

## **West Wyoming Borough Council Meeting Minutes- June 13, 2022**

The monthly meeting of West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Chairman Stavish via Zoom Cloud Communications software. Roll call was taken by Secretary Kaminski and the following were present: Chairman Stavish, Vice-Chairman Mike Dolan, Councilman Dan Skok, Councilman Paul Orzel, Councilman Frank Pugliese, Mayor Randy Colarusso, Solicitor Linell Lukesh and Secretary Sharon Kaminski.

Absent : Engineer Amato and Treasurer Mark Kendzor.

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

#### **Gary Stavish:Chairman/Personnel**

Chairman Stavish introduced a customer operations representative from RCN requesting a fiber franchise agreement to the Borough. The representative gave a complete description of the request that is being offered by RCN and a discussion followed .

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Councilman Skok to approve the minutes from May's council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Councilman Skok, to appoint Lee Hampton as assistant fire chief. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish announced that the Borough will re-open on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Work session will start at 6 followed by the council meeting at 7. Officer Bell will be present for these meetings.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mike Dolan: Administration/Finance-** Due to the absence of treasurer Kendzor no treasurer's report was read. Vice-Chairman Dolan asked secretary Kaminski on the status of the SLFRP. Secretary Kaminski replied that there is a delay due to technical issues. Also, Vice-Chairman Dolan asked secretary Kaminski to contact engineer Amato for a list of projects he has so that we can submit them to our grant writers.

**Dan Skok: Public Safety/Community Development/Code Enforcement/ Recreation Board-** Councilman Skok reported that currently the Teeners League is playing at Daley Park . Two teams Seniors and Juniors. They will be playing 10 games. Councilman Skok is coordinating with the fire department on the parking situation when a baseball game is being played and the fire hall is reserved.

On Recreation Board- Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> the Rec Board is sponsoring a community yard sale and on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting a family fun day with board and yard games with dads. Boy Scout Eagle project will be starting soon on repairing and painting the gazebo. The second Eagle project will be the painting of the baseball shed and West Wyoming Athletics field sign.

Another project that is being planned by the Rec board is the digging up of dirt next to the basketball court up at Charney Park and planting of a community garden so residents who do not have a yard to plant may do so there.

Councilman Skok stated that he has reached out to County Conservation who is responsible for mosquito spraying . Councilman Skok has been in contact with them on a first name basis after getting to know them from last year. He said that the County did send out a flyer explaining what they are trying to do for the fact that mosquitoes are out in large numbers. The County traps and counts mosquitos and has said that West Wyoming has not reached the level of fogging . They have placed traps on Stites St and Swetland Lane and also down by Airport Sand and Gravel and other locations in our town. Councilman Skok that they are being watchful.

Councilman Skok brought up the high grass issue regarding the cemetery on Stites St. According to state law, it is the responsibility of the town to keep up with the maintenance. Councilman Skok suggested a community day or weekend event when people in town can help with this situation since the owner of the property is out of money to maintain it.

Councilman Skok stated that he has not received notice from DEP or Army Corp of Engineers as to the yearly inspection of the channel.

Councilman Skok read the West Wyoming Emergency Service Monthly Chief's Report. It is as follows:

- Building fire - 1
- Brush or brush-and-grass mixture- 1
- Medical assist, assist EMC crew- 1
- Motor vehicle accident with injuries- 1
- Motor vehicle accident with no injuries- 1
- Extrication of victim(s) from building-1
- Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)- 1
- Water problem, other-1
- Cover assignment, standby, move up -1
- Good intent call, other -1
- Dispatched&cancelled en route- 1
- Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke- 2
- Alarm system sounded due to malfunction-1

Altogether there were fourteen incidents for May.

**Paul Orzel: Health and Sanitation-** Councilman Orzel stated that he was able to get in touch with Jonas from GFL as to the scheduling of bulk item dates for 2023. Councilman Orzel reached out for contact information for the Borough and residents and did not receive a reply from Jonas.

**Frank Pugliese: Public Facilities:** Councilman Pugliese said that he spoke to DPW manager on the creek inspection and said that Rick was a little concerned as to not being notified as to an inspection date.

Councilman Pugliese expressed his thoughts to Councilman Skok as to the present situation regarding the cemetery on Stites St. He thought maybe that might be a project for kids or Eagle Scouts. A discussion followed between the two.

Councilman Pugliese noted that he had a conversation with Rick manager of DPW pertaining to front end loader that possibly may be returned in a week by Jackson Twp. Councilman Pugliese said that Jackson Twp did away with their mulching and Dallas Boro is currently taking care of it. A discussion followed between Councilman Pugliese and Solicitor Lukesh on this matter as to how Jackson Twp is using this loader for other purposes and not for what it was intended for. Solicitor Lukesh said that she will look into this matter.

Also, another issue that Councilman Pugliese addressed is the hiring of constables to oversee the compost yard. Councilman Pugliese said that he spoke to officer McNeil about this matter. After a lengthy discussion among council members and Solicitor Lukesh, a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dolan, and seconded by Chairman Stavish, to hire a constable under a contract and to keep the compost yard open Wednesday from 1-7- Saturday from 10-4 and Sunday 11-5. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Councilman Skok to pay all outstanding bills approved by the finance committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**Solicitor Lukesh:** She stated that she is coordinating with the attorneys from Forty-Fort as to the scope of work on code enforcement.

Also, she noted that a resident living on English St is interested in buying property that currently belongs to the Borough.

Solicitor Lukesh said that she has been in contact with Safeguard Properties as to the situation pertaining to the house located at 436W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Councilman Orzel informed Linell that the property will be going up for sheriff sale on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Solicitor Lukesh is corresponding with Luzerne County Zoning as to the property located at 1351 Shoemaker Ave .

**Mayor Colarusso:** Mayor Colarusso asked Officer-in-charge John Bell to give his monthly report. Officer Bell reported that for the month of May there were 61 calls.

#### **Citizens Participation- None**

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