

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

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

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

Absent: Steven Lewis

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

Public: Warren Howeler (Rocket-Courier), Sam Bennett (The Daily Review), Chris Brown (Progress Authority), 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.

Chris Brown gave an overview of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA") that basically authorizes local taxing authorities to exempt from real property taxation new improvements, construction of industrial, commercial for a certain period of time. The program can be set up for the Borough by resolution from the County, Borough and School District. Implementation should provide flexibility and consistent ground rules. Chris will provide examples for review by the Borough solicitor.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported that there were 14 incidents in the Borough requiring the State Police. There is nothing to report on the Creek Project since the deed transfer is in the hands of the attorneys. The Mayor also reported that she has heard from other Mayor's who are also dealing with sign issues along Route 6.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: John Keeney gave an update on the Little Free Library as to type of construction material, i.e. composite or wood: wood would be 40# 23x18x23; and composite would be 27# 16x21x14. After some discussion, Council decided on composite and when he is ready to install, he will contact Dale. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to install the little free library on the Borough Hall property when completed. The motion was seconded by Micah Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting were distributed previously and reviewed by Council members. Micah Dietz made the motion to accept the Minutes as reviewed, seconded by Gary Rouse. 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) 20 tons of salt will be delivered at \$112/ton, (2) Bishop Brothers has begun the milling of Second, Third, and School Lane and are 2/3 complete, (3) there was a short discussion of emergency power to the garage from the Borough generator. Micah Dietz made the motion to purchase the parts necessary to do the connection from Brickhouse Services at a cap of \$2,200. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark and carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: They are doing mapping for the gas company using green paint on the relevant streets.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council:

- (1) Chesapeake Energy Permit Application for Drilling a Well
- (2) Susquehanna C-Connections
- (3) USDA Rural Development – Disaster Assistance
- (4) Regulatory Alert – FCC Order changes cable franchising rules
- (5) Request to Remove Illegal or Abandoned Sign – PennDot
- (6) NTRPDC 2019 Annual Meeting
- (7) Animal Care Sanctuary – Community Clinic Spay/Neuter Transport Program
- (8) Carmalt, DeNault & Thompson, PC not accepting new clients for auditing services
- (9) Email from Rita Horner regarding Brandon Connor and fire truck horns
- (10) Grant Funding Workshop, October 10, 2019 Central Progress Authority Building

New Business:

- (1) The actions from the Finance Committee held at 6:30pm at the Borough Hall on Monday, September 23, 2019 were ratified by the Council.
- (2) The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting was rescheduled to October 16, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Wyalusing Borough Hall.
- (3) Awaiting proposal for 2019 audit from Lochen & Chase – recommendation from Jennifer Williamson.
- (4) The Hunt Engineering proposal was reviewed by Council. Council asked that another bid be obtained from Milnes Engineering. The Secretary will set up the meeting.

Old Business:

- (1) There was a discussion regarding the first draft of the Wyalusing Borough Budget for 2020. It was proposed by Gary Rouse that \$16,000 be added to the equipment fund for the purchase of a utility tractor. Micah Dietz made the motion to add this item to the budget. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) Norm Stretch Construction will be looking at reinforcing the floor in the front part of the Borough Hall by putting in a beam in the basement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer