meeting was accepted by Stavish, seconded by Tarreto. Minutes are posted at our web site [www.westwyoming.org](http://www.westwyoming.org). and there are copies posted on the wall .

Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance: Councilman Gadomski In the absence of our Treasurer read the financial report.

**Checking/Savings**

**LUZERNE BANK**

112.000 · LUZERNE BANK - SETTLEMENTS	413.64
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	71,660.69
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>133,132.16</u>
105.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	8,016.62
107.000 · CASH-PLIGIT GENERAL	2,966.77
108.000 · PLGIT - GROW GREENER	16,014.27
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	128,669.01
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	7,049.66
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	77,240.29

***Highway Aid Fund***

35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>48,575.80</u>
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***Sewer Fund***

08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>264,073.20</u>
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Gadomski made a motion to accept the treasurer report as read, seconded by Atherholt . Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Gadomski to pay all outstanding bills that are approved by

the finance committee. Seconded Stavish. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried

A motion by Gadomski to hire Bookkeeping Associates at the rate of \$18 hundred a year for payroll services. Seconded Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel and Recreation - Councilman Stavish – A letter of resignation from Donna Magni . I respectfully submit my resignation as payroll manager for the Borough of West Wyoming, effective after the second quarter of the payroll reports but no later than July 31, 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the council members of West Wyoming who hired me for this post. It has been instrumental in securing me for a full time accounting position and I am most grateful. My deepest regards to the council members and to the others at West Wyoming Borough who welcomed me and made the transmission home from my time in New York a smooth and graceful one. You are all in my daily prayers Thank you for everything. Signed Donna Magni As was brought up Bookkeeping Associates will be working with us in the transition. A Motion b Stavish to accept Donna Magni resignation. Second Taretto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion by Stavish to release the budget of \$1,000.00 to the recreation board. Second Gadomski. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion by Stavish to appoint a new member to the recreation board, Danielle Adler. Second Gadomski.

Public Facilities – Councilman Leoni – In his absence councilman Stavish and Atherholt gave this report. Work is progressing at the Public Rest Room facility, as soon as the plumbing is completed it should be completed.

Community Development – Councilman Grescavage – A motion by Grescavage to accept the amended UCC Building Code Ordinance. Second Tarreto. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion by Grescavage to put on the table for 30 days an ordinance to repeal the West Wyoming Borough Flood Plain Ordinance. Second Tarreto. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion Carried

Councilwoman Cipriani noted that since we are now under the Zoning from Luzerne County and we are no longer administrating our own zoning we will fall under their flood plain ordinance so we no longer will have one.

Grescavage stated that our code enforcement officer Tom Roccograndi reports that he is working on all of the complaints of high grass and abandoned cars. There has been a lot of complaints and Mr. Roccograndi is working on all of them.

Grescavage would like to thank all of the residences that live along the concrete channel that cooperated with us on the last inspection.

Grescavage stated that there is going to be a project started next week in town from the Borough Building up to the catch basin on Abrams creek. The DEP will be doing a lot of work and the job should end in mid October.

Public Safety – Councilman Atherholt A report from the fire department. They responded to 3 engine company assists, 2 motor vehicle collisions, 1 rescue, and 1 investigation. Just a note Fire Companies, Ambulance, Fire police are all looking for help. If anyone would care to volunteer their services, Equipment and training is free, please call 693-3660. Hose Company #1 will have their annual bazaar July 30 at the firehouse grounds at Shoemaker Ave. Come out and support the fire company. Mosquito's have been a real pest, please keep grass cut and weeds down, get rid of all standing water. Bears have been seen in the area. If one is seen stay away and call police. Do not approach them just stay away.

Health & Sanitation – Councilman Tarreto Tarreto stated that garbage that is picked up is always 3 – 39 gallon bags or 40 gallon drums, make sure we stay at that. Yard waste is not to exceed no more than 40 pounds, when it is over the men have a hard time lifting them. The compost site will be open on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. It is important to recycle in order to keep our garbage fees down. The next meeting with the Compost commission is next Thursday at 7 PM. The forth street pumping station, Mike Amato is looking into that. Mike stated that it is just a inconvenience with the door sticking. We will keep an eye on that. Do not flush all kind of wipes. Such as baby wipes, sanitary wipes, furniture wipe and such. Please do not flush those kind of things because they block up the lines and pumps. When those lines block the sewer can back up and can fill up the basement. Sewers: 44 property owners were notified this week of water termination, for not paying their sewer bills. By July 13 their water will be terminated. 75% of the fee must be paid so their water is not terminated. A total of \$68,437.00 is owed for the sewer bill.

Councilman Atherholt asked Officer Slatcoff to stand up. Atherholt stated that officer Slatcoff was awarded a certificate of training for a successful completion by the Bureau of Training & Education from the Pennsylvania State Police. All congratulated Officer Jason Slatcoff.

Councilwoman Cipriani on our grants program. We have a number of them going on right now. As councilman Grescavage alluded to earlier the project with the channel, it is not technically a grant but we have been awarded \$169,000.00 for that project to upgrade the channel and seal the cracks, and replace fencing that has been damaged. That is the first phase and we are hoping that the state in a few years continue with the rest of the channel. We also put out for bid today the \$357,000.00 project to take care of all of erosion that we have up stream not protected by the concrete channel. That project will be taken up shortly. Engineer Amato, Solicitor Lukesh, and Councilwoman Cipriani have been working hard to finish our Penn Vest Application. We received a principal forgiveness loan from Penn Vest which is just a grant. This is free money which is \$216,000.00. We are combining that with a H2O Grant \$433,000.00 and we are going to start working on storm drains around town. That project has bid out and bids back in so that design is essentially done. Engineer Amato added as soon as all

the money comes in we will get on with that project, it should be started and completed this year. The design is continuing on the West Side Trail.

Mayor Joseph Herbert – The mayor added his thanks to Officer Jason Slatcoff.

Police calls for service for last month was 130. Thanks to all who participated in the ceremonies for the Memorial Day parade. Thanks also to the council for all they contributed .

A reminder to everyone that schools are ending for the summer. Please be extra careful while driving as the children will be out and about for the summer months.

On Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> the American Legion Post 904 will be conducting an American Flag Disposal Ceremony at Dailey Park on Shoemaker Ave. at 8 P.M. West Wyoming Cub Pack #366 and the West Wyoming Boy Scout Troop #366 will assist the Legion during the ceremony. It is the proper way to dispose of our American Flag.

A few important dates to remember:

June 14 – Flag Day    June 19 – Fathers Day    June 21 – 1st day of summer    July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day    A happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July to everyone

A note by Councilwoman Cipriani The work session would fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July so the work session and council meeting will be held on the second Monday in July.

Remarks from the residences: Mr. Hizney - Fairview Street stated about the storm drain project and asked about the street. Mr. Amato spoke on how the situation would be taken care of.

Betty Labach – Atherton Park addressed the problem with the abandon house on Washington St. Mr. Roccograndi spoke about the problem and stated he is working on it.

Mr. Hizney commented about the roads being cut and not repaired by the utility company and wanted to know who was responsible to repair the roads. A discussion followed.

A motion by councilman Gadomski to adjourn the meeting . Second councilman Stavish. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

