

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
January 7, 2019 at 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on January 7, 2019 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent: George Anderson

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

Public: James Lowenstein (Rocket-Courier) and Samuel Bennett (Daily Review)

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.

Josh Kilmer announced that George Anderson is planning to resign effective with this meeting, but the letter has not been signed. On behalf of the Council, he thanked Mr. Anderson for his 20 years of service both as Council President and for assistance with the public works matters in the Borough. He also stated that an Executive Session was held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 to discuss personnel matters – no action was taken.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported on police activity: 12 Incidents: 1 false alarm, 1 welfare check, 1 see Officer, 1 traffic warrant served, 1 public intoxication, 2 hit & run crashes, 1 non-reportable crash, 1 drug possession, 1 domestic dispute – nonphysical, and 1 disturbance. Directions on how to proceed with the creek effort will be forthcoming in January.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: None

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 10, 2018 rescheduled Regular Meeting were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Micah Dietz made the motion to accept the Minutes as reviewed, seconded by Josh VanDeMark. 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) Penn Dot has requested that the "Downtown Wyalusing" sign by Sanford & Sons be removed. It will be

replaced at some point with another sign conforming to Penn Dot requirements. Dale is in discussions with Penn Dot, (2) permits for the stream crossing at Brewer Hollow have been obtained – Milnes Engineering is working on this project, (3) the Gaylord Avenue parking issue has been resolved, (4) new truck is at Bradco, probably another 4-5 weeks before ready, (5) light is out at the pump house – Hud Ellis will get a lift and put in LED light, probably this week, (6) the Township asked Dale about 3 ash trees that are dead and about to fall. Dale will ask JJ Carpenter for an estimate to remove.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: Gary Rouse said same as reported at last Council meeting.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Bradford County Floodplain information – only one property is affected in Wyalusing Borough.
- (2) Copy of letter regarding Wyalusing Meadows PILOT tax assessment for 2018. Apparently the money for the Borough is held in escrow and will be released at some point.
- (3) Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce Minutes – November 20, 2018. Discussions are still underway for them to move out of the office in the Borough Hall.
- (4) Letter from Wyalusing Area Friends of the Arts requesting donation.
- (5) Letter from Brice C. Paul, Esq. regarding Sheriff’s Sale of Real Property on 19 Canal Street (Voda) – the Borough has lien on property for 2016, 2017, and 2018 property taxes.
- (6) Letter to Landy & Rossetti, PLLC from Jonathan Foster re: T-W Zoning Amendments.
- (7) Email from Elizabeth Burgess regarding establishing an “off the leash” dog park. May consider as part of the creek/trail project.
- (8) Email from Greg Dibble regarding bidding thresholds for 2019.

New Business:

- (1) The engagement letter from HallockShannon, PC was received and signed by the Council President and Borough Secretary.
- (2) The Wyalusing Municipal Authority budget for 2019 was presented to Council for approval. A motion to approve the 2019 Municipal Authority Budget was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Micah Dietz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (3) A letter prepared by Jonathan Foster to Norfolk Southern Corporation offering \$5,000 for use of their property in connection with the trail/creek project was presented. It was proposed to use it as an “in kind” donation for the matching fund

requirement. The motion to send the letter to Norfolk Southern Corporation was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

- (4) An ordinance amending Chapter 44, Vehicles & Traffic affecting parking on Marsh Street was presented. Micah Dietz made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented and to advertise for adoption at next meeting. Josh VanDeMark seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (5) Two letters from the Wyalusing Valley Volunteer Fire Department were presented: (1) requesting a permit for shooting fireworks in the Borough in connection with the Firemen's Celebration in August, and (2) requesting use of the Borough Park for the Firemen's Celebration for the weeks of July 21 and 28 and the weeks of August 4, 11, and 18, with everything cleared off the park by August 23, 2019. A motion to approve both requests was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

- (1) Business cellphones were discussed. Several questions need to be resolved before a final decision is made. The Borough Secretary will contact the Verizon representative and get the questions resolved by the next Council meeting

An Executive Session was convened at 7:50pm to discuss personnel matters. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:00pm and the regular session as adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer