

WEST WYOMING BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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 Pugliese, Councilman Orzel, Solicitor Linell Lukesh, Treasurer Mark Kendzor, Mayor Colarusso, Engineer Amato . Chairman Stavish introduced Bonnie Arnone to everyone as our Borough Administrator that we share with Forty Fort Borough.

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan, to approve the minutes from January . Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Stavish made a motion to adopt for approval the transfer of PLCB License No. R13056 into West Wyoming Borough from Hazelton, Luzerne County, PA. seconded by Councilman Orzel. Voice Vote all in Favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion for a Resolution to request a statewide Local Share grant of \$661,552.71 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to address certain infrastructures within the Borough, seconded by Councilman Pugliese. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman Stavish asked for a Back Up Document for the DPW Purchasing Project-Draft Application-*Resolution 5 of 23 seconded by Councilman Pugliese. Voice Vote all in Favor. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

Chairman Stavish announced that he accepted the resignation of Councilman Skok as he moved out of our area and asked if anyone had any objections. All were in agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Pugliese - Public Facilities:

*Bridges in Toy Town-are completely removed and we intend to groom the Swale in the Spring.

*Toy Town Pumping Station-We are having difficulty finding parts for the Pump Station that is down. Hopefully we can have more information by the next Meeting.

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
February 11, 2024

CASH ACCOUNTS

Combined General

Combined
Combined General,
Highway Aid and
Sewer Funds

General Fund

ARPA Account	\$140,537.58
FNCB Engine Refurbishment	\$25,105.93
FNCB General Account	\$96,977.35
FNCB Property Proceeds	\$4.45
FNCB Refuse Account	\$474,094.75
PLGIT Earned Income Tax	\$399,635.45
PLGIT Payroll	\$4,224.28
PLGIT General	<u>\$514,065.60</u>
Total General Fund Checking/Savings	<u>\$1,654,645.39</u>

PLGIT	\$2,117,508.20
M&T	\$96,025.70
FNCB	<u>\$924,113.17</u>
	<u>\$3,137,647.07</u>

Highway Aid Fund

PLGIT	<u>\$311,253.31</u>
Total Highway Aid Fund Checking/ Savings	<u>\$311,253.31</u>

Sewer Fund

M&T Sewer	\$96,025.70
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FNCB Operating Fund	\$187,393.11
PLGIT Sewer Credit Card	<u>\$888,329.56</u>
Total Sewer Fund Checking/ Savings	<u>\$1,171,748.37</u>
Total Combined Checking/Savings	<u>\$3,137,647.07</u>

Vice Chairman Dolan asked Chairman Stavish for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded by Councilman Orzel. Report. Voice Vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Orzel stated that in the next few weeks he will be contacting Greater Wyoming Area Little League for the use of the field behind the Fire House.

The Recreation Board raised somewhere around \$1500.00 at a night of Comedy at the Casino..

Bulk Item Pick up is scheduled for May 6th and October 7th.

The Compost Yard will be opening in April.

We will be looking for Bids on trash for next year.

Councilman Orzel stated that received a Complaint that trash is not being picked up at a residence and speaking with Casella to find that this is a Private Road and they do not Pick Up on Private Roads.

**Public Safety/Community Development/ Code Enforcement/
Fire Department**

Chairman Stavish called upon Lee Hampton who stated the Fire Department responded to Nine Calls in January.

Lee stated that he had 20 Code Enforcement Issues for the Month of January.

Mike Amato Borough Engineer: Engineer Amato stated routine Business with the Solicitor and the DPW for the Month of January that included amendments to the Flood Plane Ordinance. He is working on trying to get the Pump Station running. Also additional Drain Projects. Coordinating with Property Owners on Sewer Line Hook ups in the Borough. Coordinate with Ashburn to get an extension on LSE.

Solicitor Lukesh: Also stated that she worked on Routine Business along with Engineer Amato. Included were the following: Sewer Lien Judgements, Title Searches, also RTK requests. She is looking over all Ordinances to see if they need any updating. Also, guiding on Bids for Sanitation Services. Solicitor Lukesh stated that the roll of the Recreation Board is operating under West Wyoming Borough and advised them that they are Tax Exempt.

Mayor Colarusso: Mayor Colarusso called upon Chief Turner for the WARP Report. Chief Turner said there were 391 total calls to the WARP in the Month of January-35 calls were from West Wyoming. The Undercover Narcotics unit seized various drugs, money and firearms since October 12th. A grant was given and a \$24,500.00 UTV was purchased for the WARP.

The ribbon cutting for the WARP at 475 Wyoming Avenue will be April 05, at 1 pm. Congressman Cartright's office was commended for the funding grant of the new WARP Barracks through Governor Shapiro.

In August there will be a National Night out where the WARP and Pittston City Police will get together to celebrate WARP'S first Anniversary.

Mayor Colarusso welcomed Mr. Hyzinski's class to the Council Meeting.

Citizen Participation –

Mr. Thorek requested the Basketball net at Charney Park be lowered to 8 ½ feet.

Susan Sharkey said that the woods across from her home are for sale and the borough should consider purchasing it for Recreation. Council stated that it is not feasible at this time.

Joe Dileo and Ray Saporito 6th Street, questioned what is going to be done with the old foundry on Sixth Street as the property is in deplorable condition with old vehicles that haven't been moved in years. The Property Owner pays the fines but doesn't do anything to Clean it Up. Lee Hampton stated that he would suggest that the residents that are concerned should appear when this case goes to the Magistrate.

A resident from Granateri Drive questioned why her trash does not get picked up. Chairman Stavish explained that they cannot go on Private Property.

Joe Erzar, Brady Street stated that after he shovels the plow pushes everything back on his sidewalk.

Joe Miscavage Cooper Hill questioned what is going to be done on Cooper Hill

to fix the water problem. He also questioned Street Paving. He has two Children 1 being Autistic and would like to have a Watch Children Sign and an Autistic Child sign to slow down traffic.

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

..... Meeting Adjourned.....



Michael J. Dolan
Vice Chairman