

West Wyoming Borough- Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

The monthly council meeting 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, Solicitor Lukesh, Treasurer Kendzor, Engineer Amato and Secretary Kaminski.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE- Councilman Skok asked Chairman Stavish about the Lithuanian Cemetery on Stites St. Solicitor Lukesh replied that it is privately owned and that it is not the responsibility of the Borough. Also, a citation was filed by the former police dept against the caretaker or possible owner on Dec 22nd and unfortunately, there was no police presence so, the end result was not guilty. The Borough has no responsibility in taking care of this property. A discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Stavish: Administration/Personnel

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

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

Councilman Pugliese: Public Facilities- Brought up the past discussion on the security on the front door. Councilman Pugliese agrees with Engineer Amato that for a \$1,000.00 more we could not only add a two way communication intercom but also a security camera as well as an automatic electronic mechanism. Both Councilman Pugliese, along with Engineer Amato, feel that this would be the best and more secure system to install. A discussion followed among council.

A motion was made by Councilman Pugliese to install an upgraded new security system, seconded by Councilman Skok. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried,

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 12, 2023

CASH FUND		AID AND SEWER FUNDS
GENERAL FUND		
ESSA BANK REFUSE	\$ 201,111.42	PLGIT \$385,949.70
FNCB ARPA ACCOUNT	\$ 140,256.88	ESSA \$201,111.42
FNCB ENGINE REFURBISHMENT ACCOUNT	\$17,022.00	M&T \$0.00
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$833,315.73	FNCB <u>\$2,261,669.40</u>
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$32,406.03	<u>\$2,848,730.52</u>
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$351,449.82	
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$12,047.12	
PLGIT PAYROLL	\$14,788.31	
PLGIT GENERAL	<u>\$4,391.26</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$1,606,788.57</u>	
HIGHWAY AID FUND		
PLGIT	<u>\$278,026.83</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$278,026.83</u>	
SEWER FUND		
M&T	\$0.00	
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$887,218.94	
PLGIT SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$76,696.18</u>	
	<u>\$963,915.12</u>	
TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$2,848,730.52</u>	

Vice Chairman Dolan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orzel, to approve the reading of the treasurer’s report as read. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Dolan commented on the old records that were picked up by Scantek . They will be sorted out and cleaned up and anything unnecessary they will dispose of. Records that we do need to keep will be put on electronic format so we will be able them access them when needed.

Dan Skok: Community Development/ Public Safety/ Code Enforcement. Parks & Rec- Gave an update on Parks and Recreation. Councilman Skok stated that after the restrooms were winterized that someone went in and turned the water back on. The pipes froze and Parks and Recreation lost Potato Chips and Pretzels. Councilman Skok would like it to

be known that these restrooms are not available for use when Parks and Recreation has no events going on. Also, we are still looking for storage on Holiday Decoration donations. Also, Parks and Recreation had a fundraising event that went well. It was at Wise Crackers Comedy Club and the event raise over \$1,400.00. About 130 people attended the event.

Councilman Skok also stated that many violations are noticed through town, and that building permits are not being inspected. Attorney Lukesh commented that Tom Craig emphasized once the borough receives an occupancy report that the building was inspected.

Councilman Skok brought up that we have 14 checks mailed to UGI monthly. Chairman Stavish stated that under no conditions can any changes be made to street lights without his permission.

Paul Orzel: Health and Sanitation

Councilman Orzel contacted Beth DeNardi about a paper recycling date and he will be meeting with her on Friday. Chairman Stavish asked that he also inquiries about the wording on the 902C grant with Jackson Twp. about the frontend loader.

Engineer Amato- Commented that the security on the front door was previously discussed. Coordinating with Ashburn Associates on the LSA grant and also Hose company. Chairman Stavish stated that he signed off on that. Engineer Amato commented that the sanitary sewer operation study has commenced. Will be working areas prone to maintenance and issues. Man holes will be taken care of as soon as a reply and a proposal comes from Krasavage Company comes in.

Solicitor Lukesh- Met with insurance agents to review and update them on the process that we are undergoing with the police department. We received a letter of unfair labor practices as well as the other boroughs concerning unfair labor practices from the FOP. Attorney Campenni will be representing all boroughs. Attorney Lukesh asked Chairman Stavish to put a motion on the floor for approval on the use of Swetland Lane from Shoemaker Avenue to the Railroad tracks for Williamson to do work on the gas Pipeline. Engineer Amato will be overseeing this work and making sure all insurance and bond is satisfied. Chairman Stavish made a motion to approve Williamson Pipeline to use Swetland Lane from Shoemaker Avenue to the first set of tracks. It was seconded by Councilman Pugliese. All in favor with the exception of Dan Skok.

Mayor Colarusso- Stated that Diamond Manufacturing inquired about a crosswalk. Solicitor Lukesh will be writing a letter to the DEP to request a study to see if it would be compliant.

WARP Chief Pace stated that there were 391 calls in the region and 29 of them were for West Wyoming Borough, most serious being theft. All calls are answered. There are no outstanding investigations.

Chairman Stavish called a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Vice-Chairman Dolan. Voice vote...All in favor.

