

West Wyoming Borough Council Minutes - April 12, 2021

The monthly meeting of West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Chairman Stavish via Zoom Cloud Video Communications software. Roll call was taken by Secretary Jill Lukesh and the following were present: Chairman Stavish, Vice-Chairwoman Zaboski, Councilman Dolan, Councilman Colarusso, Councilman Skok, Solicitor Linell Lukesh, Treasurer Kendzor, Engineer Amato, and Secretary Jill Lukesh.

Absent: Mayor Herbert

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion, made by Councilman Colarusso and seconded by Councilman Dolan, to approve last month's regular 3/8/21 and special 3/22/21 meeting minutes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish made a motion, seconded by Councilman Colarusso, to approve all outstanding bills. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

Gary Stavish- Personnel- Cub Scout litter clean up on Shoemaker Ave (Vanessa Smith e-mailed the borough). Shoemaker Ave is a state road so she should contact the state representative about taking care of that road. The borough will pick up the litter if the Cub Scouts clean up. The borough will not provide safety gear or equipment but can provide police to slow down traffic if they aren't on a call. Chairman Stavish didn't think it's a good idea for Scouts to be on that road picking up litter because it's a busy road.

On the Memorial Day Parade Chairman Stavish said no statement yet on that.

Mike Amato, Borough Engineer:

Read the bids that came in for the Sewer Pump Stations #1 & #2 Rehabilitation Project:

Linde Corporation – Pittston: Pump Station #1 \$80,950 Pump Station #2 \$129,890. Total amount \$210,840. Bid Bond- Yes. Federal Insurance Co. Acknowledge addendum # 1.

Eastern Environmental – Green Lane: Pump Station #1 \$87,200- Pump Station #2 \$132,600. Total amount \$219,800. Bid bond- Yes. North American Specialty Insurance Co. Acknowledge Addendum #1.

North End Electric - Scranton: Pump Station #1 \$49,311 – Pump Station #2 \$97,217. Total amount \$146,528. Bid bond- Yes. Bondex Insurance Co. Acknowledge addendum #1.

Kruger - Scranton: Pump Station #1 \$112,000. Pump Station #2 \$128,200. Total amount \$ 240,200. Bid bond-Yes. QBE Insurance Co. Acknowledge addendum # 1.

Derstine Company - Souderton: Pump Station #1 \$60,000. Pump Station #2 \$86,000.00. Total amount \$146,000. Bid bond- Yes. Harco National Insurance Co. Acknowledge addendum # 1.

Chairman Stavish asked Mike Amato to review bids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Randy Colarusso - Public Facilities: Councilman Colarusso called upon Treasurer Mark Kendzor for the reading of the Treasurer’s Report. It is as follows:

**WEST WYOMING BOROUGH
TREASURER’S REPORT
AS of APRIL 11,2021**

CASH ACCOUNTS

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

GENERAL FUND			
ESSA BANK	\$148,573.81	PLGIT	\$598,632.43
FNCB DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	\$5,679.71	ESSA	\$148,573.81
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$618,542.69	M&T	\$419,367.37
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$50,213.52	FNCB	<u>\$1,091,903.90</u>
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$319,912.20		<u>\$2,258,477.51</u>
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$11,816.56		
PLGIT PYROLL	\$4,089.54		
PLGIT GENERAL	<u>\$3,245.02</u>		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$1,162,073.05</u>		

HIGHWAY AID FUND	
PLGIT	<u>\$314,513.74</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u><u>\$314,513.74</u></u>
SEWER FUND	
M&T	\$419,367.37
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$97,555.78
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	<u>\$264,967.57</u>
TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u><u>\$781,890.72</u></u>
TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u><u>\$2,258,477.51</u></u>

Motion was made by Councilman Colarusso and seconded by Councilman Skok to approve the reading of the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Colarusso stated that the Case Loader will be coming to the Borough from Jackson Twp. next week. Also, need to find out if it is insured.

Councilman Colarusso asked about the 902 Grant if it will be available this year. Councilwoman Zaboski replied that, due to Covid, there is no funding for it this year.

Maureen Zaboski - Vice-Chair Administration/Finance, Health and Sanitation: Councilwoman Zaboski made a motion, seconded by Councilman Colarusso, to transfer \$11,816.56 from PIGIT EIT to FNCB General. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Also, there is a Pennsylvania American Water Municipal Sewer Shut Off Agreement for residential/landlord repair. It would take effect if we were to sign. It would be submitted for PUC approval and once the approval is granted, then the new agreement would take effect.

Councilwoman Zaboski made a motion to accept this agreement and it was seconded by Councilman Skok. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Solicitor Lukesh will review.

Councilwoman Zaboski stated that the annual Document Shredding event will be held on Saturday August 28th from 9 till noon.

