

West Wyoming Borough Council Minutes

August 14, 2023

The monthly meeting of West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Chairman Stavish. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken by Chairman Stavish and the following were present: Chairman Stavish, Vice-Chairman Dolan Councilman Skok Councilman Pugliese, Councilman Orzel, Solicitor Linell Lukesh, Treasurer Mark Kendzor, Mayor Colarusso.

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Dolan, to approve the minutes from July with the addition of corrections made at the work session Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion on the Ordinance Quality of Life and it was decided to table it until an executive session.

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Dolan to approve all outstanding bills approved by the Finance Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish announced that council has accepted the resignation of Sharon Kaminski as Borough Administrator.

OLD BUSINESS:NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Pugliese - Public Facilities:

There were 602 visits to the Compost Yard last month. Councilman Pugliese stated that we are almost finished with the Sixth Street track Repairs. Also, the catch basin on the corner of Sixth Street and the back road was cleaned. We removed a tree that was obstructing view. Councilman Pugliese would like to have our Plow Truck budgeted for the coming year.

Vice Chairman Dolan : Administration Finance Vice Chairman Dolan called upon Treasurer Kendzor for the reading of the Treasurer's Report. It is as follows:

Treasurer's Report As of August 13,2023

CASH ACCOUNTS

Combined General

General Fund

ARPA Account	\$140,396.04
FNCB Engine Refurbishment	\$17,058.32
FNCB General Account	\$822,044.82
FNCB Property Proceeds	\$32,475.20
FNCB Refuse Account	\$495,040.90
PLGIT Earned Income Tax	\$173,964.88
PLGIT Payroll	\$2,358.13
PLGIT General	\$4,962.19
Total General Fund Checking/Savings	<u>\$1,688,300.48</u>

**Highway and
Sewer Funds**

PLGIT	\$631,649.19
M&T	\$83,773.14
FNCB	<u>\$2,382,108.50</u>
	<u>\$3,097,530.83</u>

Highway Aid Fund

PLGIT	<u>\$347,888.73</u>
Total Highway Aid Fund Checking/Savings	<u>\$347,888.73</u>

Sewer Fund

M&T Sewer	\$83,773.14
FNCB Operating Fund	\$875,093.22
PLGIT Sewer Credit Card	<u>\$102,475.26</u>
Total Sewer Fund Checking/ Savings Card	<u>\$1,061,341.62</u>

Total Combined Checking/Savings **\$3,097,530.83**

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Dolan and seconded by Paul Orzel to approve the reading of the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Dolan would like to make a motion to repeat a transfer of \$32,463.34 which was not completed last month from the FNCB Property Proceeds to the PLGIT seconded by Councilman Pugliese. Also, he noted transfer of \$74,391.85 was not completed last month so with added Sewer Payments since then the amount has now changed to \$83,773.14.

A motion made by Vice Chairman Dolan to transfer \$83,773.14 from the M&T Sewer Fund to the FNCB Sewer Operating Fund seconded by Councilman Paul Orzel.

All in favor.....Motion Carried.

Vice Chairman Dolan said that we are still seeking further information on the owner of the Stites Street Cemetery. It is getting cleaned up, but not by the owner. He stated that council should turn it over to Code Enforcement Officer, Lee Hampton to look further into finding the owner. Vice Chairman Dolan had requested Executive Session to further discuss Quality of Life Ordinance.

Councilman Skok: Public Safety/Community Development/ Code Enforcement/ Fire Department

Fire Department

West Wyoming Fire Department responded to twelve incidents in July and they are as follows:

Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish 1

Medical Assist, assist EMS crew 1

Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill 1

Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) 1

Building or structure weakened or collapsed 1

Water problem, other 1

Dispatched and cancelled enroute 3

Smoke scare, odor of smoke 1

False alarm or false call, other 1

Smoke detector activation due to malfunction 1

Councilman Skok complimented Lee Hampton, code enforcement for doing a phenomenal job.

Ordinance Violations 5 High Grass 1 Grass on sidewalk or street 1 Trash Cans on curb 1 Dumpster in Street without a permit.

Property Owners may receive multiple citations for the same violation and the Fines will be increased for each occurrence.

Councilman Skok said that we had to hire two Dumpsters last year to separate the yard waste from debris that that doesn't compost. It cost thousands of dollars to

get the COG grinding machine fixed. A park bench was also put in the Compost yard.

There is a five year renewal plan that will be coming up on a safety plan for residents in an emergency. The fire and police departments will have guidance in case of an emergency. The Fire Department needs to be aware of properties that contain Hazardous Material.

We are planning to have the Scoreboard fixed in Daley Park.

Building Permits There were \$60,495.00 in the Month of July.

Councilman Orzel: Health and Sanitation/ Parks and Recreation Board:

Councilman Orzel stated that he did contact the owner of 81 West Third Street In regards to cutting the grass. She was very receptive and so far is complying. The owner of 436 West Fourth Street high grass, owner still cannot be located. Councilman Orzel asked Chairman Stavish to let him know the contact number and the name of the company that purchased GFL.

Councilman Orzel stated that we need to be made aware of the owners of properties in our town that do not live in the area. Solicitor Lukesh replied that she will turn that over to Code Enforcement officer Lee Hampton.

Mayor Colarusso: Mayor Colarusso asked Chief Turner for his WARP report. Chief Turner stated that there were 737 responses to calls made from the WARP in July. 54 of those calls were to West Wyoming. The gun incident at Charney Park resulted in an arrest and a formal charge. There were also 13 Building Checks done for locked doors on businesses. There was an Armed Robbery in West Pittston . WARP is working with the County Narcotics force as Fentanyl is being delivered in WARP area. There was 1 crime involving a person trying to meet up with a 15 year old. This was investigated, and the suspect was not from our area. He was arrested and arraigned.

The Santarelli property was walked by Chairman Stavish, Mayor Colarusso and Chief Turner. Mr. Santarelli is cooperating as Solicitor Lukesh is creating an agreement to clean up this area. Also, Airport Sand and Gravel will be notified that their adjacent property needs to be maintained as well. Mayor Colarusso thanked Chief Turner and the officers for doing a great job. Chairman Stavish asked how many full time offices we have and Chief responded 18.

A resident asked Chief why her phone call was not followed up when she called 911 to request that she needed officers to come. He responded that he had no

call requesting police to dispatch at the time she stated. Residents were reminded that 911 should be called in any emergency before putting it on face book.

Solicitor Lukesh: Announced that the Quality of Life Ordinance is going to give our Code Enforcement Officer the power to issue tickets and fines to residents that are not complying with the Ordinance. Solicitor Lukesh stated that she had multiple Leins that she worked on involving buyers and sellers to come to an agreement on the outstanding amounts.

Citizen Participation : Doug Kaminski expressed his personal feelings about Sharon Kaminski's employment with the Borough.

Gil Atherholt, Sixth Street questioned if trash was being separated when both regular garbage and recyclables were going in the same truck. He also questioned the traffic on Sixth Street when Sheetz in Wyoming construction is completed. Also, mentioned by Mr. Atherholt that there is a concern about run off water on Sixth Street.

Donna Gustave, Fifth Street thanked the Borough for their quick action on the repair of the Railroad tracks. She stated that she still has concerns about a neighbor's pool water ending up in front of her house and questioned if it was going into the storm drain. Also, questioned about neighbor's trees that hang over into her yard.

Jean Bilbow, Lincoln Avenue said there are 5 adults and 1 child on the property adjacent to her home. Her concern is that they have 5 cars and 3 motorcycles and how would a plow get through if they are all parked in the street. She is going to look at the Ordinances which are online.

Chairman Stavish announced that Council will be having recess and going into Executive Session.

Council went into Executive Session from 8:15 to 8:40. Chairman Stavish made a motion to pass the Quality of Life Ordinance and to review and make any adjustments going forward. Committees will be appointed to review tickets and appoint an Appeals board. Seconded by Councilman Pugliese. Roll call was taken and unanimously agreed to pass the Ordinance.

Chairman Stavish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Mike Dolan, Vice Chairman / OC

