

**West Wyoming Borough Council Minutes- November 8, 2021**

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 Lukesh and the following were present:

Chairman Stavish, Vice-Chairwoman Zaboski, Councilman Dolan, Councilman Colarusso, Councilman Skok, Solicitor Linell Lukesh, Treasurer Kendzor, Mayor Herbert, and Secretary Jill Lukesh.

Absent- Engineer Mike Amato

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilman Skok asked that corrections be made to the September minutes as follows: he abstained from the vote regarding the crossing guards and corrected the amount of building permits that were sold in October totaling \$612,867.50. Also, a correction to October special meeting minutes needs to be made pertaining to Forty-Fort Borough sanitation bid.

**Gary Stavish: Chairman/Personnel:** Chairman Stavish asked for a motion to approve last month’s meeting minutes as edited. Motion made by Councilman Dolan, seconded by Councilman Colarusso, and Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish extended a special thank you to Dave Granteed and all the volunteers who participated in the Trunk or Treat event that turned out to be a huge success. Also, Chairman Stavish said that Dave Granteed is interested in bringing back the Recreational Board and a Christmas decorating tree for some businesses in town.

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

**WEST WYOMING BOROUGH  
TREASURER’S REPORT  
AS of November 7, 2021**

**CASH ACCOUNTS**

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
ESSA BANK	\$177,947.84	PLGIT	\$308,514.87
FNCB ARPS ACCOUNT	\$140,061.42	ESSA	\$177,947.84
FNCB DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	\$5,679.71	M&T	\$492,583.32
FNCB ENGINE REFURBISHMENT ACCT	\$17,000.85	FNCB	\$1,390,388.58
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$636,285.59		<u>\$2,369,434.61</u>
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$32,365.74		
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$221,196.81		
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$9,545.86		
PLGIT PYROLL	958.23		
PLGIT GENERAL	<u>\$3,739.71</u>		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$1,244,781.76</b>		

<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND</b>	
PLGIT	<u>\$282,272.74</u>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$282,272.74</b></u>
<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
M&T	\$492,583.32
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$337,798.46
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	<u>\$11,998.33</u>
<b>TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$842,380.11</b></u>
<b>TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	<u><b>\$2,369,434.61</b></u>

A 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: Public Facilities-** With the exception of the ordering 22 ton of rock salt, it is business as usual with the DPW.

Chairman Stavish said that he contacted DPW on the Christmas decorations which will be put up next week.

**Maureen Zaboski: Vice-Chairwoman- Administration/Finance, Health and Sanitation-** Councilwoman Zaboski asked Secretary Lukesh to read the bids that came in for trash:

**County Waste:** Year 1 starting Feb 1, 2022- Solid waste collection disposal \$299,580. Yard waste collection included-recycling included total collection solid waste, recycling, and yard waste \$299,580. Curb side collection maximum bulk 3 items - \$2,500.00

Alternate bid 1-95 gallon solid waste container – 1 -65 recycling container \$43,200.00 to each household.

Year 2 – Solid waste collection disposal \$691,488. Yard waste collection included-recycling included total collection solid waste, recycling and yard waste- \$691,488. Curb side collection maximum bulk 3 items- \$2,500.00. Alternate bid item 1-95 gallon solid waste container – 1-65 gallon recycling container – 0

Year 3- Solid waste collection disposal \$1,123,632.00. Yard waste collection included-recycling included total collection solid waste, recycling, and yard waste - \$1,123,632.00. Curb side collection maximum bulk 3 items- \$2,500.00. Alternate bid 1 -95 gallon solid waste collection- 1-95 gallon 1 and 1-65 recycling container – 0

**Forty-Fort Borough-** Year 1 starting February 1, 2022- Solid waste collection disposal \$219, 877.00. Yard waste collection \$53, 898.00 – Recycling collection \$145, 789. Total collection solid waste collection, recycling collection and yard waste is \$419,564.00. Curb side collection maximum bulk 3 items - \$3,000.00.

Year 2 – Solid waste collection disposal \$439,754.00. Yard waste collection \$107,796.00. Recycling collection \$291,578.00 Curbside collection maximum 3 bulk items- \$3,000.00. Total collection solid waste collection, recycling collection and yard waste is \$839,128.00

Year 3- Solid waste collection disposal \$659,631.00. Yard waste collection \$161,694.00, Recycling collection 437,367.00. Total collection solid waste collection, recycling collection and yard waste is \$1,258,692.00. Maximum of 3 items for bulk pick-up is \$3,000.00.

**Solid Waste Management/Mascaro-** Year 1 Starting Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2022- Solid waste collection disposal \$300,624.00. Yard waste collection \$38,652.00. Recycling collection \$90,192.00. Total collection solid waste collection, yard waste collection and recycling collection is \$429,468.00. Maximum of 3 items for bulk pick-up is \$3,600.00 per collection.

Year 2- Solid waste collection disposal \$601,248.00. Yard waste collection \$77,304.00. Recycling collection \$180,384.00. Total collection solid waste, yard waste collection and recycling collection is \$858,936.00. Maximum of 3 items for bulk pick-up is \$3,600.00 per collection.

