

September 12, 2011 Minutes – West Wyoming Borough Council Meeting

Before the meeting Councilwoman Cipriani expressed heartfelt thanks from all of us up here. For our volunteer fire department, emergency fire officer, fire police, ambulance, DPW workers, boro engineer. For all their tireless work this past week in aiding all of our residence. Boy scout troop 366 came and help fill sand bags, we had many citizens come and volunteer to help their neighbors, they also filled sand bags, we even had 4 little young children go out and have a lemonade stand, raised \$40.00 and took it to Price Chopper and bought cleaning supplies for people. So we really had a community effort. Also thanks to the Lighthouse Inn , Januzzi Pizza, and Marianacci's restaurant, who also donated food for our fire fighters, some of them more than once. That was great on their part. Jackson fire department came down with supplies and beverages for our emergency responders over the week end. Krasavage construction assisted in flood control on Tripp St. This is very heart warming and hats off to all our emergency responders. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

Before we go into the regular meeting Secretaty Guatave had a meeting with FEMA today, please tell us what you learned. Councilman Tarreto and myself had a meeting in West Pittston at 12:30. It was sponsored by Senator Casey and FEMA was represented via speaker phone. Very few questions were answered because the President needs to receive and sign the public assistance declaration. The state has to prepare the declaration and it was being prepared while we were at the meeting. After the declaration is signed FEMA will be bringing in 40 people to help with assistance and provide people with any aid they can. There will be a lot more information forthcoming after the declaration is signed. A few things that should be done by the homeowner meanwhile is to report to their insurance company, even if they do not have flood insurance. This way the insurance company will provide you with a document stating that you are not covered because this is not part of the insurance policy. That may be needed when FEMA reps come in to interview you. Take Photos of the damages. Prepare a inventory of the items. If you have receipts or any cleaning equip. supplies that you may have purchased. Watch the newspapers and TV for more information on FEMA. Councilwoman stated that there are FEMA forms available already, we need to come by your house if it was damaged. If you are here today stop after the meeting and we can get this started for you. We know of some of the houses but if there are some that we do not know about please let us know and we will get to all. If you put out your garbage we will pick up the flood debris, this week and next.

On another note the Borough of West Wyoming received a letter from Ch2mhill Engineering, on August 16. They were informing us that they intend to apply for a permit from the department of Environmental Protection to install a compressor station and run 2.5 miles of gas pipe line through the municipality. The Borough of West Wyoming was originally given 30 days to respond to concerns about this. We asked UGI to come and meet with us which they did at last week's public work session. They have extended our deadline to any issues they might have until they give us finalized plans. We are in holding until then. We turned this matter over to the Zoning and planning office because they represent us in all zoning matters.

At this time if there are no errors or corrections I will accept a motion for the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Councilman Stavish, second Councilman Tarreto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Roll call by Secretary Gustave – Present – Gadomski, Stavish, Leoni, Cipriani, Grescavage, Atherholt, Tarreto, Mayor Herbert, Lukesh, Amato, Secretary Guatave. Jo Ann DeSanto, Late.

Old Business – All the run off issues from Eighth Street to Third Street. Penn Dot came out and Councilman Tarreto, Sec. Gustave, and Councilwoman Cipriani met with them. We walked the back road and they had a few suggestions where they might come out and help us to address the drainage issues there. We are waiting to hear back from them. The drainage ditches, the catch basins, they are the problem of the municipality. We are working on a plan to get them cleaned.

Secretary Gustave – The recycling signs, and the no pets allowed signs for Daley Park have been ordered and should be coming in soon. Consisting with the ordinance no pets are allowed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Finance- Councilman Gadomski - Treasure report as of Sept. 12, 2011.

