

December 14, 2015 - West Wyoming Borough Meeting Minutes

The meeting of West Wyoming Borough Council was called to order by Secretary Zaboski. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken and the following were present: Grescavage, Cipriani, Stavish, Skok, Dolan, Stevens, Mayor Herbert, Solicitor Lukesh, Engineer Amato, Treasurer DeSanto and Secretary Zaboski.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gary Stavish- Vice Chair- Personnel/Recreation: The judging of lighting of the houses will take place on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 6:00PM. There will be three wards and the winners will receive a Christmas ornament and gift certificate. There were five winners of the coloring contest. Pat Suchoski has the names of winners.

Motion made by Stavish, seconded by Cipriani, to accept the resignation of Secretary Zaboski. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Stavish, seconded by Grescavage, to hire Mona Sickler as Borough Secretary/Administrator pending references and background check. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Eileen Cipriani- Administration/Finance- Councilwoman Cipriani thanked Maureen Zaboski for all the hard work she did for the Borough and for the fabulous job she did. She will be missed by all.

Cipriani called on Treasurer DeSanto for the reading of the Treasurer’s report; it is as follows:

	<u>12/14/15</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	340.98	No Activity	Luzerne	35,463.43
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>35,122.45</u>		PLGIT	127,769.83
107.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	5,628.78		PNC	388,744.95
105.000 · PLGIT- GENERAL	627.57	No Activity	ESSA	129,351.47
			M&T	<u>294,071.92</u>
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	205,555.88			<u>975,401.60</u>
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	1.18			
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	49,531.28			
115.000 · PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	9,087.83			
115.000 · PLGIT EIT	46,758.94			
118.100 · ESSA Refuse	129,351.42			
118.200 · ESSA Debt Service	0.05	No Activity		
Highway Aid Fund				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>65,666.71</u>			
Sewer Fund				
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	133,656.61			
08-100-100 M&T-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>294,071.92</u>			

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Dolan, to approve the Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Treasurer DeSanto read General Budget for 2016. Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stavish, to approve the West Wyoming Borough 2016 Budget. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stevens, to pass the Ordinance adopting the West Wyoming Borough Budget. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made to pass the Resolution adopting the West Wyoming 2016 Tax Rate by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Dolan, to approve Borough Audit performed by Prociak & Associates. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stevens, to pass the Resolution for West Wyoming Borough to apply as the lead municipality for an \$858,585 LSA grant for the WSCOG for shared municipal equipment. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stavish, to transfer \$25,000.00 from M&T Sewer to PNC Sewer. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage, to reject Eric Symeon bid on Moonlite property and place Moonlite property for sale through Lewith & Freeman Real Estate. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

And lastly, Cipriani thanked outgoing Chairwoman Skok for her dedicated service over the last three years to the Borough.

Dan Grescavage- Community Development: Grescavage commented on how nice Dailey Park looks and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike Dolan- Public Safety/Code Enforcement: No emergency services report to be read. Code Enforcement been quiet and we are working on some things in that area for staffing and procedures for the new year.

Walt Stevens-Health and Sanitation- Solomon's Recycling is switching to single-stream recycling at our recycling location. We are going to be getting 10 of the 8 yard containers; they will be for plastics, paper, and cardboard. No glass. Glass will be put in the 20 yard container. If we mix, we will lose the benefit of recycling, and our town will not profit as much. Please pass the word.

A motion was made to accept Solomon's contract for 2016 by Walt Stevens and second by Councilman Dolan.

Solicitor Lukesh - No Report.

Mayor Herbert – Thanks to Mary Ann Skok and Maureen Zaboski, they will be missed.

We had the Arbor Day Celebration on Nov. 15. Councilwoman Cipriani did a wonderful job along with help from Walt, Maureen and others planting the trees.

Police Report – There were 98 calls of service for the month.

There are some interesting facts pertaining to the Christmas season: December 16th marks the beginning of Las Pasados which lasts nine days. This was the length of time the parents of Jesus traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Germany began the custom of bringing into the house evergreen trees for Christmas and decorated with colorful glass ornaments, angels and tinsel.

In China, nice old father leaves gifts in odd looking stockings that children make and hang up.

The aluminum Christmas tree was introduced to the mass market in 1959 by the Aluminum Specialty Co. In 1965, the TV show where Charlie Brown and Linus chose a humble real tree over the aluminum tree, made a huge comeback of using real trees over aluminum trees.

The number of packages the U.S. Postal Service expects to deliver this holiday season is 591 million.

Tuesday, Dec.22nd is the first day of winter, Thurs. Dec.24th is Christmas Eve, Fri. Dec. 25th is Christmas Day, and Thurs. Dec. 31 is New Year's Eve. And Fri. Jan. 1st is New Year's Day.

From my family to you and your family, enjoy a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous Happy New Year.

Mike Amato- Engineer - No Report.

Councilwoman Skok – Thanks to Maureen for all she has done this past year.

Citizens Participation:

Rick Humphrey – Happy holidays to everyone and thank you for a great year. Everyone did a tremendous job. I have a request: traffic has increased here on the back road. Speed is an issue. At the Hose Company, speed is 25 miles an hour and past the Hose Company, speed picks up. People pass on the double yellow line. Their speed is 50 to 60 miles an hour. Is it possible for the police to sit on Lee Ann and monitor for a while? The other thing is the quads. Lately they have been traveling down on Shoemaker and riding the side of the road. Can something be done about that?

Mayor Herbert stated that he will speak to the police. The quads are from all over the area, not just West Wyoming.

A discussion occurred about having the police located in different spots. Mayor Herbert will speak to the police and Mr. Humphrey stated that he appreciated it very much.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting made by Councilwoman Cipriani, second by Councilman Grescavage.

Borough Secretary