

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

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

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

Public: James Lowenstein (Rocket-Courier), Samuel Bennett (Daily Review), and Cain Chamberlain, EMHR

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.

Cain Chamberlain from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region gave the Council information on their designation as a River Town. There is additional paperwork that needs to be filed, but the resolution previously passed by the Council is still OK. Cain will coordinate the paperwork for this designation. The Borough Secretary will complete and send to Mr. Chamberlain when completed.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Burgess gave the police report for the month of September. There were 10 calls reported, 1 theft, 3 false alarms, 1 domestic dispute, 1 non-reportable crash, 2 patrol checks, 1 reckless endangerment, 1 disorderly conduct.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: None

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept the Minutes as reviewed, 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. The motion was seconded by George Anderson 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) Charles Holmes from Williams Petroleum said that they have no issue with the pipeline in terms of Brewer

Hollow access, (2), the \$20K quote for brush removal on Bridge Street is still under consideration, (3) discussion regarding Main Street snow removal. A letter from the Borough will be drafted regarding when the snow is to be removed and the penalties involved, and sent to Main Street business owners, (4) discussion regarding holes dug by WMA on the cemetery paths – will find out cost to repair then ask WMA to reimburse, (5) Lanny God will paint lines when weather permits at a cost of \$185.00, (6) Frank Messersmith will be contacted regarding the junk accumulating on the 122 Taylor Avenue lot, (6) an ad will be placed for a grave digger.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: Gary Rouse was absent so no report was available. The next meeting of the Authority will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) GWCC Minutes from their September meeting
- (2) Email from Windham Township regarding creeks and streams
- (3) Email regarding flood recovery aid that is available to local governments
- (4) Route 6 Connection Newsletter
- (5) Reminder of PSAB Fall Leadership Conference October 12-14, 2018
- (6) Liquid Fuels Allocation Letter (\$24,128.61)

New Business:

- (1) The Borough Secretary requested vacation from November 26, 2018 to December 7, 2018. The request was approved. The December 3rd Council Meeting will be held the following Monday on December 10th. The change will be advertised.

Old Business:

- (1) The 2019 budget was discussed. An additional \$1,800 was added to Account 406.321 Telephone Expense for business cell phones. Currently only a tentative purchase will be discussed further. Also, \$20,000 was added to Account 430.450 Public Works – Contracted Services for the potential shrub/tree removal along the bank on Bridge Street. Again, a tentative amount, the removal of shrub/trees will be discussed further. Following this discussion, a motion was made by Micah Dietz to advertise the proposed budget and to post it at the Borough Hall per the Borough Code. The motion was seconded by George Anderson and carried unanimously by voice vote. The budget will be adopted at the November 5th Regular Council meeting.
- (2) The Personnel Manual Update will be done as a draft and presented to the Council at a future meeting.

- (3) The Zoning Ordinance Update is in process. A draft will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.
- (4) The President will contact Jonathan Foster regarding vacating four parking spaces on March & Second Streets on the left side of Marsh Street. Downtown Auto will also be contacted about removing abandoned cars on their property and taking care of the high grasses as well.
- (5) Micah Dietz will speak to Tom Miller about rolling the ball park area at the Borough Park.

An Executive Session was called at 7:50pm to discuss personnel issues. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer