

## **West Wyoming Borough Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022**

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

Absent: Engineer Mike Amato

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Chairman Stavish: Chairman Personnel-**

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dolan to approve last month's meeting minutes as read. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Stavish noted that the regionalization will take place come January 1<sup>st</sup> along with the five joining towns and boroughs.

**Frank Pugliese: Public Facilities-** Councilman Pugliese stated that no quotes are needed on the purchase of a new lawn mower. Also, asked that for next year's budget, a new plow truck be included.

Monthly report on compost yard. For November 30<sup>th</sup>: Residents : 120- Rejected: 2 – Wyoming:2-. December 1 to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Residents: 27 – Rejected: 0.

Compost yard will be closed on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice-Chairman Mike Dolan: Administration /Finance-**Vice-Chairman Dolan called on Treasurer Kendzor for the reading of the treasurer's report. It is as follows:

**WEST WYOMING BOROUGH**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**As of December 11 2022**

CASH ACCOUNTS		AID AND SEWER FUNDS	
GENERAL FUND			
ESSA BANK REFUSE	\$200,945.03	PLGIT	\$555,426.53
FNCB ARPA ACCOUNT	\$140,209.24	ESSA	\$200,945.03
FNCB ENGINE REFURBISHMENT ACCOUNT	\$17,010.86	M&T	\$670,905.18
FNCB GENERAL ACCOINT	\$523,954.42	FNCB	<u>\$1,182,381.48</u>
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$32,384.83		<u>\$2,609,658.22</u>
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$308,396.49		
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$189,401.07		
PLGIT PAYROLL	\$2,645.44		
PLGIT GENERAL	<u>\$4,349.07</u>		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CK/SAVINGS	<u>\$1,419,296.45</u>		
HIGHWAY AID FUND			
PLGIT	<u>\$298,184.34</u>		
TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$298,184.34</u>		
SEWER FUND			
M&T	\$670,905.18		
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$160,425.64		
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	<u>\$60,846.61</u>		
TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$892,177.43</u>		
TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$2,609,658.22</u>		

Vice-Chairman Dolan made a motion ,seconded by Councilman Pugliese, to approve the treasurer's report as read. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Dolan noted that this month stipends to the Chief and Assistant Chief will be made and also to Recreation Board.

Vice-Chairman Dolan stated that Secretary Kaminski will be working on some transitions on bank accounts and may need to get signature cards for these changes.

**Dan Skok: Community Development/ Code Enforcement/ Recreation Board:**

Councilman Skok spoke with the Chief of Hose Co. #1 and he would like to ask council to apply for a grant to repair and refurbish pumper the cost would be around \$40,000. To replace it, it would cost over 100,000.00.

Building Permits for the month of November were \$27,450.00 stating that any improvements in buildings or structures improves the borough's chance for a grant.

## The West Wyoming Fire Department Monthly Chief's Report:

Building Fire-1

Medical Assistance -1

Car Accidents -2

Gas Leaks -3

Good Intention -1

Dispatched- 1 No incident found

The chief asked Councilman Skok if council could apply for a grant to fully repair and refurbish the pumper. To replace it would cost too much. Councilman Skok also mentioned that residents properties need to be maintained. Numerous complaints on this matter.

Councilman Skok also mentioned that at a recent meeting at Exeter Borough, Councilman Pizano proposed the possibility of getting larger and better grants from the state on the regionalization. Also, mentioned taking the railroad tracks away for the Redevelopment Authority and replace them with walking trails that would connect to the five towns on regionalization.

On Parks and Recreation, Councilman Skok commented on the great job that they did on decorating Daley Park for the holiday season. Councilman Skok said that Parks and Recreation are looking for a place to store their decorations and they are asking council if they can help with this situation by possibly getting a storage shed.

Parks and Recreations will also be doing the best decorated homes for the holiday.

**Paul Orzel: Health and Sanitation-** Councilman Orzel that mentioned that the final leaf pick-up was Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> went well. Tree pick-up will be the first two Mondays in January and also that payments on trash and the newsletter were sent to all residents.

**Solicitor Lukesh:** Told council that she is working on satisfying liens on residents properties and also talking to solicitors from the five townships and boroughs which will be meeting at the end of the week to finalize a resolution to formally have each council vote on disbanding the current department and move into the future plan to provide services to the towns associated with the WARP. Solicitor Lukesh thanked all the officers that attended the council meeting for their service to our town over the years.

## **Mayor Colarusso- The Mayor gave the Monthly Police Report:**

False Alarms-Burglary-5

Theft-2

Fraud-2

Domestics-8

Suspicious Activities-1

Motor Vehicle Accidents-1

Public Service Calls-2AllOther Ordinances/Offenses-3

Misc-14

Assist EMS-21Assist Fire Dept.-3

Assist Other Police-4

Assist Other Agencirs-3Citations-1

Mayor Colarusso also thanked the police officers and presented them with plaques for their service to our borough.

Officer Bell thanked council for their recognition to all the police officers and also thanked the police officers that he worked with at the borough.

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Doug Kaminski- Washington Ave- Asked council about future plans on the security of the three females that are in the borough building. Chairman Stavish replied that doors will remain locked. The intercom will be repaired and they can determine if they should let someone in the building. We also have cameras in both the upstairs and downstairs offices. Also, Mike Amato is working on grants for a long term solution ( Auto Release Locks) Chief Pace explained that there will be 24-7 police coverage in each zone in the Wyoming Area Regional Police Department. There will be 16 Full Time offices plus part time as well. When residents call for police, they should call 911 and a regional officer will be dispatched. Police will be using the West Pittston Borough Building located at 475 Exeter Ave. West Pittston until the 475 Wyoming Avenue building is ready.

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Stavish and seconded by councilman Mike Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

