

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
February 5, 2018 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

Council Members: George Anderson, Josh Kilmer, Gary Rouse, and Josh VanDeMark

Others: Susan Burgess, Mayor; Dale Grover, Ordinance Enforcement & Borough Maintenance; and Joanne Vago, Secretary/Treasurer; Micah Dietz, proposed Council Member; Scott Snyder, Vacancy Board Chair

Public: Dave Keeler (Rocket-Courier) and Denise Schloder

Josh Kilmer, President led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He acknowledged the use of a digital voice recorder.

Vacancy Board Recommendation: The Vacancy Board Chair, Scott Snyder presented the recommendation that Micah Dietz be appointed to fill the currently vacant seat on the Wyalusing Borough Council for a two-year term. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Micah Dietz accepted the appointment effective with the February 5, 2018 meeting.

Mayor's Report: There is no police report for December. January was a very active month with over 20 incidents reported.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: Denise Schloder raised the issue of the increase in the feral cat population and wanted to know what could be done. Mayor Burgess suggested that Denise contact Dr. Lori Smith at the Wyalusing Veterinary Clinic for her suggestions. After some discussion, Mayor Burgess offered to contact those who were feeding the feral cats as this seems to be increasing the problem. The Council will look into what it is legally able to do about this issue.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting were reviewed by Council members. There were several corrections to the Minutes. Micah Dietz made the motion to accept the Minutes as corrected, seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Josh VanDeMark made the motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Council members. The President accepted the report and it was filed for audit.

Borough Maintenance/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report: The detailed monthly report was previously distributed to the Council members. (1) The Main Street snow issue will be discussed under New Business; (2) The Christmas Lights/Main Street Lights were apparently on the same circuit – this has been corrected and they are now separate; (3) the question as to using bulk salt was discussed. It could be placed in the bay currently used by WMA. Does WMA have an Agreement with the Borough to have a bay in the Borough garage? Further discussion of this issue will be handled by Dale Grover and Steve Campbell, (4) Council approved dumping snow on the Borough ballpark.

Foster Correspondence and Report: Jonathan Foster's report and invoice were reviewed by Council members. Additionally, (1) a motion was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wilmot Township Ordinance regarding the tax collector. The motion was carried by voice vote. Micah Dietz did not vote. (2) The chain of title for the parcel of land by the river was distributed to Council members. Jonathan Foster and Mayor Burgess will have a conversation with the latest owner, Lehigh Valley Main Line about the use of the property. David Keeler suggested they also look at the Rails to Trails effort.

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: There was no report.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) **Notice from Wyalusing Municipal Authority.** Letter regarding the increase of water and sewer rates of 5%, due to improvements to town sewer and water system. George Anderson requested further discussion. The WMA liaison will bring up the Council concerns at WMA's February meeting and report back to Council.
- (2) **Media Release from NTSWA.** NTSWA will resume Electronics Recycling
- (3) **GTE Annual Downstream Notification Letter.**
- (4) **DCNR Notice of Grants Program - Wyalusing Park Master Plan and Trail Feasibility Study.** Hunt Engineering is doing grant proposal and will meet the April 12th deadline. The question as to whether or not a grant proposal should be submitted for the playground project. The cost of this project would be about \$30K. Gary Rouse will start the process – an engineering study will be the first item needed.
- (5) **Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce Minutes.** Minutes from December 14, 2017 meeting.
- (6) **FY 2017 Local Municipal Emergency Management Coordination Grant.**
- (7) **EFPR Group, CPAs Audit Letter for FY 2017.**
- (8) **Formal complaint from Leon A. Mosher, Jr. DC re: snow removal.** Complaint has been resolved by Dale Grover, Borough Maintenance
- (9) **Response from Tina Pickett regarding radar use in Pennsylvania.**
- (10) **Letter from Code Inspections, Inc.** Limiting service to Tioga County. Eliminating service to McKean and Potter Counties.

New Business:

- (1) **Main Street Snow Removal.** There are currently no contractors from the Main Street Fund to remove snow from Main Street. The question now is who is responsible for maintaining the street parking and sidewalks on Main Street. Currently the Borough is taking care of the street parking and plowing Main Street. The business owners are still responsible for the sidewalk. There needs to be a meeting with the Borough and the business owners to determine who is responsible for what going forward and come up with a clearly defined solution with any updates to the Ordinance as required. This should be done as soon as possible.
- (2) **Playground Equipment Status.** See Correspondence.
- (3) **Statement of Financial Interests.** The Statement is due from Council Members and Employees by May 1, 2018.
- (4) **Tax Collector Bank Account.** Under the new Pennsylvania law, the municipality is required to open the bank account for the tax collector. The motion to open the tax collector bank account at PS Bank with Ashley Hunsinger, Tax Collector and Joanne Vago, backup, as signatories on the account, was made by Gary Rouse. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark. The motion was carried by voice vote, Micah Dietz abstained.

Old Business:

The Codification Proposal for Wyalusing Borough was presented to Council. After a brief discussion, Gary Rouse made the motion to accept the proposal from General Code LLC in the amount of \$16,733. The motion was seconded by George Anderson and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:10pm for an Executive Session. No action was taken. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:25pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer