

West Wyoming Borough Council Meeting Minutes- July 10, 2023

The regular monthly 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 Skok, Councilman Pugliese, Councilman Orzel, Mayor Colarusso, Solicitor Lukesh, Treasurer Kendzor, Engineer Amato and Secretary Kaminski.

Chairman Stavish: Chairman/Personnel- Chairman Stavish asked for a motion, seconded by Councilman Frank Pugliese to approve last month's minutes as read. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried...Chairman Stavish asked for a motion for Ashburn Advisors for the Multimodal Grant.. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan all in favor.. Motion Carried. Chairman Stavish asked for a motion to pass a resolution for Ashburn Associates to undertake the Multimodal Grant of \$661,552.71 Seconded by Councilman Skok all in favor Motion Carried. Chairman Stavish asked for a motion to approve all outstanding bills approved by the finance committee seconded by Councilman Dolan Motion Carried.

Chairman Stavish stated that Lee Hampton will be working with the code enforcement as we have a couple issues that we are working on.

County Waste was sold to GFL and presently has been sold to Colarusso, now we will be getting telephone numbers of contacts if issues arise. There will be computers in their trucks so they will be able to know if a residents garbage was picked up or missed. Also, there is a camera installed in the truck where the operator can detect if the garbage was contaminated with yard waste. The first offense will result in a warning and there after citations will be given to the resident. Solicitor Lukesh stated that we need to converse with this new company to find out exactly what they consider as contamination. Residents have to be aware of these changes. Chairman Stavish said that he will speak with them again this week.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Committee Reports

Frank Pugliese: Public Facilities

The tree that fell on a shed on Tripp Street has been cleaned up.
 A plan needs to be made for a maintenance plan for Slapper Park and the rear of Washington Street for fallen limbs.

For the Month of June the Compost Yard Numbers are as follows:

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| Residents | 578 | Non Residents | 2 |
| Wilkes Barre | 1 | Wilkes Barre | 1 |
| Kingston Twp. | 1 | Contractors | 1 |

On June 8, 2023 there was a broken bench found in the compost. June 5, 2023 at 19:00 it wasn't there.

Vice Chairman Mike Dolan: Administration/Finance :

Vice Chairman Dolan asked Treasurer Kendzor to read the financial report

**West Wyoming Borough
 Treasurer's Report
 As OF July 09 ,2023**

CASH ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ARPA ACCOUNT | \$140,372.20 |
| FNCB ENGINE REFURBISHMENT ACCOUNT | \$17,052.09 |
| FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT | \$997,293.61 |
| FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS | \$32,463.34 |
| FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT | \$521,660.93 |
| PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX | \$164,806.56 |
| PLGIT PAYROLL | \$4,241.76 |
| PLGIT GENERAL | <u>\$4,941.39</u> |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS | <u>\$1,882,831.88</u> |

HIGHWAY AID FUND

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| PLGIT | <u>\$346,439.50</u> |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING/, SAVINGS | <u>\$346,439.50</u> |

SEWER FUND

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| M&T Sewer | \$74,391.85 |
| FNCB OPERATING FUND | \$875,828.24 |
| PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD | <u>\$99,099.83</u> |
| Total Sewer Fund Checking/Savings | <u>\$1,049,319.92</u> |
| TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS | <u>\$3,278,591.30</u> |

**COMBINED GENERAL,
 HIGHWAY AID AND SEWER
 FUNDS**

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|-------|-----------------------|
| PLGIT | \$619,529.04 |
| M&T | \$74,391.85 |
| FNCB | <u>\$2,584,670.41</u> |
| | <u>\$3,278,591.30</u> |

UNRECONCILED BALANCES

Vice Chairman Dolan made a motion to approve the treasurers report as read seconded by Councilman Orzel....Motion Carried.. Vice Chairman Dolan asked to make a motion to transfer \$74,391.85 from M&T Sewer Account to FNCB Sewer Account seconded by Councilman Pugliese....Motion Carried...Vice Chairman Dolan made a motion to transfer \$32,463.34 from FNCB Property Proceeds account to PLGIT EIT Account seconded by Councilman Skok...Motion carried.

