

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
September 3, 2019 at 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on September 3, 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: David Keeler (Rocket-Courier), Jennifer Williamson (Ameriprise Financial) and John Keeney

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.

Jennifer Williamson from Ameriprise Financial gave an update on the Bond market and the types of investments available to municipalities, i.e., Principal-protected structured CD's and Step-Up CD's as possible investment strategies as well as the status of the Borough's investments.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported that there were 11 incidents in the Borough requiring the State Police. She also reported that there have been several bear sightings in the Borough. There is nothing to report on the Creek Project since the deed transfer is in the hands of her attorneys.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: John Keeney would like to place a Little Free Library somewhere in the Borough (information on these libraries is available at <https://littlefreelibrary.org>). After some discussion, he will bring back some plans with the possibility of placing it on the Borough Hall property.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Micah Dietz made the motion to accept the Minutes as reviewed, seconded by Steven Lewis. 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) NTSWA has proposed that they do the street sweeping for the Borough. After a short discussion, Micah Dietz made the motion to contract out the street sweeping to NTSWA for a one-time sweep of all Borough streets in May at a price NTE \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote, (2) power washed the outside of the Borough Hall after spraying for spiders. It was decided to professionally spray in the future and add to the 2020 budget, (3) a proposal was received to remove 14 Japanese cherry trees, mill out the stumps, and trim the 14 remaining Japanese cherry trees from J J Carpenter in the amount of \$8,750. A motion was made by Steve Lewis and seconded by Josh VanDeMark to accept the proposal and pay it from this year's budget. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. (4) There as a short discussion regarding the First Aid kit for the garage – it will be updated as needed.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: They are still working on the Taylorville situation with the well drilling.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Letter from PA Route 6 Alliance Executive Director asking for a letter of support for a Façade Improvement and Signage Program and to encourage businesses and commercial property owners to attend public meetings scheduled for the fall.
- (2) Email from Shannon Brooks, Chesapeake regarding possible well pad site for property in Brewer Hollow.
- (3) Letter from Matt Williams regarding 2020 Census
- (4) Letter from Scott Molnar regarding street sign replacements – none were required by the Borough
- (5) Letter from Hamilton & Musser, PC regarding 2019 Audit. Borough Secretary was asked to contact them regarding submitting a proposal.
- (6) August 2019 DCNR Bulletin

New Business:

- (1) The date for the Finance Committee meeting to discuss the 2020 Budget will be held at 6:30pm at the Borough Hall on Monday, September 23, 2019.
- (2) The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00pm.
- (3) The 2019-2020 Liability Policy renewal was presented to the Council. After their review and discussion, a motion was made by Josh VanDeMark to accept the renewal after removing the 2005 Ford F250 from the policy as it has been sold. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was carried by voice vote with Steve Lewis abstaining.

Old Business:

- (1) Personnel Handbook Revisions – After a brief discussion, a motion to accept the revisions to the Personnel Handbook were made by Steven Lewis and seconded by Micah Dietz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer