

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
April 2, 2018 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

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

Others: Susan Burgess, Mayor; Dale Grover, Ordinance Enforcement & Borough Maintenance; and Joanne Vago, Secretary/Treasurer

Public: Cain Chamberlain (Rocket-Courier), Lester Price, Nathaniel and Denise Schloder, and Michelle Wilson

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.

Mayor's Report: The new police sergeant at the Towanda Barracks is Josh Thompson. They have been a large presence in the Borough for the past few months. This month there were 9 calls in the Borough and 13 traffic stops. The grant proposal for the Creek project is due on April 14th.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: Josh Kilmer reported that the Borough Council has found a solution for stray cats in the Borough. You Too Animal Rescue, a volunteer organization that fosters dogs and cats for adoption has agreed to trap the cats, test them, spay and neuter and then transport them to their sanctuary. The recommendation is to pay \$285/cat which would cover vet costs and any remaining would be used to provide food for the cats at their sanctuary. The Council felt this would be a win-win situation for everyone. The motion was made by Josh VanDeMark to approve the recommendation, seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Volunteers are still needed for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board. Information will be placed in The Rocket Courier.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Regular Meeting were reviewed by Council members. Gary Rouse made the motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Micah Dietz. 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) salted and plowed today, (2) there is no key for the box for the solar lights, so locksmith was called, (3) inmates start tomorrow, April 3rd, will be at the park, and (4) meeting with Municipal Authority on April 10th at 6:00pm to discuss garage bay and tractor.

Foster Correspondence and Report: Jonathan Foster's report and invoice were reviewed by Council members.

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: Council will be meeting with the Municipal Authority on April 10th at 6:00pm to discuss various issues.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) **Letter from PennDot** – Yearly maintenance of Traffic Signals
- (2) **National Association of Royalty Owners** – Do we want to join?
- (3) **PennDot Connects** – Information on Support to Municipalities
- (4) **Email re: 2019 TreeVitalize grant information**
- (5) **Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

New Business:

- (1) **Final Audit Report.** Distributed to Council Members and reviewed year-end Ad for Rocket-Courier
- (2) **Mayor Proclamation – Arbor Day April 27, 2018.** Mayor Burgess signed a proclamation designating April 27 as Arbor Day. Mayor Burgess used all citizens to responsibly plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.
- (3) **Borough Secretary Vacation** – Council approved the May 21-25, 2018 vacation for the Borough Secretary.
- (4) **Pension Audit** –_Audit letter on Borough Pension Plan was reviewed by Council members. Next steps are to determine the monetary distribution of remaining funds and an ordinance to close and eliminate the pension plan for the Borough.
- (5) **Lawn Mowing Bids** –_The three bids received by the Borough lawn mowing for 2018 were opened by the President. There was only a \$40 (per mowing) difference between the three bids. George Anderson stated that Bruce Ashley has done the mowing for many years and does a great job. The motion was made by Micah Dietz to retain Bruce Ashley for \$270 per mowing. The motion was seconded by George Anderson and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

- (1) **Website Hosting – PSAB** – A proposal from PSAB to host Wyalusing Borough's website was discussed. A motion to have the Wyalusing Borough website hosted by PSAB and redesigned was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

(2) Borough Secretary will look into transferring telephone and internet from Frontier to Blue Ridge Cable at the request of the Council.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer

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