The American Rescue Plan just went into effect. This plan has provisions for municipalities to receive funds. The Borough will be receiving roughly \$265,000 in funding. The 1st payment (132K) will be in June 2021. The second payment will (132K) be in June of 2022. There are guidelines on what we can use the money for, such as: government services, investments, water, sewer and broadband infrastructures. It can not be used on pensions. There will be more guidelines to come.

Councilwoman Zaboski asked Mike Amato what the next step would be to take a look at what Penneastern is recommending for the Sewer Maintenance program. Engineer Amato replied that we could start proceeding accordingly. He said that it could be a joint effort between Penneastern, the DPW, and WVSA can kick things off and start inspections. Engineer Amato will calculate a figure for the cost.

Councilwoman Zaboski gave an update on trash. 1178 payments were made and 10 bills were not paid.

Daniel Skok- Community Development:

Councilman Skok stated that \$164,145 was the amount of improvements in our town for the month of March.

Councilman Skok stated that he will inspect playgrounds facilities and make sure that they are in good condition.

Also brought up by Councilwoman Zaboski and Councilman Skok was the future inspection on the Abrahams Creek channel.

Mike Dolan - Public Safety/Code Enforcement:

Before his report, Councilman Dolan asked about a contract for County Waste. Solicitor Lukesh stated that this is an issue that will be discussed at the executive session.

Councilman Dolan gave the reading of the Monthly Chief's Report. West Wyoming Emergency Services responded to fifteen alarms in March.
Building fire 2

Natural vegetation fire, other 1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew 2
Motor vehicle accident with injuries 1
Carbon Monoxide incident 1
Building or structure weakened or collapsed 1
Public service 1
Unauthorized burning 1
Good intent call, other 3
Dispatched & cancelled en-route 1

The Hose Company has begun to rent its facilities on a limited basis. Anyone interested in renting either hall should call 570-693-3660 for availability.

It has come to the departments attention that at least one homeowner's insurance company has mistakenly classified our community as an ISO class 9, stating to the homeowner that the fire department was no longer in existence. We have verified our rating directly with ISO and we remain a class 4 community. This appears to be an error on the insurance company's part. Any resident who has seen a dramatic increase in their premiums should question the increase with their insurer. In the event it is due to an ISO classification issue, residents can contact Chief Hromek directly at 570-237-2746. The department will work with the homeowner and insurance company to ensure proper classifications are being applied to the policies.

On Code Enforcement, Ken Shefler submitted his report. Issues are being addressed but there are some pending.

In the absence of Mayor Herbert, Police Chief Nocera gave the monthly police report. Vehicle maintenance: Car 1:N/A Car 2: N/A.

On regionalization nothing is new. Still waiting on the DCED consultants to complete the study, should be done around June.

Chief Nocera stated that we need speed timing lines re-surveyed and painted on Shoemaker Ave. Since they repaved Shoemaker Avenue, our speed timing lines in front of Hose Co. #1 were removed and not yet put back. Also, the lines on 8th St

and 6th St that were surveyed need to be painted. Chief Nocera asked for approval to call Mayo Striping to repaint lines and for Engineer Amato to have his survey crew redo the pins on Shoemaker Ave.

Chief Nocera stated that once again, the Police department will be awarded grant funding for Buckle Up PA which will be conducted in the month of May. Also added that getting the speed timing lines painted and ready before this grant will be extremely helpful to conduct Buckle Up PA.

Chief said that a recent brush fire has brought up an issue with pad locks in the borough. He spoke to Chief Len Hromek and also DPW foreman Rick Kamus and they have come up with a solution. They are recommending that all borough pad locks be changed to be all keyed the same, so that all departments and vehicles within the borough can have access to them in case of an emergency.

Chief Nocera congratulated Patrolman John Bell for being hired full time in Wyoming Borough. Also, he said that he will be posting on Facebook that part-time officers are needed to help fill shifts.

For the month of March, officers handled approximately 85 calls, no arrests, and 16 citations were issued.

Councilman Dolan asked if approval can be given for the striping and to Engineer Amato's crew redoing the pins on Shoemaker Ave. Approval was given.

Chairman Stavish brought up some issues regarding the overflowing dumpster on Carolina and some issues on Shoemaker Ave.

Engineer Mike Amato:

Will review bid tabulation. Engineer Amato will have a proposal for the sewer maintenance reports. Storm water repair for Brady St- its possible to get approval to pay out of the Highway Aid Fund.

Solicitor Lukesh:

Commented on a phone call she received regarding sewer back up on 2 Ferretti Dr. She was unable to reach Solicitor from WVSA.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

A motion was made by Chairman Stavish and seconded by Councilman Dolan adjourn. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.