

West Wyoming Borough- Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2018

The monthly Council meeting of West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Chairman Stavish. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken and the following were present: Chairman Stavish, Councilman Colarusso, Councilman Grescavage, Councilman Dolan, Councilwoman Zaboski, Solicitor Lukesh, Engineer Amato, Treasurer Kendzor and Secretary Pedley. Mayor Herbert absent.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion made by Colarusso and seconded by Grescavage to approve the previous month's minutes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Randy Colarusso: Public Facilities-**

Councilman Colarusso called upon Treasurer Kendzor for the reading of the Treasurer's report. It is as follows:

West Wyoming Borough  
Treasurer's Report  
November 12, 2018

**CASH ACCOUNTS**

**COMBINED GENERAL, HIGHWAY  
AID AND SEWER FUNDS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
ESSA BANK REFUSE	\$79,203.48	PLGIT	\$292,750.26
FNCB DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	\$24,970.59	ESSA	\$79,203.48
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$504,222.00	M&T	\$224,880.32
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$85,605.19	FNCB	<u>\$981,266.17</u>
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$152,336.35		<u>\$1,578,100.23</u>
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$19,696.58		
PLGIT PAYROLL	\$3,279.87		
PLGIT GENERAL	\$1.29		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$869,315.35</b></u>		
<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND</b>			
PLGIT	<u>\$187,039.72</u>		
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING /SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$187,039.72</b></u>		
<b>SEWER FUND</b>			
M&T SEWER	\$224,880.32		
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$214,132.04		
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	<u>\$82,732.80</u>		
<b>TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$521,745.16</b></u>		
<b>TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$1,578,100.23</b></u>		

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion made by Colarusso and seconded by Zaboloski to approve the reading of the Treasurer's report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Colarusso made a motion to approve the Ordinance regulating parking on Gregory St. between Holden and Tripp Streets and Hill St between Washington St and Holden Streets, seconded by Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Colarusso's report on DPW is as follows: Cleaning up leaves in parks, received order of salt, routine check on pump stations, plows were tested for winter, tested Christmas lights and will be putting them up on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, fixed settlement on Narrow St. Two of the DPW workers worked at the electronic recycling event, and they also assisted WVSA with cleaning up the storm drains in town. Important note that there will be a leaf pick-up on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Grescavage- Community Development:** Noted that everyone in town received a newsletter. Pertaining to my committee on Zoning Dan read a list of requirements on Zoning. Any resident that needs a Zoning permit may call 570-825-1560. Dan also read a list for requirements on building permits. Also discussed the variance on W. Brady St. Homeowner applied for a variance to build a garage and apartment above it. Homeowner planned on fixing cars there. Meeting on this was on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Court House. Homeowner was approved but is not allowed to operate a business fixing cars and the limit is three cars that he is allowed to keep there.

Grescavage made a motion to approve the Ordinance regulating access to the easement alongside Abrahams Creek, seconded by Colarusso, Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**Mike Dolan- Public Safety/Code Enforcement:** Gave a report on the Emergency Services Monthly's Chief's Report. West Wyoming Emergency Services responded to seventy-three alarms in October: Building fire- 1- Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition- 1- EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injuries- 57 – Motor vehicle accident with no injuries -2- Hazardous condition, other -1- Gas leak( natural gas or LPG) 1 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment- 1-Water or steam leak- 1- Dispatched & cancelled en route- 6- Smoke detector activation due to malfunction – 1.

Hose Company # 1 will be holding its annual breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. until noon at the firehouse on Shoemaker Ave. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at the door or from any member.

Code Enforcement for Oct 1 to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Code inspector handled 6 complaints, two were closed and one was a civil matter, two are pending, and one was no violation. Sometimes issues can turn out to be a civil matter where the Court becomes involved

Police report: Vehicle maintenance on cars on going –winter tires need to be purchased for the season-free drug drop off box was ordered by the dept. through Rite –Aid. This will allow residents to drop off any unused, unwanted or expired medications. This program will help combat the prescription drug crisis and will help to stop teenagers from abusing pills from family members.

On Halloween our police officers handed out glow stick bracelets to trick or treaters around town to help them be more visible and to have a safe trick or treating event.

