

West Wyoming Borough - Minutes - February 9, 2015

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

OLD BUSINESS: Councilwoman Skok announced that an Executive Session was held on 2/2/15 regarding legal issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gary Stavish- Vice Chair- Personnel & Recreation: Motion by Stavish, seconded by Stevens, to pass the latest revision on the Out of Town Policy for the police department. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by Stavish, seconded by Grescavage, to hire two part-time police as needed – Jason Oliver and Michael O’Donnell. Roll call was taken, Grescavage yes, Cipriani yes, Stavish abstained, Skok yes, Dolan yes, Stevens yes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Eileen Cipriani- Administration & Finance: Cipriani asked for a reading of the Treasurer’s Report. It is as follows:

	<u>02/09/15</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	390.92	No Activity	Luzerne	390.92
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>0.00</u>	No Activity	PLGIT	51,935.50
107.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	9,095.11		PNC	279,324.37
105.000 · PLGIT- GENERAL	627.44	No Activity	ESSA	255,536.68
			M&T	<u>279,647.59</u>
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	94,811.42			<u>866,835.06</u>
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	3,398.67	No Activity		
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	1,328.46			
115.000 · PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	175.56			
115.000 · PLGIT EIT	3,571.58			
118.100 · ESSA Refuse	255,536.63			
118.200 · ESSA Debt Service	0.05	No Activity		
<i>Highway Aid Fund</i>				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>38,465.81</u>			

<i>Sewer Fund</i>	
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	179,785.82
08-100-100 M&T-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>279,647.59</u>

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stavish, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage, to approve all outstanding bills approved by the Finance Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stavish, to approve the amended Pave Cut Ordinance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Stavish, to solicit RFPs for Borough insurance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage, to transfer \$4000.00 from General Account to Debt Service Account. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Dolan, to approve Polling Place Rental Agreement with Luzerne County Bureau of Elections. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage, to approve resolution adopting the Municipal Records Manual for maintenance and disposing of municipal records. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Daniel Grescavage- Community Development: Luzerne County will continue to do zoning for 2015. Building permits are required for 2015. If anyone has questions regarding zoning or building permits, see the Borough Clerk. Grescavage will be attending the meeting in Kingston Twp concerning the bridge project.

Mike Dolan- Public Safety/Code Enforcement: On Code Enforcement- Dolan stated that Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Roccograndi, did five rental inspections. Two citations were written regarding the cars parked on Washington Ave. Depending on the outcome of the hearing, more aggressive action may be needed. Dolan also reported that 6 additional citations were written out to residents for unpaid garbage stickers for the 2014 year.

The West Wyoming Fire Department responded to sixteen alarms in January: Four natural gas leaks, one utility wire down, three motor vehicle collisions, one engine company assists, four rescue company assists, one EMS assist, one flooded basement, one child locked in vehicle. The Fire Police unit responded six members to fourteen alarms for a total of 21.5 man hours of service.

The department would like to make residents aware of additional challenges faced by first responders during and after heavy snowfall. As parking becomes tighter in certain areas of the borough due to

snow piles, it becomes difficult and in some cases, impossible for fire engines to navigate around vehicles parked on the street. Please leave enough room for us to pass. Department members cleared all hydrants in the borough but with the upcoming forecasted snowfall, residents can assist us by making sure any fire hydrants located near their property is clear of snow and ice.

Hose Co. #1 will be holding its annual Ziti dinner on Saturday, February 21, from 4 to 7 at the fire house on Shoemaker Ave. Tickets are \$ 8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under twelve and are available from any member or at the door. Take outs are available.

Walter Stevens – Public Facilities/Health & Sanitation –Equipment is needed for the DPW. Salt is need for the roadways. A motion was made by Stevens and seconded by Stavish to have Secretary Zaboski get three quotes and then get salt from the lowest quote. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Solicitor Lukesh –No report, legal issues were discussed at the executive session that was held on Feb. 2, 2015.

Mayor Herbert – There were at least 100 calls, including a criminal arrest warrant. There is a report for the three police vehicles.

Mike Amato –Engineer- We are working on a price for the electrical work on Oak Street. The Brady Street settlement issue was discussed with Jim Hoover from PAW.

Citizens Participation:

Cynthia Kennelly – An application was made by VP Auto to renew Junkyard License. For various reasons , she stated she would like the borough council to vote no on the license renewal.

Charles Umphred- According to Judge Skolarsky – VP Auto ceased operation. Not pre-existing, therefore, VP Auto needs to file for an Exception and a Zoning Occupancy Permit.

Frances O’Shea – Would like a representative from West Wyoming Council at the FERC meeting Thursday Night at Genetti’s. Information was submitted to Council about the PennEast pipeline. Concerns were raised about the impacts of the pipeline project.

Robert Kovitch – Submitted an article, and re-iterated that there will be a FERC meeting at 6:00 pm at Genetti’s. Safety is an issue.

Adrienne Panuski – Stated that UGI Energy Services is back. Residents would like Council to pass a resolution to ban the PennEast pipeline. The Penn East Pipeline will start in Dallas and run to the metering station in West Wyoming, will go through Swetland Lane, under the river, near the Knox Mine area and end in N.J.

The comment period ends 2/27/2015 and comments need to be submitted by then.

Amanda Panuski – A draft resolution has been created. The decision will have a lasting effect – and will go past the term of council.

Janice Metz – Pipeline will go through her property. She refused the surveyors on her property illegally. Please come to the FERC meeting on Thursday at Genetti's. They are clearing acres of forestry which can create flooding and mudslides. Please consider the resolution.

Council informed the residents that the resolution presented will be reviewed by the Public Safety committee.

Various comments were exchanged.

Mike Dolan requested a written review of the Borough's exposure to the resolution by Solicitor Lukesh.

Motion made to adjourn by Councilman Stavish, second by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carries.

West Wyoming Borough Secretary