Year 3- Solid waste collection disposal \$ 901,872.00. Yard waste collection \$ 115,956.00. Recycling collection \$ 270,576.00, Total collection solid waste collection, yard waste collection and recycling collection is \$ 1,288,404.00. Maximum of 3 items for bulk pick-up is \$3,600.00 per collection.

Chairwoman Zaboski said that bids will have to be reviewed before a decision is made.

Budget Committee did complete drafts of the Highway Aid and Sewer budgets and it was sent to all council members. They are working on a rough draft of the General Budget. Sanitation bids will have to be incorporated into the General budget as well as updated figures for the police regionalization.

Councilwoman Zaboski made a motion to pay Fire Chief's stipends, the annual payment to Hose Co # 1 and a contribution to the Recreation board. Seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Zaboski made a motion to approve transfer of \$9,545.86 from PLGIT EIT account to FNCB General Account. Seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor, motion carries.

Chairwoman Zaboski made a motion for 2022 Document Shredding. Attentive dates for July & September. Seconded by Councilman Skok. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Daniel Skok: Community Development-** Councilman Skok is asking for a motion to pass a resolution to enter into agreement with Forty Fort for code enforcement and building inspections. Chairman Stavish motion to enter intermunicipal agreement with Forty Fort for Code Enforcement. Discussion between Council. Councilman Dolan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Building total amount for month of Nov was \$ 8,895.00

Councilman Skok would like to make a Recreational Committee. He would like to have two drawing contests. The first would be for people 18 and older to design an emblem for West Wyoming. The second would be for ages 17 and younger to design an emblem for the Rec Board. He is also requesting where the monument stands for that area to be renamed West Wyoming Park. Chairman Stavish stated that a board needs to be formed first. Discussion between council.

**Mike Dolan: Public Safety /Code Enforcement** -West Wyoming Emergency Services Monthly Chief's Report:

West Wyoming Emergency Services responded to 6 incidents in October.

Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Assist police or other government agency	1
Dispatched & cancelled en route	2
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2

During October, which was fire safety and prevention month the department presented several programs to the community. Six classes were held for the children at Cookie Corner Day Care about fire safety with the assistance of Captain Mike Bossom of FDNY and Bella, a fire safety trained Dalmatian. At the Truck or Treat event numerous presentations were given using a fire safety smoke house teaching children and adults what to do in the event of a fire.

West Wyoming Police Chief's Report:

West Wyoming Police Department responded to 73 incidents in October:

False Alarms-Burglary	3
Fraud	3
Harassment	1
Narcotics	1
Domestics	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	4
Suspicious Activities	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Traffic/Parking Complaints	4
Animal Calls	1
Public Service Calls	4
All Other Ordinance/Offenses	2
Misc	3
Assist EMS	13
Assist Fire Dept	1
Assist Other Police	24
Criminal Arrests/Warrants	1
Citations	5

The Police Chief's report will have an update on the Police Regionalization. Chief Nocera is scheduled to pick up the new police vehicle on November 11th. Councilman Dolan made a motion to hire Robert Shupp and Alexandra Nolan as part time police, both are working at surrounding departments and are available to start working immediately. Seconded by Councilman Colarusso. All in favor. Motion carries. Councilman Dolan would also like to make a motion to purchase two new tasers out of Ammunition Fund for the police Department. Discussion between council.

Councilman Dolan would like to extend a farewell to Ken Shefler and welcome our new code enforcer Thomas Craig.

**Mike Amato: Engineer-** Chairman Stavish states that the replacement of the sewer pumps will start next week.

**Linell Lukesh: Solicitor-** In regard to Wyoming Area, the solicitor discussed obtaining more support for Wyoming Area's role in hiring, maintaining and paying the crossing guards as well as advertising and interviewing. Joyce insurance stated that claims made by the crossing guards will increase the workers compensation percentage. Joyce was asked to do a study on liability. They were interested in that aspect. Training provided to the crossing guards goes through Wyoming Area Police- Chris Alberigi. Solicitor Lukesh asked West Wyoming to do background checks on the crossing guards. She would like Wyoming Area to assume more responsibility for the crossing guards to make sure the kids are getting on and off the bus safely.

Police Regionalization-there will be a meeting with the FOP and other representatives scheduled for November 18th. Jerry Simpson will also be involved in the afternoon meeting. Aaron Kaufer will be attending the evening meeting. There will be discussions regarding the amount of full time and part time officers, how they will be staffed and how they will hire. It is anticipated that there will be a seating of a commission after the New Year.

**Mayor Joe Herbert-** Chief's Report. The mayor thanked the police for doing a terrific job and personally thanked the Chief. Discussion between Council.

**Citizens Participation:** E-mail from Linda Linqvist. Chairman Stavish asked if anyone saw the email from Linda Lindquist in regard to 436 West 4<sup>th</sup> St. The resident requested that Council please act and respond directly to Safeguard Properties with a list of violations against this condemned house, so that they can move forward with doing something positive to clean it up. No bank or organization ever contacted the borough about the violations. Code Enforcer Ken Shefler is still involved in the matter. The taxes are paid on the house and no one is sure who took over the house. There is a lien against the property by the borough that needs to be satisfied. Discussion between council & Citizen.

Council went into Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilman Colarusso to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Maureen Zabolski. All in favor. Motion carries.