As the Mayor is not here, I can report for the month of October: the department handled 109 calls. 6 calls were criminal arrest warrants and 8 citations were issued.

**Maureen Zaboski: Administration/Finance, Health and Sanitation:** Maureen made a motion to approve all outstanding bills that have been approved by the finance committee, seconded by Randy Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Maureen made a motion to transfer \$19,696.58 from the PLIGIT Earned Income Tax account to FNCB General Account, second by Daniel Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Maureen made a reminder to all residents that we have mailed out our newsletter and Sanitation invoice. Most residents received them around November 1<sup>st</sup>. There are some important dates in the newsletter for 2019. We will post the newsletter on our Web site. It includes our 2019 yard waste, leaf pick up, and our bulk pick up schedules.

Maureen stated that at this time of the year we put together a budget for 2019. Tonight we will have a reading of our budget. Our Treasurer, Mark Kendzor will read the Budget for our Sewer account, Highway Aid and General Fund account. Maureen called on Mark to read the budget.

Mark Kendzor gave a reading of the 2019 Budgets detailed line items for the Borough .

Maureen thanked Mark for the reading of the Budget and made a motion to place the budget for 2019 on the table for 30 days for review, keeping in mind there are no increases in taxes for 2019 and the cost of services will remain the same for 2019 as in 2018, second by Mike Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**Linell Lukesh: Solicitor** I have been working on and following up on the insurance claim to the roof, and securing the payment from the insurance company. Other business as usual.

**Mike Amato: Engineer** Routine business with Jim and the DPW . We took care of the manholes on Stites St. There are a couple on the list that we are watching, hopefully we can make it through the winter. Co-ordination on the LSA Grant on the Borough Building and for the Hose Company, and the design for ADA improvements.

#### **Citizens Participation:**

Dave Zielinski - 598 W. Sperling I have been a resident of W. Sperling St. for many years, we have upcoming holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. I think we have a big issue on our street. The first sign you read on our street is no outlet, the next is no parking on both sides. I have been on the street for many years and the borough issued a no parking ban this year, stating it was a safety hazard, but no documented information stating that there have been problems. They are saying the road is too narrow and the fire trucks are too wide. I have a PA code and if you check dimensions ,the dimensions are up to code. I am not going to go through this whole list. I have copies for everybody to read. The road cannot be restricted if it is 18 feet or under our road is 18 feet, I measured it. You are stating that W. Sperling St. is too narrow, if that is true then every street in West Wyoming is too narrow. You are stating that it is a safety hazard. Dave read the code for Pa. He read the restrictions. He said , "I think this is a problem. Thank you, I said my piece."

Councilman Stavish thanked Dave and asked if there was anyone else.

Ryan Pecukonis - 522 W. Sperling St. I too am a resident of W. Sperling St. Ryan stated that his mom waited for an Ambulance 10 or 15 minutes before the Pittston Ambulance arrived. Why didn't the West Wyoming ambulance respond?

Maureen stated that our ambulance may have been out of service or could have been on another call.

Ryan - Holidays are coming up. Parking ban is stupid. Letter should have been sent

Ryan - What research was done for the parking ban on Gregory and Hill St.?

Gary - This was all done through the Police Chief and the EMS

Ryan - There are parking bans on 3 Streets –Gary Stavish owns property on all of these streets.

Gary - Where the parking ban is it is not near my property. What happened was there was a neighbor who was complaining that the trucks cannot get through and they are cracking her side walk and ruining her wall from Tripp Street.

Ryan - Why were tape recordings of the Council meetings destroyed?

Linell - It is standard procedure that they are destroyed after typing up the minutes from the meeting.

They are not on an actual tape but are digitally recorded.

Ryan - Council minutes and comments are edited.

Maureen – It is standard procedure for minutes to just hit the main points.

Ryan – Why can't there be other solutions instead of banning parking, I lived my entire life on W.

Sperling St. and we never had a problem. It is stupid and we do not need it.

Eric Shymanski 416 Washington St I think that council should try and solve the problem of the no parking. Every time you come to a meeting that is what is going on. Why don't you guys get together and see if there is another solution. Something should be done. My suggestion is for the council to put something together and come up with some kind of solution to help these people.

Councilman Colarusso made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.