	<u>09/07/11</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
112.000 · LUZERNE BANK - SETTLEMENTS	413.64	No Activity	Luzerne	150,112.24
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	60,520.07		PLGIT	77,415.67
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>89,178.53</u>		PNC	472,691.84
105.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	19,000.20			
107.000 · CASH-PLIGIT GENERAL	15,669.64			<u>700,219.75</u>
108.000 · PLGIT - GROW GREENER	239.45	No Activity		
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	117,758.05			
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	7,049.66	No Activity		
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	57,142.01			
115.000 · PNC H2O Stormwater Project	12,165.65			
<i>Highway Aid Fund</i>				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>42,506.38</u>			
<i>Sewer Fund</i>				
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>278,576.47</u>			

A Motion by Gadomski to accept the Treasure report and place in on file for audit, second Councilman Tarreto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Gadomski to pay all of the outstanding bills as approved by the finance committee, second Councilman Leoni. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Gadomski to adopt a resolution for the non union pension plan, second Councilman Atherholt. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Gadomski for the adoption for the Police pension plan, second Councilman Leoni. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion by Gadomski to accept the non union pension payment for 2012, second Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Gadomski – to accept the mmo for the police pension for 2012, second Councilman Stavish. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel and Recreation – Councilman Stavish – Thanks to all who helped during the recent storm. Recreation board will meet at the boro building September 13 at 7 PM, public is invited. Help is needed for making up the Halloween bags all help is appreciated.

Public Facilities – Councilman Leoni – A motion on the floor by Leoni to accept bids for the Crown Vic. Police Cruiser, used office equip. and the used air conditioner, second Council Tarreto. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development – Councilman Grescavage – A motion on the floor by Grescavage to place on the table for 30 days a Borough Littering Ordinance , second Councilman Gadomski. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Work is being done on Shoemaker up to the catch basin. Despite the bad weather the project is progressing. We will have a time when that project will finish and I will have that at the next meeting. There is literature in the racks in the front of the building explaining about safety around power lines. Mr. Goldman expressed his gratitude to Councilman Grescavage and the Mayor and all of council for the help during the Flood.

Public Safety – Councilman Atherholt – Hose Co. #1 was in continuous service on August 28 from 6:30 AM to 11:30 PM. Due to storm related alarms. These alarms were trees down, wires down, street and basement flooding and power outages. In addition to that the department also responded to 20 alarms

in the month of August. 12 engine company assists 3 rescue company assist, 2 pump details, 1 lightning strike, 1 investigation, and 1 trash fire. Captain Carl Worthington noted that the West Wyoming Fire police responded to 11 alarms during the month requiring 28.5 man hours.

Hose Co. #1 is holding a sportsman raffle, 5 prizes of various hunting rifles, merchandise or equivalent are being raffled off on October 12, 2011. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any member of the fire company or by calling 693-3660.

The Exeter Park Volunteer Hose Company and the West Wyoming Hose Co. Number 1 held a signing ceremony on August 20, to mark the official jointure of the two volunteer fire companies. The jointure will operate under the charter of the West Wyoming Hose Company number 1, from one station on 926 Shoemaker Avenue, West Wyoming. Through this merger the department has increased its membership, training and fire fighters equipment. Allowing them to operate more efficiently and provide better fire protection for the borough and mutual aid neighbors.

Along with everyone else here on council for our emergency response people, fire, police, volunteer fire company, ambulance, everyone. THANK YOU. A round of applause.

Councilman Tarreto – On the sewers – There is \$75,473.00 due on the sewers for this quarter. We have 204 delinquent properties, 1288 that are active units and 18 that are vacant but are being billed. On yard waste and recycling material, everyone is doing a great job. They are over stuffing the containers by not putting more than 35 pounds. Great job. Signs are being made up for recycling and composting.

. Tub Grinder meeting at Exeter Park at 7 PM on Thursday. Hopefully there will be a majority so we can get this Tub Grinder.

Engineer Amato – Between the storm and the flooding we lost nearly a week on the various projects in town. Piping and structures in Atherton Park are in. The piping network moved onto Fourth Street. When the piping contractor moves out we can move forward. A discussion followed on the work that has to be done.

Mayor Herbert – A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who helped during the storm and flooding. A special thanks to Officer Slatoff, who lost his home but was here on duty in West Wyoming. We all applaud you for that. Another round of applause.

Councilwoman Cipriani asked the fireman to turn in any losses that they might have had.

