

Minutes May 2011-West Wyoming Borough

The meeting was called to order by council woman Eileen Cipriani. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call was taken.

Minutes of the April meeting was approved by Council man Gadomski, second by Council man Leoni.

Councilwoman Eileen Cipriani Council met in an executive session tonight at 6:30 to discuss a legal matter.

The West Wyoming Borough was awarded the Governors Award for local governor excellence in the category responding to adversity. A year and a half ago it was determined that the borough of West Wyoming was in serious financial trouble, on the advice of State Representative Phyliss Mundy, the borough entered into the states intervention program, looking to achieve best management practices. The changes instituted by the council led to a dramatic recovery. In less than a year thru the efforts of the borough council and with the guidance of the Pennsylvania Economy League, the borough is now financially stable. It is on budget and finished 2010 in the black for the first time in five years. The 2011 budget is balanced and the fees remain unchanged for 2011. This recognition was a part of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Governors Award for local government excellence. Eight local governments and ten communities across the commonwealth of Pennsylvania were presented awards by Lt. Governor James Conneley, on Friday April 15 in Harrisburg. There are 2562 local governments in Pennsylvania. We are excited and honored to be recognized for the achievement.

Secretary Gustave. Old Business - The tree that fell along Abrahams Creek. The tree has been removed from the channel and alongside the channel and the fence has been repaired.

Councilman Gadomski – Administration of Finance –JoAnn Desanto Financial report:

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**LUZERNE BANK**

<b>112.000 · LUZERNE BANK - SETTLEMENTS</b>	413.64	
<b>112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener</b>	69,484.72	
<b>112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT</b>	<u>146,601.45</u>	
<b>105.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL</b>	18,488.38	
<b>107.000 · CASH-PLIGIT GENERAL</b>	5,756.58	
<b>108.000 · PLGIT - GROW GREENER</b>	13,033.75	
<b>110.008 · PLIGIT - URBAN DEV</b>	<u>0.00</u>	Closed Out
<b>100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING</b>	86,165.82	
<b>110.000 · CAPITAL RESERVE</b>	7,049.66	
<b>115.000 · DEBT SERVICE</b>	45,081.67	

*Highway Aid Fund*

35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT 54,149.27

*Sewer Fund*

08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG 224,880.63

Motion by Gadomski . To accept the treasure report as read and place it on file, second by Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadomski . To pay all bills approved by the finance committee, second by Taretto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadomski. To make a payment of \$300.00 to American Legion Post 904, second by Leoni . Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Stavish – Personnel A motion to approve the internet voice and data usage policy for all borough employees, second by Atherholt. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stavish. To hire Jeff Louis for a part time as needed police officer, second by Leoni. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stavish. To hire Ken Shotwell for a part time as needed police officer, second by Tarreto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stavish. To hire Ed Lewko for a part time as needed police officer, second by Atherholt. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Stavish. To purge officers Samuel Fuller and John Delaney from the police roster, second by Gadomski. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Stavish stated there is a correction from last month's meeting. The correct name for the new officer hired last month is John Mahlic not Mike.

West Wyoming recreational board meeting is Tuesday May 10. The public is welcome.

Councilman Leoni – Public facilities. Last week the street department patched the pot holes in the borough. A very good job was done by the department. As new holes show up they will try and keep up with the work.

The police cruiser needs to be repaired in order to pass inspection. A decision will be made at a later date.

Councilman Gresavage – Community Development - Motion by Gresavage. To place on the table for 30 days the amended UCC Building Code Ordinance, second by Tarreto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A reminder to all residences who live along the concrete channel that the channel will be inspected on Wednesday, whoever has fences please open the gates.

A reminder to all residences to please keep their lawns cut and if anyone knows of lawns not cut please call the borough building at 693 1311.

Councilman Atherholt – Public Safety – Atherholt reported there was 8 engine company assists, 1 motor vehicle collision, and 1 structure fire. Both fire companies reported. The fire police also assisted to 8 alarms, and provided 6 man hours, for the month of April.

Hose Company #1 is holding a sportsman raffle. Tickets can be bought from any member or by calling 693 0360. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

Councilman Tarreto – Health and Sanitation –1158 Garbage stickers sold @ \$215,482.00. There has been complaints from Waste Management that the containers from the yard waste is too heavy, containers cannot be no more than 35 or 40 pounds. Recyclables behind the hose company is going

well. Sanitation report : There are 56 property owners in West Wyoming that are behind on their sewer bill, for a total of \$81,744.00. Councilman Tarreto recommends for those residences to come in and get on a payment plan. If a lien is put on property then there will be a water shut off. The sweeper was in our town from West Pittston for two and one half days and did a pretty good job but because of the rain a few streets were missed.

A question was asked about the recycling, glass jars or bottles can be put in with the plastic, no window glass or glass of that nature.

Councilwoman Cipriani – West Wyoming Borough was awarded a \$241,000.00 grant a year and a half ago, thru the Pennsylvania Conservation Works program . Thru this program the borough has replaced our windows, furnace, air conditioning unit, insulated the building, and sealed the brick. We have received a lot of savings with this project. Thursday night May 12,2011 we are having open house, DEP will be here from the Department of Energy , Representative Phyliss Mundy, A representative from Rep Yudichak 's office, vendors and engineers from Pasonic will be here. Time 6:00P.M. Light refreshments.

Engineer Amato – West Side Project is proceeding, with the rain we are behind a little. We advertised for our H2O project. Seven bids were received. Bids were opened. Engineer Amato stated that he would like to give notice of intent to award to Ed Krasavage Construction, in the amount of \$595,938.00, subject to the engineers approval and the funding agency approval. Councilwoman asked for a motion for a tentative award to Ed Krasavage Construction pending the final review by the engineer. Motion made by councilman Gresavage, second by councilman Atherholt. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Joe Herbert – Remarks on Arbor Day and on Mother’s Day. Our police department responded to 102 calls for service last month. Memorial Day events: Beginning with the ceremony at the Wyoming Avenue monument at 8 am, service at the war memorial at 8:30 am on West Eighth street, parade line up will be at 8:45 am at Daley Park in West Wyoming, parade ends at first street in Wyoming. A cook out will follow the parade at Daley Park all are welcome.

Citizens Participation : Helen Bonito Carolina Ave., West Wyoming – Regarding the tree that fell in back of her yard. The Code enforcement officer will be asked to take a look at the problem and he will make the determination if there is a violation. A second issue Helena spoke to the Mayor about. Mayor Herbert stated that it has been taken up by the Chief of Police.

A resident from West Forth Street is concerned about the condition of the street. The problem will be taken care of. The project that has been bid on tonight is the one that will take care of the problem on Fourth Street and other streets in the borough. A discussion followed concerning the water problem.

Mr. Roccograndi – To follow up on the high grass, pools also need to be drained off the covers, this also brings the mosquitoes and other insects around. If there is a water shutoff the house will have to be condemned for health reasons. There have been numerous calls for abandon vehicles, therefore starting in July the abandon Vehicle Ordinance will be heavily enforced. A vehicle must be operable, inspected, and road worthy, or it must be off the property.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Atherholt, second by Councilman Gadomski. Voice all in favor. Motion carried.

