

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
September 4, 2018 at 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Tuesday, September 4, 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: David Keeler (Rocket-Courier), Coy Gobble (Daily Review), and Steve Sumner, Gannon Associates

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.

Steve Sumner, Gannon Associates gave Council an update on the renewal of their liability and worker's compensation insurance policies. The costs of the street lights, currently set at \$1,010 and \$1,092, will be increased to \$2,000 each. Everything else will remain the same. The townships will still be charged their portion of the worker's compensation premium for their fire departments. The motion to approve the insurance renewal policy for 2018-2019 was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by George Anderson. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Burgess gave the police report for the month of August. There were 13 calls reported. She also spoke briefly about the Keystone communities Program Designations and suggested that Chris Brown be invited to a meeting to give details regarding the tax abatement for home improvement that is part of the Keystone Matching Grants program. He is also scheduled to speak with the Wyalusing School Board.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: None

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept the Minutes as reviewed, seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Rouse made the motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark and 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. Also reported was (1) Received payment for the lawn mowing on 2nd Street - \$55.00 for mowing and \$70.00 in fines, (2) The new truck is on order, the price includes a 9 ½ ft. snow plow, (3) PennDot has painted center line on 706 – parking lines need to be painted as well. Dale will call new owner of Lines by Lou to see if they can do the line painting.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: Gary Rouse will attend their next meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The WMA is open to discussing the new garage building, where to locate it may be an issue.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Letter from Jonathan Foster and attorney for Tuscarora Wayne regarding re-zoning of their properties.
- (2) Email from Doug Maynard regarding discount on playground equipment in the amount of \$10,367.62. The order must be submitted by October 31, 2018 and delivery taken by December 28, 2018. The total amount at the time of order including freight is \$19,206.80. Gary Rouse made the motion to accept the discount and purchase the playground equipment by October 31, 2018. Micah Dietz seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (3) Letters regarding anticipated road work received from PennDot were reviewed.

New Business:

- (1) It was recommended by the Finance Committee at their August 20, 2018 meeting to increase the millage for General Purposes by .5 mills to support the Borough cemetery. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by Micah Dietz to increase the millage .5 for General Purposes for the 2019 Budget. The roll call vote was as follows: Josh VanDeMark – No; Gary Rouse – Yes; Micah Dietz – Yes; George Anderson – No; Josh Kilmer – Yes. The motion was carried.
- (2) The proposed change to Ordinance 57 was reviewed. It will need to be published and adopted at the November Council meeting. Micah Dietz made the motion to approve Ordinance 57 as presented and to publish it on October 18 and 25, 2018 in The Rocket Courier. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse. The roll call vote was as follows: Josh VanDeMark – Yes; Gary Rouse – Yes; Micah Dietz – Yes; George Anderson – No; Josh Kilmer – Yes. The motion was carried.

Old Business:

- (1) A motion to ratify the actions of the Finance Committee at their August 20, 2018 meeting was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) There was further discussion regarding the 2019 budget: The shrub and tree removal along the creek area from Route 6 to Main Street was discussed. Dale Grover will call Woodpecker's to get an estimate for this effort as well as to determine what needs to be done considering bank erosion. Mayor Burgess would like to be there during the assessment. Brewer Hollow was discussed especially as to plans for access to the property. A motion was made by Gary Rouse to set aside \$20,000 in the 2019 budget for Engineering Services to design a plan for Brewer Hollow access. The motion was seconded by George Anderson. There were 4 votes yes with 1 No vote by Josh VanDeMark. The motion was carried.

An Executive Session was called at 8:10pm and adjourned at 8:20 with no action taken. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer