

West Wyoming Borough Council Minutes

September 11, 2023

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, Councilman Skok, Mayor Colarusso, Treasurer Mark Kendzor, Solicitor Linell Lukesh. Absent, Engineer Amato.

Vice Chairman Dolan made a motion to approve the minutes from August Council meeting with corrected typos. Seconded by Councilman Pugliese. 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.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Pugliese - Public Facilities:

We had 653 Resident visits to our Compost yard during the month of August. Rejections were 7 total. They included 2 from Wyoming, 3 from Kingston, and 2 from Exeter. Because of it getting dark earlier now, the compost yard will be closing at 6 on Wednesdays starting September 20th.

Councilman Pugliese asked for permission to move forward with ordering the new dump truck (FORD DUMP TRUCK F 600 series) and to put it in the 2024 budget. This will be resolution 2. Also, we will be making a resolution to apply for grant money to put towards that truck. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan.

Our scheduled Leaf Pick ups will be November 15th and December 6th.

Our scheduled Christmas Tree Pick ups will be January 3rd and January 10th

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 September 10, 2023

CASH ACCOUNTS

**Combined General
Highway and
Sewer Funds**

General Fund		
FNCB ARPA Account	\$140,419.89	PLGIT \$705,841.93
FNCB Engine Refurbishment	\$17,065.56	M&T \$91,844.78
FNCB General Account	\$842,308.88	FNCB <u>\$2,281,744.52</u>
FNCB Refuse Account	\$414,422.06	<u>\$3,079,431.23</u>
PLGIT Earned Income Tax	\$247,296.45	
PLGIT Payroll	\$613.31	
PLGIT General	<u>\$8,763.02</u>	
Total General Fund Checking/Savings	<u>\$1,670,889.17</u>	
Highway Aid Fund		
PLGIT	<u>\$342,197.84</u>	
Total Highway Aid Fund Checking/Savings	<u>\$342,197.84</u>	
Sewer Fund		
M&T Sewer	\$91,844.78	
FNCB Operating Fund	\$867,528.13	
PLGIT Sewer Credit Card	<u>\$106,971.31</u>	
Total Sewer Fund Checking/ Savings	<u>\$1,066,344.22</u>	
Total Combined Checking/Savings	<u>\$3,079,431.23</u>	

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Dolan and seconded by Dan Skok to approve the reading of the Treasurer’s Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Dolan asked for a motion to execute a plan to move the Borough’s monies and invest in amounts of \$250,000.00 or less in various banks in interest bearing CD’s. The amount maximum for FDIC is \$250,000.00 per institution. Seconded by Councilman Orzel. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Dolan asked for a motion to approve the MMO Obligation in the amount of \$30,372.00 to our uniformed Police Fund. Seconded by Councilman Skok. Vice Chairman Dolan said that we are over funded for our non-uniformed pension for 2024 and there is no obligation for that fund.

Councilman Skok- Public Safety/Community Development/ Code Enforcement/ Fire Department

Councilman Skok stated that there were 43 concerns in the month of August that were addressed by Lee Hampton, code Enforcement. Again, Councilman Skok thanked Lee, Code Enforcement for his job performance and effectively enforcing the Quality of Life Ordinance.

Building permits were \$60,085.00 for the month of August.

The West Wyoming Fire Department responded to six incidents in August:

Hazardous Condition, other-1 Arching shorting Elec. Equipment -1

Lock out-1 Dispatched and cancelled inroute-1

No incident found on arrival at dispatch address -1

Authorized controlled burning -1

We have to follow the State Law for Pool Water and the rain tax which keeps pollutants out of the Susquehanna River. The Susquehanna River channels into the Chesapeake Bay. Councilman Skok feels that most of our water goes into holding ponds. Some residents questioned the clearing of land on Shoemaker Avenue which was approved by council.

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

Councilman Orzel announced that the Parks and Recreation Board will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat at Daley Park October 21st 12:00-3:00 for children and 3:30-5:30 for Special needs children. He stated that he will work with them with the legality on parking, the vendors and background checks.

We have a shredding event for West Wyoming residents September 23rd behind the Firehouse from 9am until Noon.

Councilman Orzel will be working with Rick and Lee about enforcing the Quality of Life Ordinance on two properties. Councilman Orzel stated that as soon as he gets information on bulk item dates for next year, he will be working on the Fall newsletter.

Mayor Colarusso: Mayor Colarusso called upon Chief Turner for his August report: Chief commended Lee Hampton on his ongoing efforts to have residents comply with the Quality of Life Ordinance. There were 800 calls to the WARP during the month of August. A total of 33 were for West Wyoming which included 2 thefts and 7 assists to the Fire Department and 6 Building checks. Chief Turner and Sargent Lombardo will be out addressing speed lines to encourage drivers to slow down.

Officer Nolan is creating a web page WARPD.org. and will be up and running soon. Sargent Lombardo spear headed a grant for a side by side which would seat 6 officers. There are 2 officers in the county that have the arrest powers of a federal agent. They are VCAC agents. (Violent Crimes Against Children). We will have one of these officers.

The purchase of the former State Police Barracks was passed by the Senate. Chief Turner said he is waiting for the Governor to sign so that we can move forward. COG had a meeting and we are looking for brine for our salt truck. Solicitor Linell Lukesh is working with Penn Dot on getting a crosswalk by Diamond Manufacturing. Mayor Colarusso stated that he will be going to Taylor for a meeting, along with Rick to check on Brine for the salt trucks for this Winter.

Solicitor Lukesh: Asked for a motion to move forward with the 2023 LSA grant for street improvements in the amount of \$661,552.00 seconded by Councilman Pugliese. Solicitor Lukesh is reviewing a tax sale of a property in West Wyoming that was granted with a minimal bid.

Chairman Stavish made a motion to appoint Bonnie Arnone as our Borough Administrator, seconded by Vice Chairman Dolan. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation – Resident Bob Connors questioned why the flag wasn't placed at half mast in honor of 911. He also questioned why nothing is being planned to recognize West Wyoming on our 125th Anniversary. Councilman Skok stated that he sent a letter to Council and Parks and Recreation to say that he would help with an observance of the Boroughs 125th Anniversary but didn't receive any replies.

Mr. Connors expressed his concern that a tax payer commented that we need better lighting on the sidewalk on the side of the Borough Building. Councilman Pugliese asked Rick Kamus to install better lighting.

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

... Meeting Adjourned...

Mike Dolan, Vice Chairman / PC.