

## WYALUSING BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 3, 2011

Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on January 3, 2011 at the Wyalusing Borough Hall at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance for the meeting were George Anderson, Kelly Bradley, Jean Reinhart, Scott Snyder, Fred Reinhart, Mary Ann Raffin, Sgt Lloyd Overfield, and Dave Keeler. The Wyalusing Boy Scout Troop 96 also attended the meeting; scouts were Nathan Hines, Alex Dake, Brian Meralinger, Austin Clouse, Jared Clark, Wesley Ballard, and Tracey LaFrance. Attending Leaders of the pack were Debbie and Gerry Clouse. Anderson acknowledged the use of a tape recorder.

Boy Scout Troop 96 was earning their "citizenship in the community" merit badge by attending various Board meetings.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Jean Reinhart stated she would be out of the state until the beginning of April; in her absence President George Anderson will be assuming responsibilities.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Reinhart reported Sgt Overfield had 56 hours of service for the month of December and there were 29 citations issued. The Mayor also stated that fine money is starting to come to the Borough for citations issued, no dollar amount was reported. Ordinance Enforcement Officer Sandra Myhand sent a 30 day registered letter to a Borough resident concerning unauthorized licensing of a vehicle; Sgt Overfield stated he will wait for a response from the letter if nothing is received within 30 days he will take the appropriate actions to resolve the matter. Mayor Reinhart also reported that there has been parking issues at the new tire store on Rt. 6; Sgt. Overfield was asked to speak to the owner and get the matter resolved. Sgt Overfield left the meeting at 7:10p.m.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Kelly Bradley stated that she had spoken with Christopher King of PennDOT's bicycle and pedestrian division about a crosswalk on RT 6; she is anticipating a response from him on how the Borough and PennDot can make this a safer crosswalk for pedestrians.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **DECEMBER 6, 2010**

Kelly Bradley made the motion to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2010 meeting. Fred Reinhart second. All approve. Raffin abstained because of her absence of the December 6, 2010 meeting.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Kelly Bradley made a motion to write a check and pay an invoice from Hud Ellis in the amount of \$1725.00 for repair of the street lights in the Borough. Fred Reinhart second. All approve, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL TO PAY 18 BILLS**

Fred Reinhart made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Bradley second. All approve, motion carried.

### **BOROUGH MAINTENANCE MANAGER/MUNICIPAL LIAISON**

Anderson reported there was no new information about the gas wells on Borough property; he stated to date the Borough has received approximately \$9000 for sale of timber.

Kelly Bradley made a motion to advertise for a new Borough maintenance employee. Fred Reinhart second. All approve, motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The report from Myhand was approved as submitted.

### **COMMITTEES**

The Borough Council Committee list was reviewed by the Board without further comments.

### **CEMETERY FENCE**

George Anderson stated he and Mayor Reinhart had a meeting with the Wyalusing High School's Principal, Gary Otis, regarding the damage that has been occurring to the cemetery fence. No resolution has been found on how to prevent or who will pay for repairs of future damage. Scout Wesley Ballard thought that concrete barriers would be a good way to stop vehicles from damaging the fence.

**STORM DRAIN**

President George Anderson and Borough Secretary Stacy Hart had a meeting with Jill Koski of Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission and Michelle Musser from The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA) concerning the storm drain issues within the Borough. Musser offered the Borough a 40 year loan through USDA at 2 ¼ % interest. Council agreed it would be in the best interest of the Borough to first look into receiving grants for the project, and collecting more information before taking out a loan. No official action was taken.

**GARAGE**

President Anderson reported he received an estimate for the garage renovations; he is expecting the total cost to be around 30 to 35 thousand dollars. After discussion the council agreed the price was expensive and there should be other options sought out. Anderson agreed to speak to the Wyalusing Municipal Authority Board regarding possible alternatives. No action was taken.

**STREET LIGHTS**

Anderson reported all of the street lights have been repaired in the Borough by Hud Ellis; except for one in front of Mama D's restaurant. The sidewalk will be dug up to replace water pipes; at that point that additional light will be repaired.

**ELECTRIC RATES**

Secretary Stacy Hart contacted Employer's Energy Alliance, an electric service provider; they provided an estimate on annual savings of electricity. After review the board agreed the savings would be minimal if any because of an annual membership fee of \$215.00. Fred Reinhart made a motion to remain a Penelec customer. Snyder second. All approve, motion carried.

Council called for an executive session at 8:10pm. No actions were taken, George Anderson made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:42pm. Bradley second. All approve, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amber Carter