

West Wyoming Borough Monthly Meeting Minutes- May 11, 2015

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

Councilwoman Skok commented on Borough conditions related to Police Dept. The Borough has purchased 2 new vehicles with new equipment in each vehicle and a computer system is now in the Police Dept. On the Financial conditions, the Borough is financially sound. The town's records are online to view. In 2011, the Borough was awarded the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence for responding to adversity. Taxes have been the same for the last five years. Our local officials worked without pay for the last 2 years and grants were obtained for the purchase of vehicles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gary Stavish- Personnel & Recreation: On Recreation Board, new volunteers needed. Community service worker is staining, and water proofing picnic tables. Motion made by Stavish, seconded by Cipriani, to hire Patrick Shaffer as a part-time police officer on an as-needed basis.

Eileen Cipriani-Administration & Finance: Cipriani called on Treasurer DeSanto for the reading of the Treasurer's Report. It is as follows:

	<u>05/11/15</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	375.94	No Activity	Luzerne	375.94
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>0.00</u>	No Activity	PLGIT	118,154.54
107.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	11,609.22		PNC	296,799.11
105.000 · PLGIT- GENERAL	627.47	No Activity	ESSA	230,483.64
			M&T	<u>385,906.66</u>
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	206,212.80			<u>1,031,719.89</u>
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	3,398.76	No Activity		
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	5,687.18			
115.000 · PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	1,978.80			
115.000 · PLGIT EIT	16,014.84			
118.100 · ESSA Refuse	230,483.59			
118.200 · ESSA Debt Service	0.05	No Activity		
Highway Aid Fund				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>87,924.21</u>			

<i>Sewer Fund</i>	
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	81,500.37
08-100-100 M&T-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>385,906.66</u>

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

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

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage, to transfer \$62,342.44 of Real Estate funds from PNC General to PNC Debt Service. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion made by Cipriani, seconded by Dolan, to hold a special meeting on May 26th to vote on Traffic Ordinance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Daniel Grescavage- Community Development: DEP inspection has been changed from May 12th to June 23rd at 9:30AM. Gate owners and also dog owner will be called. Grescavage reminded all that before digging take place remember to call 811. Also, when using an excavator or backhoe watch out for power lines. The Bridge will shut down on May 26th and the target date for completion is October.

Mike Dolan- Public Safety/ Code Enforcement: This new report format combines the fire and EMS responses for West Wyoming Emergency Services. They responded to fifty-seven alarms in April: Three brush fires- four motor vehicle collisions- four engine company assists- one miscellaneous fire incident – two rescue company assists- five DCNR (forestry) assists and thirty-eight EMS calls. The Fire Police unit responded three officers to five alarms.

West Wyoming Fire and Ambulance recently entered into an agreement with Medic 29 to provide advanced life support services. Part of this agreement allowed Medic 29 use of our facilities at Hose Co # 1. This means that an advanced life support unit is based in West Wyoming, providing our residents with an even greater standard of care.

Complaints are being investigated. On Code Enforcement 2015 stickers: citations will be written out to those residents who have not paid the trash fee for 2015. Dolan urged all to make payments.

Walt Stevens- Public Facilities/Health & Sanitation: The Tub Grinder comes June 5. There also is a Electronics collection on 6/6/15 at Butler Township and 6/13/15 at Hanover Jr/Sr High School. The time for both places is 9:00am -3:00pm.

Solicitor Lukesh – No report at this time.

Mayor Herbert – The police responded to 102 calls for service for last month.

I am very pleased to announce and congratulate West Wyoming's own Katherine Potter on being crowned Little Miss Cherry Blossom for 2015. Well Done!

Some important dates before our next Council Meeting are: May 12th, you can get a free scoop of ice cream between 4 & 8 PM at any participating Haagen-Dazs Shop. Go to Haagen-Dazs .com for the nearest location, May 15th is Endangered Species Day, May 16th is Armed Forces Day, May 17th through May 23rd is National Dog Bite Prevention Week, May 19th is Primary Election day, the voting poles open 7am to 8pm. If you live from 8th Street to the Exeter Borough line, you vote here in the West Wyoming Borough Council Room, if you live anywhere else within West Wyoming, you vote in the West Wyoming Hose Company No.1 Social Hall. Please come out and VOTE!! May 20th David Letterman of the Late Show signs off as host after 33 years, and May 25th is Memorial Day.

Please come out and view the Wyoming/West Wyoming Memorial Day Parade. Step off is at 9:15 am from Dailey Park, on Shoemaker Avenue in West Wyoming. The Wyoming V.F.W. and the West Wyoming American Legion Morning Star Post # 904 will conduct Memorial Services at the V.F.W. Post on Wyoming Ave. in Wyoming, the Wyoming Borough Building also on Wyoming Ave. in Wyoming, our Veteran's Memorial at the corner of West 8th Street and Shoemaker Ave. prior to the Parade and immediately following the Parade at the Wyoming Veteran's Monument in the Wyoming Avenue cemetery. Please join us for the service at the Wyoming Cemetery. Please proudly fly you American Flag on Memorial Day!!! Have fun with your families and friends on Memorial Day but remember those brave men and women who sacrificed their very lives for our precious freedoms we now enjoy.