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

Building Fire 1

Hazardous Condition, other 1

Dispatched and cancelled in route 3

Alarm system sounded due to malfunction 1

The department was recently awarded a grant to partially fund the purchase of an All Terrain vehicle outfitted with a water tank, pump and other necessary equipment for fighting brush/wildland fires. This apparatus will also be capable of providing patient extraction from areas not accessible by conventional vehicles. We expect to have this unit in service within the next few months. Councilman Skok commended the Fire Company for reaching out for this grant.

Building Permits there were \$141,911.00 in repairs and improvements in the Borough last month. Councilman Skok, again reminding everyone that improvements to properties gives us better access to grants and loans.

Ordinance Violations: 3 Shut Offs from UGI that were red tagged and the Borough was notified. To avoid further violations with UGI and the borough these violations must be corrected. Also, we have 4 Complaints on High Grass. Councilman Skok reminding everyone that properties should be well maintained.

Abrahams Creek: We had our annual Abrahams Creek Inspection. This year the inspection was completed by DEP. We have not received the report back yet as the inspection was done on Monday of this week. We have an Ordinance that states the 10 foot easement along the creek shall be maintained by the property owner. We do have some run off problems with debris that Councilman Skok believes comes from the Back Mountain and he intends to discuss the problems

that if any renovations are being considered that those Townships are made aware to divert the runoffs.

We were also told that the 5 year Emergency Plan has to be updated.

Mosquito Fogging was done twice. Two resident raise bees and questioned the safety of the fogging. Councilman Skok stated that there is a device on the equipment that detects if there are any bees where they are fogging and if so an alarm will go off and the machine will shut off in that area.

Councilman Orzel: Health and Sanitation and Parks and Recreation Board

Councilman Orzel stated he has no update on the property on West Fourth Street, again stating that Rick and the DPW workers will have to maintain it. Councilman Orzel has made numerous calls to GFL and never received any return calls. He is happy to hear that GFL is sold. The Paper Shredding resulted in 2,000 lbs. of paper shredded by Paper Eaters. Our next paper shredding event will be September 23rd from 9am to Noon. Councilman Orzel is looking to find a company that does Electronics recycling.

Engineer Amato: We are in the process of a Multimodal Grant Application.

Solicitor Lukesh said that she is working with Engineer Amato on the Multimodal Grant Application. We are in the process of our own Quality of Life Ordinance. Residents must be aware of this ordinance as it will include junk vehicles, open burning, and high grass. We will advertise this ordinance. Fines and tickets can be enforced by the code enforcement officer and the WARP. This will eliminate filing with the magistrate and will alleviate the problems in a better time frame.

Mayor Colarusso: Mayor Colarusso stated that the Cemetery on Stites Street was cleaned up twice. He feels it was done by a resident, or a good Samaritan and not the owner. He suggested that the owner should still be pursued.

There were 38 Calls last Month to WARP for West Wyoming some of them are as follows:

Accident-1

Assist EMS-2

Burglary-1

Suspicious Person -2

Domestic Violence-2

Suspicious Activity-2

Disorderly Conduct-1

Noise-2

Fire-1

Medical Assist-1

Med-5

Mental Health-5

Lee Hampton was welcomed to our Code Enforcement.

Citizens Participation:

Geraldine, 526 Johnson Street stated that there is Quads and dirt bikes going up and down Narrow Street and feels that an accident is going to happen as Narrow is a One Way Street.

Patricia Bobeck, 288 Tripp Street stated that there is still alot of activity on the Santarelli property such as fires, garbage strewn, feces, etc. There are 2 homeless people on the property which is 2 males and 1 female. She feels Mr. Santarelli should be cited as the property owner. Chief Turner said he needs permission from Mr. Santarelli to enter the property.

Joe Erzar 31 West Brady Street stated that there is a hole the size of a baseball by his home. He is concerned because there is a culvert that is on that side of the street.

Chairman Stavish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Seconded by Councilman Pugliese....

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Dulan, Vice Chairman/OC

