

Minutes – September 8, 2014

Councilwoman Skok announced that an Executive Session was held after the Work Session to discuss Real Estate matters.

The meeting of West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Councilwoman 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 absent, Treasurer DeSanto, Jr Councilperson Trottni absent and Secretary Zaboski.

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

Gary Stavish- Vice-Chairman- Personnel & Recreation : Announced that the Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> here at the Boro building public is invited. Recreation Board will welcome anyone interested in becoming a new member. If interested you can come to meeting. Motion by Stavish, seconded by Stevens, to purge the following officers: Lewko, Shotwell, Kowalczyk, and Ortiz due to insurance purposes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Eileen Cipriani- Administration & Finance: Cipriani asked for the reading of the Treasurer 's Report by Treasurer DeSanto. It is as follows:

	<u>09/08/14</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
112.000 - LUZERNE BANK - Charney Park Restoration	0.00	NO ACTIVITY	Luzerne	415.93
112.100 - LUZ BK Growing Greener	415.93	NO ACTIVITY	PLGIT	108,397.73
112.150 - LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>0.00</u>		PNC	515,506.13
105.000 - PLGIT-PAYROLL	7,722.58		Franklin	<u>154,372.70</u>
107.000 - CASH-PLIGIT GENERAL	0.00			<u>778,692.49</u>
108.000 - PLGIT - GROW GREENER	0.01	NO ACTIVITY		
100.000 - PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	145,346.71			
110.000 - PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	27,417.15	NO ACTIVITY		
112.175 - LUZERNE BANK LSA-COG	0.00	NO ACTIVITY		
115.000 - PNC DEBT SERVICE	22,713.76			
115.000 - PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	4,160.66	NO ACTIVITY		
115.000 - PLGIT EIT	42,526.09			
118.100 - ESSA Refuse	152,434.72			
118.200 - ESSA Debt Service	1,937.98	NO ACTIVITY		
<i>Highway Aid Fund</i>				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>53,988.39</u>			
<i>Sewer Fund</i>				
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>320,028.51</u>			

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

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

Cipriani stated that the Boro is in receipt of a 904 Recycling Grant from the DEP and with that we are in an co-operative agreement with Jackson Twp ,co-sponsored Grant together , for the purchase of a front end loader and recycling containers that will be distributed to residents in town. With that Cipriani made a motion, seconded by Stevens, for the purchase of the front end loader from Medico Industries at a price of \$181,313.00. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion by Cipriani, seconded by Grescavage, to transfer from Sewer account to General account the sum of \$181,313 to pay for front end loader until we get reimbursed. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Cipriani stated that we were contacted by Urban Forester that there is a Bareroot Tree Program that is offering 20 free trees with the Grant application so the Grant application was put together so Cipriani made the motion, seconded by Stavish, to submit the grant for the 20 free trees. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes. Cipriani asked for this to be placed in paper.

Dan Grescavage- Community Development- Motion by Grescavage, seconded by Cipriani ,to increase the Demolition fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for residential and for commercial will follow the schedule for building permit scale. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Mike Dolan- Public Safety/Code Enforcement: Dolan read the West Wyoming Fire Department Monthly Chief's Report . The West Wyoming Fire department responded t eight alarms in August: Two engine company assists- three rescue company assists

and three motor vehicle collisions. The Fire Police unit responded three members to three alarms for a total of 16.75 man-hours. The Fire department is always looking for new members. Active firefighters, support personnel, fire police, and Jr members are needed. Anyone interested should call 693-3660 or contact any member. On Code Enforcement small amount of complaints and Code Enforcer Tom is following up on them and will take care of these complaints as quickly as possible.

Walt Stevens- Public Facilities/Health & Sanitation: Stevens said that there will be a Bulk-Item pick up in the Boro on Monday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Residents are allowed 2 bulk items or 5 large bags. He also said that Rep. Phyllis Mundy will be having a paper shredding event that will be held at the DPW building on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Also said that there will be a used tire recycling sponsored by Luzerne County at the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School on Saturday, October 11. Pre registration is a must. Stevens has the phone number if anyone is interested.

Solicitor Lukesh- No report.

Mayor Herbert- Police responded to 107 calls- three criminal arrests. Also reported that the 31<sup>st</sup> Pittston Tomato Festival was recently held and five year old Blake Mirabelle of West Wyoming won Little Mister Tomato 2014. Congratulations are extended to Wilbur & Judith Knorr on the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and to Pat & Sandy Charney on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Birthday wishes to Councilwoman Skok whose husband and daughter gave her a surprise birthday party.

School is back in session. Mayor Herbert reminded all residents to drive extra carefully and watch for children as they make their way to and from school each day. Also mentioned some important dates.

#### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-**

James English 550 Shoemaker Ave West Wyoming I am here to speak about the safety of the homeowners of the 500 block of Shoemaker Ave. Due to the multiple taxes that have occurred, running away from the curb that is involved with Shoemaker Ave. and destroying properties of at least 5 homes, on one side of the Avenue, they are 546,548, 550,552, and 554 Shoemaker Ave. I have lost 3 cars of people running off the road. Many years ago, I along with council and Penn Dot tried to have a survey taken at that corner, for speeding vehicles. The speed limit right now is 35 miles an hour. Last week end two men were killed in front of my house, three and a half years ago a 22 year old was killed in front of my house hitting a pole. These were because of excessive speed. At the Light on the corner of Shoemaker and Eighth streets, cars tend to speed up to beat the light. My neighbors house was hit, and there were multiple accidents here. Why I am here is to prevent future events on that corner. I would hope that West Wyoming would collaborate with Penn Dot to possibly put a stop sign on the corner of Shoemaker Ave and Sixth Street, heading North. Perhaps if there were a stop sign there vehicles would have to stop and start from scratch, therefore it could possibility slow people down around that curve. We really could use a guard rail in front of our homes.

Councilwoman Cipriani suggested that we draw up a letter to Penn Dot requesting a traffic study on that route, with the purpose and intent of explaining the accident, that we request a stop sign and guard rail and copy it to representative Mundy and Senator Yudichack along with George Roberts, he is the district engineer with Penn Dot, and let see what they say. Mr. English agreed and also mentioned about a dip in the road. Mr. English will also share the history with our Administrator.

Mayor Herbert agreed with Mr. English and will try and have something done, along with all of council. A discussion followed.

Pete Tyszko 548 Shoemaker Ave agreed with everything that was said. Something has to be done. Cars, trucks and also buses need to slow down. We need help on that corner.

Pat Quinn of Wyoming stated that if the public need to sign petitions, we all use that road and all would be appreciated if immediate action would be taken.

Councilwoman Ciprian made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes

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