

December 8, 2014- Minutes- West Wyoming Borough Council Meeting

The meeting of West Wyoming Borough Council was called to order by Chairwoman Skok. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken by Secretary Zaboski and the following were present: Grescavage, Cipriani, Stavish, Skok, Dolan, Stevens, Mayor Herbert, Solicitor Lukesh, Engineer Amato, Treasurer DeSanto, Jr. Councilperson Trottni absent, and Secretary Zaboski.

Skok asked for a motion by Cipriani, seconded by Stevens, to accept the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Gary Stavish- Vice Chair- Personnel & Recreation: Recreation Board will be out on December 21 to do the annual house judging contest. Sections will be Atherton to Swetland Lane, Swetland Lane to 8<sup>th</sup>, and upper 8<sup>th</sup> down to 5<sup>th</sup> St. Winners will receive a gift certificate and Christmas decoration.

Eileen Cipriani- Administration & Finance: Cipriani welcomed the World Culture Class from Wyoming Area to the Council Meeting.

Cipriani called on Treasurer DeSanto for the monthly reading of the Treasurer's Report. It is as follows:

	<u>12/08/14</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	400.91	No Activity	Luzerne	400.91
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>0.00</u>	No Activity	PLGIT	65,355.83
107.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	3,731.15		PNC	208,839.31
105.000 · PLGIT- GENERAL	4,430.88		ESSA	149,242.12
108.000 · PLGIT - GROW GREENER	0.01	No Activity	M&T	<u>0.00</u>
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	161,856.68			<u>423,838.17</u>
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	3,398.61			
112.175 · LUZERNE BANK LSA-COG	0.00			
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	6,038.98			
115.000 · PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	0.03			
115.000 · PLGIT EIT	10,545.20			
118.100 · ESSA Refuse	149,242.07			
118.200 · ESSA Debt Service	0.05	No Activity		
<b>Highway Aid Fund</b>				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>46,648.56</u>			
<b>Sewer Fund</b>				
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>37,545.04</u>			

Motion by Cipriani to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by Cipriani to approve all outstanding bills approved by the Finance Committee, seconded by Stevens. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Cipriani announced that the West Side Council of Government of which West Wyoming is a participant in received a grant for \$800,000 from the local share grant program earlier this year. With that a number of municipalities are attempting to purchase police cars, trucks, skid steers, leaf loaders and police equipment from this grant. Since West Wyoming is the lead municipality, Cipriani made a motion seconded by Stavish, to place orders for the West Side Council COG member municipality equipment through the LSA grant and to make payment of orders and administration as soon as funds are released by DCED. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes. For West Wyoming Boro's part, we will be receiving a new dump truck and police equipment including mobile data terminal, computer equipment for the vehicles and thermal imaging camera for our police vehicles that is our share of the grant. At this time, Cipriani included a motion that since we intend to place the police cruiser in conjunction in with this grant that we make the motion at this time to purchase a new police cruiser for the police department in conjunction with the order for the COG. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes. Cipriani stated that at last month's Council meeting the 2015 Budget was placed on the table for 30 day review. Since we have not met the 30 days, we are going to have an additional meeting later in the week to meet the 30 day requirement. Budget is available for public review. There is no increase in taxes, and no fee increases and all fees and services will remain the same for 2015.

Daniel Grescavage- Community Development : Grescavage thanked the Recreation Board for decorations in Daley Park and wished all a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Mike Dolan- Public Safety/Code Enforcement: West Wyoming Hose Co # 1 responded to five alarms in November. Two motor vehicle accidents, One Engine company assist, One Rescue company assist and One Rapid intervention team response. The fire police unit responded with five members to five alarms for a total of 16.2 man hours of service. Hose Co # 1 will be hosting breakfast with Santa on December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the fire house on Shoemaker Ave. from 8 a.m. till noon. Along with a hearty breakfast menu, Santa himself will have gifts for all children. Donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available from any member and at the door. Dolan stated that he discussed with Code Enforcement, Tom Roccograndi, a better line of communication for 2015. Very few complaints with code enforcement for the month. One dumpster permit issued and one pigeon complaint. In regards to rental inspections, Roccograndi decided to put all inspections in December so they were altogether and could be done in the same month. His plan of action was not passed on to Dolan or any council member. Roccograndi apologized to Dolan for not letting Council know his action plan. Cipriani asked if trash sticker issue was addressed. Dolan replied no and that he will speak to Roccograndi on that issue and also on the abandoned vehicles on Lackawanna and Washington Avenues that were not appropriately addressed.

Motion by Dolan, seconded by Cipriani, to place the Dumpster Ordinance Revision on the table for 30 days. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Public Facilities/Health and Sanitation – Councilman Stevens – Not much to report. Business as usual, The grinder that we were using went back to Kingston. We will be winterizing the Street Sweeper.

Solicitor Lukesh – There is not a specific report. We filed some sewer liens on property owners that have not paid on the sewer. Just to state to World Culture Class Solicitor Lukesh is the attorney for the West Wyoming Council, and provides advise to them on legal issues, and the operation of the Borough Code.

Mayor Herbert – Mayor Herbert welcomed the World Culture Class and went on to explain his position as mayor. As mayor, you might have noticed that I do not vote unless I need to break a tie. Otherwise I remain silent. This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year as mayor and have never had the opportunity to break a tie. This speaks well of council, because they resolve the issues before it comes out. Thanks to council for purchasing a new police vehicle. The police department in November responded to 111 calls for service and five criminal arrests. That is within the community and out of the community. The police department is well on top of everything and should be applauded.

Joe Karcutski, son of Charles and Beatrice Karcutski, and a Wyoming Area graduate was honored by being inducted into Brown University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Alexa Malloy, daughter of Jeff and Maureen Malloy who was crowned 2015 Wyoming Area Homecoming Queen.

It's the month of December and Americans spend roughly a billion dollars on Holiday Decorations according to the National retail Federation, with 3.2 billion spent on gift wrap.

From my family to you and yours, have a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. BE SAFE OUT THERE.

Engineer Amato – Briefly the sewer trench restoration project is nearly complete, because of the bad weather we are finishing up a last few patches. The Oak Street pump station is all in and installed and we are now working with the electrician to put the upgrades to the service. The Brady pump station was leaking and that has been repaired. We will be checking the 4<sup>th</sup> street sub station. The 8<sup>th</sup> street bridge project was addressed.

Chairwoman Skok wished every one Happy Holidays.

No Citizen 's participation.

A motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Cipriani, seconded by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

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