

Minutes- March 14, 2016- West Wyoming Boro

The regular monthly meeting of West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Chairman Stavish. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken by Secretary Sickler and the following were present: Grescavage, Cipriani, Stevens, Solicitor Lukesh absent, Stavish, Mayor Herbert, Dolan, Engineer Amato, Treasurer DeSanto absent and Secretary Sickler.

Stavish asked for a motion by Dolan, seconded by Cipriani, to accept the previous month's minutes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Walter Stevens-Vice Chair-Personnel, Public Facilities, Health&Sanitation- Councilman Stevens said that two signs were placed at the Recycling Center on containers. There has been a good response so far as to placement of items in containers. If this continues it will cost the Borough less amount of money.

Eileen Cipriani-Administration& Finance- In addition to the agenda a motion to place out for bids the general liability insurance package, second by Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

In absent of our treasure we will dispense with the treasure report for this month.

At this time, a motion to approve all outstanding bills by our finance committee, second by Stevens. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve resolution 1 of 2016 which is the adoption of our Code Of Ethics for elected and appointed officials in the borough of West Wyoming with the option to put on the table for 30 days, second by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to release the \$750.00 which West Wyoming contributes to the Memorial Day Parade, second by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Grescavage – Community Development – A motion to put on the floor to table the ordinance 3-2016 The International Property Maintenance Code, second by Councilwoman Cipriani. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Northeast Code and Code Enforcement Services at the rate of \$50.00 per hour, second by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting for the Rec. Board has been changed from the second Tuesday to the last Tuesday of the month. Christmas tree lighting in town winners were one winner per district has been changed as a whole. Three winners will be as a whole not by district.

Councilman Dolan – Public Safety and Code Enforcement – Emergency Services report for the month of February – Responded to 64 alarms, 3 rescue Co. assists, 3 Engine co Assists, 52 EMS calls, 1 wire down, 2

motor vehicle collisions, 1 fire police assists, 1 residential fire alarm, and one good intent call. 3 members responded to 4 incidents for a total of 12 man hours.

Activities: Hose Co. # 1 will be holding their Lenten Pizza Sale this Friday March 18 at the fire house on Shoemaker Ave. Orders can be placed by calling 570-693 1811 and leave a message. Hose Co. #1 will also be holding their spring craft fair on March 19 from 9am until 4PM at the fire house on Shoemaker Ave. Over 25 vendors will be on hand, Two Dollar per visitor will be taken at the door. On April 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to five pm Hose Co. #1 will be sponsoring a blood drive. Donors may schedule times on the Red Cross web site but walk ins are welcome. Call Jane Hromek for additional information at 570-954-4531.

A motion to approve the Ordinance 1-2016 amending all Ordinances which require Enforcement of Violations which will be carried out by police, and or Code Enforcement officer and or designated person or persons by Boro Council. Dolan said that this ordinance has been on the table for 30 days and he is asking for approval, second by Councilwoman Cipriani. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Dolan also asked that an Ordinance be laid on the table for 30 days on an ordinance of the Boro of West Wyoming authorizing the entry into a mutual aid police co-operation agreement with Wyoming Boro. This agreement also stated that there may have been a prior agreement but it has been updated and I think that we have cooperated with the Boro of Wyoming when we need police coverage and it's a fairly standard procedure but this is a requirement now because Luzerne County requires a written agreement, seconded by Stevens. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor may have a guest this evening to actually sign the agreement so that it becomes effective on the passage of the Ordinance for next month's meeting.

Mayor Herbert – Speaking of the agreement I have a copy of the agreement that is 5 pages long and it covers the mutual agreement as far as manpower and equipment, basically it is the same as being used by the fire company and the ambulance for 50 years. Mayor Boyer has a copy right now and he is presenting it to his council right now and he is supposed to come and pick it up. We were both going to sign, and we will each have our copies on file, for when it is ratified.

Officer in charge to give a report to on 2015 analyzing all that has been done. It will be put up on the board for anyone to review it and it is in great detail. He also does monthly charge for up and here is the report for January. We do keep very good records which includes – vehicle usage. They do a great job.

Jason Slatcoff – Catch up for January and February – we had 115 calls for January, 2016, Title 4, 2016 was 97 total calls a large portion be public calls. We had 2 criminal arrest during the month of Feb., one regarding a \$26,000 fraud. Between the last part of 2015 and 2016, there have been a total of 4 burglaries in town. An arrest was made in both burglaries, one of the two individuals is sitting in prison. With the nice weather the best advice is to keep your doors locked. Do not leave car doors open and do not leave things in the vehicles. If residences see something that does not seem right call 911. Please call 911, not the station, because we may not be here for 2 to 3 hours, because we are dealing with another incident. If you do call 911, we will get the message, and if we are dealing with another incident we can have another town come and check out the incident.

