

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
August 5, 2019 at 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on August 5, 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: Warren Howeler (Rocket-Courier)

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 Mayor reported that there were 9 State Police calls in July and also did 10 motor carrier inspections in the Borough and conducted 9 traffic stops as well. Two additional calls for the June report were a PFA Violation and a non-reportable crash. Solicitors are still working on the deed transfer of property from West Wyalusing LLC to the Borough to begin the trail project. The Mayor also attended the Pennsylvania Mayor's Association meeting at State College, PA. The majority of the discussions were police related.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: None

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting and the Special Meeting on July 22, 2019 were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Steven 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: 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: (1) Darren Roy from RuralNet called regarding the purchase of a property on Gaylord Street and would like to put a shed on the property. The Council said that since this was zoned Residential that would not be allowed. (2) To replace "Downtown Business" sign would cost \$668 for application fee and probably would not be approved per PennDot representative from Harrisburg, PA. The Borough will not be doing anything to replace the sign at the moment. (3) Sluice pipe on Eaton property has been evaluated by Dale Grover and Dave Burgess. Repair of this pipe will affect

other properties and will help prevent flooding in the Borough. The property owner has agreed to pay one-half of the cost to repair. Gary Rouse made the motion to being the repair of the sluice pipe with a cap on the price of \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark and carried unanimously by voice vote. (4) There is an issue with the property on 117 First Street owned by M&T Bank. There was a quote from the property manager of approximately \$600 to just mow the lawn. M&T Bank has 5 days to respond. Council decided that since there are Borough Ordinances to clean up properties that present as health hazard and are deemed unsightly, Dale Grover will pursue the cleanup and a lien will be placed on the property for any expenses incurred.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: The school has gone on town water which benefits both the Authority and the School District. They are still working on the Taylorville situation with the well drilling.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Letter from Hill Wallack LLP re: Rosencrance property Sheriff's Sale scheduled for August 28, 2019 at 10:00am
- (2) Request for donation Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
- (3) Email regarding Leatherstocking Natural Gas status – the President suggested that a general notice to the community regarding the Commercial and Residential Applications for natural gas that should be completed by each resident/business indicating the interest in having natural gas in the Borough.
- (4) Co-Stars – Fuel Card Service Agreement for gas and service – discounts on gas up to 15% - the President directed the Borough Secretary to complete the necessary application.
- (5) PLGIT Monthly Market Review
- (6) Solicitors Certification for the Tax Claim Bureau

New Business:

- (1) Three bids were received for the Second Street, West Third Street and School Lane. They were opened by the President – the bids were as follows: Bishop Brothers Construction - \$71,951; Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$88,608; and M. R. Dirt, Inc. - \$95,246. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept the bid from Bishop Brothers Construction. The motion was seconded by Micah Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) The resolution (2019-3) to re-open the 2019 budget to accept the Act 13 money was presented to Council. The motion to accept the resolution was made by Steven Lewis, seconded by Micah Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote.

- (3) There was a discussion regarding Ordinance 33 – Shade Tree Commission. Since there is no longer a Shade Tree Commission, it was recommended that Ordinance 33 be rescinded. A motion to rescind Ordinance 33 – Shade Tree Commission was made by Micah Dietz and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (4) The Zoning Permit application to Wyalusing Borough by West Wyalusing LLC pertaining to parcel #6011403114000000 was reviewed by Council. In the absence of a Planning Commission, Council recommended moving forward providing Scott Farrell has no issues with the setback described in the application. A motion was made by Gary Rouse, seconded by Steven Lewis to proceed with the application's next steps. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

- (1) Personnel Handbook – the Borough Secretary will send out red-lined changes to the Handbook to Council members for their approval and adoption at the September Regular Council meeting.
- (2) Cemetery – Trees. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Micah Dietz to pull out trees along the newer part of the cemetery and to remove dead trees and prune the remainder along the front part of the cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and it was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (3) CD's – The CD's that matured in July will be rolled over for a three month period (see previous motion made at the Special Meeting, July 22, 2019) until an assessment can be made as to what monies will need to remain liquid. Jennifer Williamson from Ameriprise Financial will be attending the September 3, 2019 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer