

West Wyoming Borough Council Minutes

December 11, 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 and the following were present: Chairman Stavish, Vice-Chairman Dolan Councilman Skok Councilman Pugliese, Councilman Orzel, Solicitor Linell Lukesh, Treasurer Mark Kendzor, Mayor Colarusso, Engineer Amato

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan with minor corrections, to approve the minutes from November . Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Dolan stated that the minutes are now on the Website thru October.

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

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Pugliese - Public Facilities:

Compost Yard for November

597 accepted 3 Rejected..... 1 Wyoming.....2 West Pittston

Compost Yard Closed December 10th

Last Leaf Pickup December 11th

We have on going pot hole repairs, weather permitting

Plow Truck Expected Delivery is mid to end of January

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

West Wyoming Borough
Treasurer's Report
As of December 10, 2023

CASH ACCOUNTS

**Combined General
Highway and
Sewer Funds**

General Fund

ARPA Account	\$140,489.92	PLGIT \$2,092,465.51
FNCB Engine Refurbishment	\$17,086.84	M&T \$14,801.43
FNCB General Account	\$229,274.19	FNCB <u>\$960,297.58</u>
FNCB Property Proceeds	\$4.45	<u>\$3,067,564.52</u>
FNCB Refuse Account	\$378,677.80	
PLGIT Earned Income Tax	\$371,645.32	
PLGIT Payroll	\$4,386.62	
PLGIT General	<u>\$509,025.59</u>	
Total General Fund Checking/Savings	<u>\$1,650,590.73</u>	

Highway Aid Fund

PLGIT	<u>\$335,087.96</u>
Total Highway Aid Fund Checking/ Savings	<u>\$335,087.96</u>

Sewer Fund

M&T Sewer	\$14,801.43
FNCB Operating Fund	\$194,764.38
PLGIT Sewer Credit Card	<u>\$872,310.02</u>
Total Sewer Fund Checking/ Savings	<u>\$1,081,875.83</u>

Total Combined Checking/Savings **\$3,067,564.52**

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

Vice Chairman Dolan asked for a motion to pass the Ordinance for the 2024 Budget. It was seconded by Councilman Orzel, Voice Vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

Vice Chairman Dolan stated that the Budget will be in effect December 12th, 30 days after it was laid on the table. There are no tax increases for the coming year.

**Dan Skok- Public Safety/Community Development/ Code Enforcement/
Fire Department**

Monthly Fire Chiefs Report
Search for person on land 1
Extraction Rescue other 1
Alarm sounded due to malfunction 1
Dispatched and cancelled in route 3
Cooking fire contained to Container 1

Ordinance and Building Permits
12 Violations of Ordinance
3 Building Permits

Councilman Skok attended several meetings with Code Enforcement Hampton at Magistrate Carmody's office and stated to him that it is the Boroughs intention to enforce the Quality of Life Ordinance to have our town well maintained. He had asked Magistrate Carmody for cooperation with Code Enforcement as he (Lee Hampton) is doing a phenomenal job.

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

Councilman Orzel commended Parks and Recreation on the lighting of Daley Park. He stated that he will be looking for a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in January. He wants to look into getting monies for the Parks and Recreation Board.

Engineer Amato: Has been working with the DPW on various projects including Inspection of Manhole Covers. Also has submitted a Mid Block Crosswalk to Council for Authorization.

Solicitor Lukesh: We have 2 Renewals of Agreements for Services.

The DPW Services.....Code Enforcement and Building Inspection for Forty Fort thru 2025. Chairman Stavish asked for a Motion on the extension of agreement between West Wyoming and Forty Fort for the DPW and Code Enforcement Building Inspector. Seconded by Councilman Pugliese, Councilman Skok objected to the Renewal of Services by the DPW but agreed with the Renewal of Services by Code Enforcement, Building Inspector. Chairman Stavish stated.... "So Noted" ...Motion Passes

Solicitor Lukesh stated that she is working on several complaints and Municipal Sewer Leins. Also some Personnel issues getting cleared up.

Mayor Colarusso: Mayor Colarusso called upon Chief Turner for his report. The WARP Police Department as a whole had 473 Calls for Services in November, with 17 Criminal Arrests.

For the month of November in The Borough of West Wyoming WARP had 47 Calls for service. 15 traffic Stops, 6 traffic citations and 2 non traffic, 3 Accidents, 1 Child Assault, 4 Domestic, 7 Assists to Fire and EMS, 3 Suspicious Vehicles.

Stats from WARP Narcotics Investigators included 7 Controlled Buys, 3 Execution of Warrants, 3 Assists to Luzerne County Task Force, with 16 Ongoing Investigations, 3 Criminal Arrests, with Seizures of 1 Marijuana Plant, 397 Grams of Meth, 25 grams of Crack Cocaine, 4 grams of Cocaine. WARP also seized 1 Firearm and 1 Motorcycle.

Citizen Participation – Bob Connors, East Sperling Street asked why there are no Christmas Lights on the lower half of Eighth Street. Council stated that the electrical work will be completed by 2024 Christmas Season.

Joe Erzar, Brady Street said that the sidewalk is higher than the Street on the corner of Brady and Narrow Streets. Engineer Amato stated that a wedge will have to be put in.

He also commented that there is a speeding issue on Brady Street.

Chairman Stavish announced that the Re organizational meeting will be on January 2nd because of the Holiday falling on a Monday. All other meetings will be the 2nd Monday from February thru December. Work Sessions will be at 6pm followed at 7pm by Council Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Stavish, seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan.... Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

..... *Meeting Adjourned*.....



Michael Robert
Vice Chairman