Public Input – Resident – Question – What are the hours for the compost on Saturday? Tarreto answered - 10 AM until 2PM. The reason the question was asked is because it was closed on Saturday at ten of two. Answer given – Sometime police officers cover it and they have to go on a call. It was also a bad week end. There is a house on Holden street that the grass is overgrown and there are weeds everywhere. Answer – We have been looking at that house and the person is in bankruptcy so when all the papers go through the property should get cleaned up. We will send Mr. Roccogrondi back to give us his estimation of what can be done. Solicitor Lukesh stated that the home owner is in

bankruptcy and the bank will be taking over. We have been discussing this property, and will see what we can do, and then it will be discussed with me so it will not put anybody in harm's way. We will address it. Thank you for bringing it back up to our attention.

Resident – The storm drain water on 4th street – where is that water being piped to? Mike Amato answered. The large underground storage area between Farrow and Stella, any overflow will be pumped behind 5th street manor. Resident – So nothing will be pumped down to W. Third. Amato – No Resident – The other question that I have with Penn Dot. Is it a state road? Chairwoman Cipriani – Only the top of the road. We have a little stroke of luck we talked to Kingston, and they agreed to give us their suck truck so we just provide the labor and we are going to come through and try to get as many drains as we can. We know third street has weeds growing out the top of their drains. So we are going to get the areas that are the biggest issue. Resident – Can something be done when we have a flood that would slow the traffic coming off of fourth street. They go through real fast and the water on the street washes onto properties and could go into the basement.

Resident – I have had problems with run offs and was wondering if anything was being done about it. Council woman Cipriani – It was discussed with Engineer Amato. Mr. Amato said he would take another look at it to see if there is anything else to be done.

Resident – Corner of Ensign and Tripp Street. There is a parking problem. A discussion followed as to the best way to fix the problem. Councilman Atherholt was asked if he and his committee would take a look at the problem. There are problems also on Sperling Street. There is a truck that is parked illegally in front of residents houses. The Mayor stated that this truck has been ticked several times. Since he has gotten so many tickets the mayor feels he doesn't mind paying for the parking tickets. He is constantly moving his truck and constantly getting the tickets. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that the police are aware of what is going on. Councilman Leoni stated that signs for local deliveries are being considered.

Resident – Swetland Lane – Thanks to Eileen, and the other council members they have been wonderful to us. I just don't know how much longer I can take living down there with all of the water problems. Is there a solution to all this flooding? I deal with mosquitoes, and now this flooding problem. Cipriani addressed the problem and told of the problems the borough is dealing with. She stated that post Hurricane Agnes and again in the 90's the idea of a pumping station but it always came back that it was not a feasible thing. There is just not a solution with so much water coming into that area and the contour of the land is also changing. The problem was with this storm the water came out of the Moonlight Drive In across the road and into everyone's property down by Swetland Lane. Mr. Tarreto mentioned that he and Ray Gustave, was at the FEMA meeting. Senator Casey's director stated that they will be looking into redoing the dikes and might put a pumping station in that area. It was just a mention so we do not know for sure. That is probably the only thing that might help. Cipriani stated that a study is being done about Abrahams Creek. Results remain to be seen. A discussion followed.

Resident – There are around 4 or 5 trees behind my house in back of my fence. Some of them are leaning over my fence and some are uprooted. What can be done about this problem. Councilwoman Cipriani asked that our code enforcement officer go down and determine who owns the property with the trees on Swetland Lane. Councilman Grescavage will get in touch with Mr. Roccograndi so he would check out the problem.

Resident – Brady Street – What is the reason of all the dump trucks going up and down our street. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that the problem will be looked into.

Resident – Are we on the list for the drains to be cleaned? Councilman Leoni stated that all state roads and all our roads are on the list to be cleaned. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that we are getting the truck for 2 days. So however we do not know how many drains we will get to. Then we will see if we can get them back in a later date. Also, the resident stated that council was supposed to check as to the blocking of the roads on parade day. Councilwoman Cipriani stated that it was discussed with our solicitor and next year we will touch base with the fire department, and come up with a better plan. A discussion was held.

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

Ray Gustave, Secretary