Mayor Herbert also have some important dates to tell:

Thursday March 17 – St. Patrick’s day , Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Spring and also Palm Sunday and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday, and Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday. Enjoy the holidays and the Easter Egg Hunts. Be Safe out there and watch our children.

Engineer Amato – Routine Business around the Boro Building. We have a project going on in the front the concrete has to be repaired in the foyer. Work on the roads and sewers is continuing. Once the asphalt plants are open we will be able to carry on with the work. Amato will be meeting with Jim Hoover from PAW about an upcoming project.. Does not want to have a procedural issue like the last project.

### **Citizens Participation.**

Mark Mizzer- Thank you for allowing me to speak. I would like to bring to council’s attention that you erred in appointing a borough fire chief, without advertising the position in the paper, without soliciting for applicants, without conducting interviews, without doing background searches of their credentials. I would ask you to vacate the appointment that you made for the 2 years and appoint Matt Granteed as the interim Borough Fire Chief while you have a chance to put it in the paper to advertise and conduct it properly . Mizzer asked for Council’s consideration. Cipriani asked why would we advertise, I thought it was always at the discretion , according to the boro code. Mr Mizzer stated that he was that he was a member of the original by-laws that established the original fire chief a couple years ago. Chairman Stavish and the Mayor was on that committee. At that time we decided that it would be a 2 year appointment, and it would be advertised, it was to make sure that the credentials would be up to date. We felt at that time that credentials would be up to date for the safety of the boro and its residents. I am not aware of any change since that happened. There was a discussion and Mr. Mizzer asked if council objected to advertising for qualified people to serve this community? Mr. Mizzer stated that he did not speak for any fire department and that he is speaking as a concerned citizen. A discussion was held and Mr. Mizzer will talk to the other people that were qualified and ask them to submit and we will see how council reacts to that submission. A discussion continued on this matter.

Adrian Panuski- I am here tonight to mostly speak about the rumors that I have been hearing concerning the the Atherton / Toy Town area and you probably notice that there is quite a crowd here tonight. We are concerned about the crime increase. The officer and Mayor had answered some of those questions for us. I have a few other concerns. Of the two that were apprehended, are there mug shots anywhere that we can see incase they would return to the area so we can recognize them? Is that a possibility. The policeman will have to check on that. He also stated that several res are interested in a crime watch. That was another question. With there being a lot of elderly would or has this been published in the newspaper. A discussion followed on spraying for Zika virus and also about WWB web-site page.

Rick Humphrey—Spoke about quads in area. Officer Slatcoff answered Humphrey’s concerns. Expressed concerns about the ruckus these quads make and he decided to come and report it to Police. The quads are crossing over Shoemaker and are they allowed to drive on the street. The answer to that is they are allowed to drive along Shoemaker but not on the street. With Summer coming on this is starting already. We hear them 9 and 10 and 11 o’clock at night. I asked for the presence of officers sitting on Lee Ann a couple of months ago and have seen the police there, and I thank you for that. What can we do to rectify the situation. A incident on February 27, it was that Saturday, I happened to go to 4 PM mass, I came back home at around 5, I went to pull in my driveway and there had to be 8 to 10 quads,

zipping up and down Lee Ann. Instead of calling it in I decided to take a ride down here to the Borough Building, I knocked on the door and the cruisers were here and I must have spent 10 minutes or more knocking, and got no answer. Do we have coverage all the time? I thought it was a little out of place and not have coverage. Answer was that we do. Humphrey's asked what we can do when this is going on. The best this to do is to call 911. If you do not want your name mentioned just tell 911 you do not want your name told. As far as no one on duty we had Wyoming cover because we had no one on that shift. The officer stated that they will try and be more of a presence down there. Please call and have the neighbors call also when this is seen. Mr. Humphrey also stated that across the street there is activity of people getting dropped off with back packs and going down and building party houses again. Thank you guys for all of your help. That's all I have.

Jason Azarovich – Stated that he was not going to beat a dead horse, the reason he came was about the ATV's as well. On Saturday two quads came out of Santarelli's at a high rate of speed and nearly hit children that were walking a dog. They went down Shoemaker right in the middle of the road. Just was wondering how legal that was. Answer: Even if they had any kind of a plated it is not legal to operate a ATV on any road in a Borough or State, unless you were crossing. They were really flying they were going faster than any car goes down the road. The mayor suggested to call 911 and if it is said they are going at a high rate of speed the next town will be on the look out.

A discussion followed as to what to do and how things will be handled.

A question was asked about how the Crime Watch will be set up. Answer was that information was forthcoming and when it does it will be passed on to the residence.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Cipriani, seconded by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

