

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm

An Executive Session was called to order at 6:00pm by the President. Several real estate issues were discussed. There was no action taken and the Executive Session adjourned at 6:45pm.

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

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

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

Public: James Lowenstein (Rocket-Courier) and Samuel Bennett (The 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. The President stated that an Executive Session had been held at 6:00pm to discuss several real estate issues. There was no action taken.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported that she has been in contact with a representative from the Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding leasing a parcel of land in connection with the Creekside Project grant. Norfolk Southern had told the Borough to begin negotiations with Leigh Railway, LLC. Negotiations are ongoing. Jonathan Foster is working on the deed recording the property grant, which is a first step in this project.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: Mr. Petlock submitted a letter to Council requesting the use of the Borough Park for the 2019 soccer season. Steven Lewis made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Micah Dietz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Steve Lewis 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 Gary Rouse 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: (1) the salt container has

arrived, (2) the new playground unit has been installed, (3) the emergency drain issue on Taylor Avenue has been resolved, (4) On April 12th, the Boy Scouts cleaned up the Borough Park, (5) Doug Walton continues to work the surveying issue in Section 6 of the cemetery. There is a concern regarding the trees at the edge of the section. Dale will get an estimate for their removal, (6) the new mower is in transit, (7) brief discussion regarding time limits for parking in the Municipal Lot. The discussion was tabled, (8) Sean Girven wants to put a 26x52 manufactured home on lot. He will be directed to Amanda Cooley for building code/permit.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: Milnes Engineering attended the last meeting to discuss the sewer expansion. Authority is ready to apply for grants. Project will likely take two years.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Opening Day for Trails
- (2) CoStars Newsletter
- (3) Information on Floodplain Insurance
- (4) PA Route 6 Alliance Information
- (5) Eastern COG Minutes – April 4, 2019
- (6) GWCC Minutes – March 21, 2019 Meeting
- (7) Energy Transfer Request for Information
- (8) Equinor – Minimum balance check issuance
- (9) Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Bulletin
- (10) Email from Penelec regarding 2019 Tree Trimming Program
- (11) Letter – Tina Pickett regarding Senior Citizens' Expo
- (12) Letter – WASD Superintendent regarding State of District May 13, 2019 @ 6:00pm

New Business:

- (1) Discussion regarding HR Bill 349 requesting municipalities to have more than one third-party administrator of the UCC. Council will consider a resolution opposing the request that will be voted on at the June 2019 meeting.
- (2) Discussion regarding adopting a resolution regarding Right To Know Requests to seek relief from serial requestors. Council will consider a resolution seeking relief from serial requestors at the June 2019 meeting.
- (3) Steve Lewis asked if the Borough cleans the storm drain boxes. The Borough does clean those within the Borough. The State is responsible for those that run parallel to the State streets.
- (4) Micah Dietz brought up the problem with woodchucks that various property owners were having. Doug Thompson will be contacted to see if he has a solution.

- (5) Josh Kilmer announced a Webinar that Jonathan Foster will be sitting in on regarding code enforcement officers' authority to issue tickets. The Webinar is scheduled for May 9, 2019.

Old Business:

- (1) Jonathan Foster will send a letter to Chuck Howard stating that his proposed Sugar Creek Tourist Cabin does not meet the Borough's zoning ordinance.
- (2) The Personnel Handbook is still pending.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer