

West Wyoming Borough- Council Meeting Minutes August 12, 2019

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

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

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gary Stavish - Chairman-Personnel: The Kiwanis Club of Wyoming Area will be doing hometown hero banners that will be placed on telephone poles in the Borough. They will be sending out some literature and we will include some information in our newsletter and on our website.

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
As of August 11, 2019**

CASH ACCOUNTS

**COMBINED GENERAL,
HIGHWAY AID & SEWER**

GENERAL FUND

ESSA BANK REFUSE	\$111,922.04
FNCB DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	\$23,489.53
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$574,782.36
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$67,940.57
NCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$209,080.98
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$19,343.91
PLGIT PAYROLL	\$3,265.82
PLGIT GENERAL	<u>\$1,397.15</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$1,011,222.36</u>

PLGIT	\$381,798.18
ESSA	\$111,922.04
M&T	<u>\$276,174.44</u>
FNCB	<u><u>\$1,812,747.83</u></u>

HIGHWAY AID FUND

PLGIT	<u>\$223,056.26</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$223,056.26</u>

SEWER FUND

M&T SEWER	\$276,174.44
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$167,559.73
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	<u>\$134,735.04</u>
TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$578,469.21</u>
TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING /SAVINGS	<u>\$1,812,747.83</u>

Motion made by Colarusso and seconded by Zaboski to approve the reading of the Treasurer’s report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Colarusso gave his report on DEP. DPW is taking care of the compost pile. Grass cutting and routine business.

Daniel Grescavage - Community Development: We had our inspection on the channel, weir and basin by DEP. Residents were notified by mail and included in the letter was a copy of our ordinance to have their gates open for the inspection. With the exception of one, all others were open.

Regarding the zoning on 481 Shoemaker Ave., the case is ongoing. The first time was a continuation, second time the participants did not show up, so again, it is continued until next month.

Mike Dolan - Public Safety/Code Enforcement: The monthly Chief’s Report for the month of July is as follows: Emergency services responded to 30 calls: 1 building fire-1 outside fire-9 vehicle accident & injury calls- and a number of other service calls.

On Code Enforcement- Dolan did not have a Code Enforcement report. Any complaints on Code Enforcement are being addressed by Ken Shefler.

On composting, Forty-Fort has asked to join the Composting Association of which we are a member along with Kingston, Jackson Twp. and Exeter. There was a meeting several weeks ago with all the members. We unanimously agreed that Forty-Fort can come on board and share in the cost for the equipment, insurance and other operations costs to us and the other boroughs. Councilman Dolan made a motion to allow Forty Fort Borough to join the Compost Association. The motion was seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Dolan has the police report. The vehicles have been maintained. We are hoping to replace some of those next year with a LSA Grant.

Councilman Dolan made a motion to hire Kevin Davis as a new police officer pending a background check. The motion was seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

We have been reviewing our options regarding our Ambulance Service. Council spent some time reviewing some of the providers in the Wyoming Valley. Councilman Dolan made a motion to make Greater Pittston the first primary Ambulance service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

There will be some roving patrols in the future so everyone should be aware: do not drink and drive, and as always have a designated driver.

Maureen Zaboski - Administration/Finance, Health and Sanitation:

Motion to approve all outstanding bills approved by the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Grescavage. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion Carried

Motion to transfer \$19,343.91 from Pligit EIT account to FNCB General Account. Motion was seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion carried.

There are a few announcements. September 21st, which is a Saturday, is our document shredding day, which will be held behind Hose Co. #1 by the maintenance building, from 9-12. Residents may bring up to 3 boxes to be shredded.

The next event coming up is the recycling event. Representative Kaufer's office is sponsoring it. That will be held in Forty Fort. If anyone is interested in recycling their electronics, you can purchase a \$30.00 ticket per vehicle here at the Borough building. That allows you to bring one TV or one monitor and other electronic devices are accepted. Please note that there is a limit to one TV or one monitor. That date is October 24, 2019, Thursday from 3-6.

Mike Amato: Engineer

We did check on Mr. Hizny's complaint with Mr. Hoover and he has some outstanding items to take care of. We are trying to get the gas company to take care of the hole in the ground.

Opening Bids for ADA Ramps, Parking CDBG

Linell opened the Bids:

First Bid is from Kriger Total \$144,825.00

Next is Pennsy Supply Total \$113,325.00

Next is Multiscape Inc. Total \$119,000

Last is Belles Property Management Total \$84,677.00

All Bonds included.

Bids were turned over to Mike Amato and he will review the bids.

Motion made to accept the lowest bid on the table recommended by our engineer and solicitor, seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

Linell Lukesh: Solicitor

Business as usual. Nothing else to report.

Mayor Joe Herbert

I would like to commend all of those who assisted at the shooting on W. 8th Street in West Wyoming, on July 25,2019. Thanks go to all who assisted in this tragedy.

Thanks to the Kiwanis for doing the Hometown Hero banners for us.

Citizens Participation:

Lisa Pollard asked about the zoning on 6th St. and blighted properties

Asked what they are doing with the property on 6th Street. Chairman Stavish stated that the last we heard is that the building was going to be used for storage.

Another question: Are there any grants out there for sidewalks on 6th St.? The reason I ask is I see people walking on the street and I was wondering if there anything that can be done on that? Chairman Stavish stated that 6th street is a state road. Lisa stated that when she talked to PennDot, they stated that the town can apply for sidewalks. Engineer Amato stated that the Borough previously applied for sidewalks on 6th St. and we were not successful. PennDot cuts the check and they tell us what we can and cannot spend the money on. Lisa asked to please try again. Another thing I'm concerned about are the swings at the park. They are too high for small children to get on them. This is my first time coming here and I am asking about our police force. Do we have a full time police force in our town? There was a discussion about full time police force.

John Hizny - Fairview St

Complaining about a fallen tree on his property for 3 months which belongs to Pagnotti and not the Borough.

Councilman Dolan explained to Mr. Hizny that it is a civil matter between him and Pagnotti. Mr. Hizny also complained about issues with curbs and the road on Fairview. Mike Amato, who spoke to Mr. Hoover from PA American Water, said there are still outstanding items from PAW that will be addressed by TS&E Company, who is a subcontractor of PAW.

Carl Worthington - Washington Ave.- Thanked Council for removing a fallen tree from his property. Mentioned that his fence also needs to be taken of.

Ryan Pecukonis - W. Sperling St: Asked why West Wyoming Ambulance had to be shut down?

Reply from Councilwoman Zaboski: West Wyoming partnered with Wyoming Borough and the partnership gave the ambulance enough clients to serve and so it was able to pay its bills. When the partnership with Wyoming ended, the call volume in West Wyoming was not high enough for the ambulance to pay its staff, EMTs, worker's comp, and insurance. The call volume did not make enough money to pay all those bills. The decision was to close down rather than go in debt.

Pecukonis asked if anything was done to prevent this such as fundraising. Reply by Zaboski was that the ambulance needs to make a certain level of income to pay its bills and without its clients there is no fundraiser that would be able to help.

Pecukonis asked why we have two fire stations. Councilman Stavish stated that we only have one Fire Station, Number 2 merged with number 1 and everything runs out of Shoemaker Hose Co. No. 1.

What ambulance cost will there now be and how. Councilwoman Zaboski stated that there will be a fund drive based on what we agree on just like West Wyoming Ambulance had. A discussion followed as to parking etc. on W. Sperling St. Ryan asked if there ever was an issue since we had the parking ban?

Mayor Herbert answered yes there was. I had a choice of taking out a pole or knock on doors to see whose vehicle needed to be moved. Ryan asked why didn't you just ban parking by the telephone pole?

Mayor Herbert stated that you live on that street –you live on the very end of that street. You go down to the middle or end of that street and you will find out how difficult. You complain because you do not want to park in your drive way and that you have and walk across the grass to get into your house. You not wanting to park in your drive way and let us risk the rest of the community for people who live up there on two or three different streets because you want to park in front of your house. That is your main problem, it is the same problem you have had from the beginning. I answered your question.

Zaboski asked what else would he like to say. Ryan stated that it is his Dad that has health problems and that is the reason. It came to a discussion why Ryan cannot move his fathers car. Zaboski stated that the decision is not perfect but we are thinking of the greater need of the residents that might need emergency vehicles on that street at any given time, and if there is parking on the street, than emergency vehicles cannot get up there. We realize it is not perfect. Ryan stated that at the last council

meeting council said that there is only one fire hydrant on W. Sperling Street, well, there are two, one at the bottom and one at the top. Councilman Stavish stated the one at the top is on Wheaton Street. Zaboloski stated the issue is the one at the bottom of the street and the poles. Ryan said what about dumpsters being parked on the street? Council answered that if there is a dumpster on the street they need a permit. Ryan asked, what about the people now speeding on the street? Chief Nocera is monitoring the street and if anyone sees anything they should get a license plate number, or at least what type of car it is. People should heed the speed limit also which is 25 mph.

Ryan asked Solicitor Lukesh about a handicap sticker. It was answered. The parking ban under Pa. Law, states that if there is available parking off street, as in a drive way, then a handicap parking spot is not issued.

Ryan stated that actually is not true. He contacted our State Rep. and said the local government has the choice to give it or not. Councilman Stavish stated that this was looked at before and it stands as is.

Question was asked about the Rec Board. Councilman Grescavage stated that there are around 6 people who are interested. We are always looking for new members. We are looking into the playground issue.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Colarusso , second by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion Carried.