

## **WYALUSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 7, 2011**

Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on March 7, 2011 at the Wyalusing Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were George Anderson, Kelly Bradley, Mary Ann Raffin, Fred Reinhart, Dave Keeler, Sgt Lloyd Overfield, Brian Keeler, Jeff Homer and Gary Rouse. Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Anderson acknowledged the use of a tape recorder.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Sgt. Overfield stated he had 61 hours of service during February, adding that due to the snow storms he had taken into consideration that people couldn't always park close to the curb and gave suggestions to individuals to find other parking arrangements. Bradley asked if he had experienced curfew problems, the response was very few problems.

### **LAWN MOWING BIDS**

Anderson opened the bids for the lawn mowing services. Bruce Ashley of Bruce's Lawn Service bid \$240 per mowing for the Borough lawns and \$55 per mowing for the Municipal Authority. Walter Sutton bid \$55 per mowing for the Municipal Authority and an additional \$10 for trimming or spraying and \$305 per mowing for Borough lawns plus an additional \$35 for trimming or spraying at the Borough Park. Bradley made the motion to award the bid to Bruce's Lawn Service. Raffin second. All approve.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Representatives from the Wyalusing Valley Volunteer Fire Department did not attend the meeting as planned.

Brian Keeler asked if a special permit was needed to demolish an historic building, adding several historic buildings in town had been torn down. Dave Keeler stated that some of those same buildings had become an eyesore and a safety hazard in spite of the fact they had historic value.

Brian Keeler requested Council consider parking on both sides of Front Street, adding there is very limited parking for his tenants due to the fire hydrant across the street. Anderson stated the ordinance only permits parking on the north side of the street and the street is too narrow to allow parking on both sides and allow two cars to pass. There would also be problems with snow plowing if parking were permitted on both sides of the street. Off street parking was suggested.

#### **JEFF HOMER-BRIDGE STREET**

Homer, President of the Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce, stated they had received a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the Heritage Trail Project. Plans for this project include a walking trail and lighting from Main Street to the Wyalusing Museum near the high school. Homer requested permission to install sidewalk and decorative lighting on the creek side of Bridge Street to create an attractive entrance into town, adding he had spoken to Michael Dunfee and Dean Paddock for permission to cross their properties with sidewalk and lighting. He stated he had obtained permission from Dan Cotter who owns the building overlooking the creek. He felt Dunfee and Paddock may donate that portion of their property to the Borough for this project. After discussion, Snyder made the motion to approve the Heritage Trail Project. Bradley second. All approve.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

Raffin made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2011 meeting. Bradley second. All approve.

## **FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

Bradley made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2011 meeting. Raffin second. All approve.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

#### **APPROVAL TO PAY 23 BILLS**

Raffin made the motion to approve to pay the bills as presented. Snyder second. All approve.

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

Rouse stated the cameras would be installed in a week or two, adding a new door was needed on the pump house to help protect the receiver and monitor from vandalism.

### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Myhand's report was accepted as given. Anderson stated the application for the ORI would be submitted on Thursday.

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

#### **CEMETERY FENCE-CURB BUMPERS**

Anderson stated two more sections of Cemetery fence had been damaged, suggesting purchasing curb bumpers to be placed in the school parking lot in the hopes of protecting the fence from further damage. Bradco Supply quoted \$35 for white plastic and \$77 for bright colored plastic and Wysox Pre Cast quoted \$30 for concrete and \$40 for colored concrete. After discussion, it was decided to purchase enough colored curb bumpers from Wysox Pre Cast to place between the road and fence.

#### **STORMWATER DRAINAGE REPAIR GRANT/LOAN**

Anderson stated the drainage project would soon be ready to put out for bids. Peoples State Bank gave a loan interest rate for 4 ½ -5% for a 15 year loan, pending approval. Anderson felt the current street loan could be combined with the drainage loan so there was only one payment. It was felt the new loan payment, if the loan is approved, would be between \$3440 and \$3600 per month depending on the interest rate for which the loan is approved for. This would be a contractor's type loan for 1 year, paying interest only on the funds used. After the first year, the loan would be set up for monthly installments. USDA Representative, Michelle Musser, gave a quote of 2 ½ % interest for a 40 year loan, however the paperwork involved would take about 1 year to complete. Raffin made the motion to pursue the loan at Peoples State Bank. Reinhart second. All approve.

### **BREWER HOLLOW SURVEY**

Anderson stated that Mark McCullough had started the survey on the Brewer Hollow property.

### **CAMERAS**

Cameras were discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **CRACK SEAL**

Anderson stated he was in the process of obtaining prices for crack seal. Line painting was discussed. Bradley stated the crosswalk signs were being put out in the morning and taken in at night; volunteers were needed for this project.

After discussion of parking for Carolyn Harrsch, it was decided to permit a 90 day extension to allow more time for grant application.

Reinhart made the motion to dismiss. Snyder second. All approve.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.