Please be extra careful of the road/bridge replacement on upper 8th St., and starting on Tuesday May 26th the road/bridge replacement on Shoemaker Ave. at Abraham's Creek. Drive carefully and sensibly!!!

Engineer Amato – A few items: the Oak Street electrical upgrade is progressing. We are reviewing sewer settlements and potholes, these will be put on the list. A CDBG block grant application is coming to the Borough, there is new twist this year. Along with the application, we have to have the areas pre-qualified to low-to-moderate income. The residents will have to take the income surveys. We will get a committee to pick out a couple streets that need the work, and feel that they qualify from low to moderate income. Lastly, Brady Street is almost done then the road will be resurfaced.

Citizens Participation:

Susan Maza – Attorney for Diane Murphy and John Mitchell. Diane and John are interested in offering an entertainment and training facility, which consist of indoor shooting range, café, classrooms, offices, and retail space. The location is on Apollo Drive. A map was held up of the location. The facility is called "The Cabin." Mr. Mitchell explained what the building would have. He stated that safety is the main focus. He also explained how the renovation of the building would be. He stated that this was something new for the area. This facility will be open to the public and also to law enforcement. A wet trap or snail trap will be used to catch lead, liquid, and is solid steel. There was a discussion of the trap, and included the safety of it. Firearms and ammo can be brought in and will be checked. There will be a rental counter as well. If one does rent the ammo, it would be obtained at the counter as well. All

firearms would only be in the range, never in the retail area. For safety OSHA will be checking. Outside noise level will be about 20 decibels. That will be in front of the building also. At night, all firearms will be inventoried. Diane and John operate a construction company and there will be an experienced manager to run the facility. Two places that are similar are Pocono Pistol and The Trop.

Instructors will be NRA certified.

Hours of Operation would be: Monday-Wednesday – 10 to 7, Thursday – 10 to 8, Saturday 9 to 8, Sunday 10 to 5. The HVAC filter system was explained, the café was explained. No beer or alcoholic beverages will be served. The air flow is monitored. Lead is recycled. The time line is 3 months lead time, 4 months to operation. Have to wait for HVAC, targets, and traps to get here.

Jason Slatcoff interested in their favorable qualities. Question – How often would an officer be utilizing something like this for certification purposes – once a year – once every 3 years? Answer- once a year. As far as practice goes, police don't get to practice enough.

Jason Humenanski – Building Inspector – The facility will not have a sprinkler system, however it seems like a very proficient system and this system is top notch. The concrete will have to be designed by a license engineer.

Questions were asked about Apollo Drive, and not sure if Apollo Drive is a public or private roadway, this will be looked into.

Ray Gustave – Letter to the Editor. Ray stated that he did not think that council is giving itself enough credit. The letter talks about contracts, losing money and that type of thing. It sounded like it was going on now. The other thing he talked about was the councilmen. Most of the council members that are on council right now were not on at that time, and the few that were on at that time were new and just getting to know what was going on. If my memory serves me correctly in 2009 the Borough has \$35.00 in checking, \$165,000 of unpaid bills, and \$200,000 in loans. Reading the balance sheet from tonight, it looks like the total balance on hand is \$1,031,719.89 and that was achieved by paying off all of the bills, and not raising taxes. I think the council deserves a lot of credit for running a very frugal, but effective operation. They should take credit for that. Another thing, about the bridge on Shoemaker Ave: in order to save the Borough money, Mr. Grescavage borrowed signs from Luzerne County, which probably saved around \$1000.00 in signs, to mark the detour around the bridge. I think they deserve a lot of credit for being fiscally responsible. Two other things that need to be mentioned: one is that the sidewalks around the building have settled for a long time. They are a hazard, and if the council would consider raising those sidewalks to ground level, to eliminate a trip hazard, and it would improve the appearance of the building. The last thing I would ask the council to consider a weekly yard waste pick up, the current process of every other week isn't as effective for a lot of people.

Dan Grescavage went down to the County Road and Bridge, asked for signs, and they did not have any available. Spoke to Mr. Gustave, and he knew a person to get the signs for us.

John Hizny – 45 Fairview St. – A problem with the quads coming thru Pagnotti property thru Lee Ann and up Fairview. No registration and they run up and down the street. My second complaint is that we have cats again this year. Something has to be done about the cats.

Council is aware of the situation and Jason Slatcoff is aware of the problem. This will be taken under consideration.

Motion made to adjourn by Councilwoman Cipriani, second by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.