

## West Wyoming Borough Council Minutes

June 10, 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 Secretary Arnone and the following were present: Chairman Stavish, Vice-Chairman Dolan Councilman Pugliese, Councilman Orzel, Solicitor Linell Lukesh, Mayor Colarusso, Engineer Amato.

Absent: Treasurer Mark Kendzor

Chairman Stavish called upon Mayor Colarusso to swear in Barry Przybyla for the council seat replacing former councilman Dan Skok. He will serve that position for the remaining 2 years.

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

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

Chairman Stavish announced the opening of sealed bids for General Funds Street Improvement, ARPA money. He asked Mike Amato to open the sealed bids.

The bids are as follows:

American Asphalt \$160,890.00. Bid bond Cincinnati Ins Company 10%

Penny Supply \$144,684.60. Bid bond Liberty Mutual Ins Company 10%

Stell \$162,515.00 . Bid bond Hudson Insurance Company 10%

Engineer Amato asked Chairman Stavish to make a motion to accept the Penny Supply bid. In the amount of \$144,684.60 It was seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan. Voice vote..... all in favor..... Motion carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS- NONE**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Frank Pugliese - Public Facilities:** Councilman Pugliese Regular routine maintenance is ongoing. Recommendation that 2 Locust trees rear of Borough Building Parking Lot are in need of removal . Residents are stating that the trees are diseased. Quotes that Councilman Pugliese received are \$1,900.00 to trim and \$3,000.00 to remove.

**Vice Chairman Dolan – Administration Finance** Vice Chairman Dolan read the treasurer’s report due to Treasurer Kendzor’s absence. It is as follows:

West Wyoming Borough  
Treasurer’s Report  
As of June 07,2024

### CASH ACCOUNTS

### Combined General Highway and Sewer Funds

#### General Fund

ARPA Account	\$140,630.53
FNCB Engine Refurbishment	\$25,156.53
FNCB General Account	\$ 263,171.87
FNCB Property Proceeds	\$0.00
FNCB Refuse Account	\$453,489.64
PLGIT Earned Income Tax	\$589,250.98
PLGIT Payroll	\$3,258.30
PLGIT General	\$522,821.02
<b>Total General Fund Checking/Savings</b>	<b><u>\$1,997,778.87</u></b>

PLGIT	\$2,424,231.01
M&T	\$20,705.17
FNCB	<u>\$1,176,388.80</u>
	<b><u>\$3,621,324.98</u></b>

#### Highway Aid Fund

PLGIT	<u>\$377,795.74</u>
<b>Total Highway Aid Fund Checking/Savings</b>	<b><u>\$377,795.74</u></b>

#### Sewer Fund

M&T Sewer	\$20,705.17
FNCB Operating Fund	\$293,940.23
PLGIT Sewer Credit Card	\$931,104.97
Total Sewer Fund Checking/ Savings	<u>\$1,245,750.37</u>
<b>Total Combined Checking/Savings</b>	<b><u>\$3,621,324.98</u></b>

Vice Chairman Dolan asked Chairman Stavish to make a motion to approve the reading of the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Councilman Orzel . Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Dolan asked Chairman Stavish for a motion to approve 2 corrections from the General Funds, because of Deposit Errors. One being General Fund to the ARPA Account for 140,932.99 and the second being the General Fund to Sewer Fund in the amount of \$137,531.00.

Councilman Orzel seconded the motion.

Voice vote, all in favor.....Motion carried.

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

Councilman Orzel stated he is working on requesting bids for curb side collections and recyclables. Criteria and specs should be in place by the July meeting and hopes that bids will be received for September.

Paper shredding in the past was funded fully by the county twice yearly .

Upon verification with the County, they will currently pay half the cost as the price has doubled.

Councilman Orzel would like to have at least one shredding event per year.

**Engineer Mike Amato:**

Engineer Amato stated that he is currently working with the DPW and the Solicitor. The DPW has some drainage work and swale along with the Pump Stations and Basins, as well as routine business. He is also working with outside vendors for large pot hole patching and road repairs.

**Mayor Colarusso:**

Chairman Stavish called upon Mayor Colarusso to read the WARP report. WARP'S police call total was 433, 19 of which were West Wyoming. West Wyoming also had 4 non traffic citations for the month of May. Total Regional WARP Arrests were 25 arrests (criminal Complaints ) which included Simple Assault, PFT Violation, Disorderly Conduct, Simple Assault-Terroristic Threats, Domestic, Aggravated Assault, DUI, Drug Possessions and 3 Pedophile cases. A grant was received from Williams Pipeline and the WARP received an UTV. The WARP should be moving to their new location in 2-3 weeks.

Mayor Colarusso read the Fire Chiefs report

The Fire Department responded to 16 incidents during the Month of May. The following is a breakdown of types of responses that were responded to and the Towns where incidents occurred. The yearly total so far is 57 calls.

Authorized Burning 2 (Allowed legal Fire Pits) Cancelled in route 5

Assist Ambulance 1 Wire Down 3 Good Intent 1 False Alarm 1

Unauthorized Burning 2 (Illegal Fires extinguished by Fire Dept.)

Car Accident 1

Calls in West Wyoming 10 Auto Aid to Wyoming 4 Mutual Aid to Exeter 2

The West Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company purchased a new 2012 MiniPumper to access many of the tight streets in our area.

Code Enforcement for the Month of May is as follows:

Building Permits: 12

Dumpster Permits: 1

Violations: 33

Complaints Rec'd 17

On View Violations: 17

### **Solicitor Lukesh:**

#### **Citizen Participation –**

*John Bonin* West 5<sup>th</sup> Street asked if the swale work that is going to be done, if it included behind 5<sup>th</sup> Street Manor. Engineer Amato responded yes.

*Patti Boback* Tripp Street asked if there are any updates on patrolling the nuisance area on Tripp Street. She has contacted the police several times and only observed 1 response. Code Enforcement and the Police will have to team together and canvas the properties. Solicitor Lukesh suggested for Ms. Boback to contact the Luzerne County Re Development Authority or The Luzerne County Commission.

*Walt Stevens* 6<sup>th</sup> Street questioned who owns the property by the Swale on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Chairman Stavish responded, The Little League.

*Ron Natt* West Eighth Street questioned what can be done about a trailer on property on Eighth Street which is an eyesore. Chairman Stavish stated that Code Enforcement Officer Hampton is actively pursuing this and several other properties in that area.

*Ray Saporito*, Bridge Street questioned when the hearing is for the old foundry on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and who can attend. Solicitor Lukesh responded that Mr. Saporito and

whoever else would like to testify should let Lee Hampton know so that they can be put on the roster. Tentative date for the hearing is August 20<sup>th</sup>. Solicitor Lukesh also advised Mr. Saparito to contact the Re Development Authority on this matter. He also questioned why Roccograndi trucks are still on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Property. He was cited and there are still 2 trucks there that he will remove.

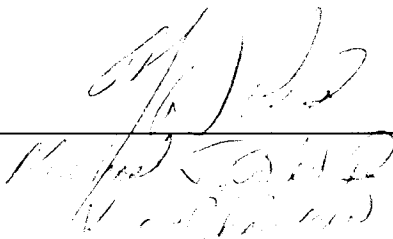
*Noreen* also, questioning the condition of the old foundry and what type of Business is in there. She was advised to go to the County Commissioners Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> -12 o'clock Noon-Suite 216- Luzerne Ave West Pittston. (West Pittston Borough Building)

*George Nikoloff*, Owner of Nikoloff Trucking stated that he is trying to clean the property up.

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

Meeting Adjourned

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Michael Stavish  
Chairman