

January 12, 2015-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 absent, Jr. Councilperson Trottini absent, and Secretary Zaboski.

Chairwoman Skok announced that an Executive Sessions were held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Both were to discuss personnel issues.

Gary Stavish- Vice Chair- Personnel & Recreation: Recreation -announced winners of the house judging contest. They are Silinskie Family on 5<sup>th</sup> St Manor, Heidcavage Family on W. Brady St and Yatsko Family on Shoemaker Ave. Winners received an ornament and also a \$50.00 gift certificate to Marianacci's Restaurant. Under Personnel -Stavish made a motion to purge Edward Sulima and John Maciolek, seconded by Stevens. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes. Also, Stavish made a motion, seconded by Cipriani, to suspend Officer Ryan Kachinsky for a one week period. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Eileen Cipriani - Administration & Finance: Cipriani commented on the situation on Brady St that work was under taken and the Borough was not notified. Cipriani went on to say that she contacted PAW and asked what had transpired due to the fact that Brady St was newly paved 14 months ago.

Jim Hoover, a supervisor of PAW was present to talk about the situation on Brady St. He distributed maps regarding Brady St. Hoover said that PAW would be replacing all the water main lines, surfaces and hydrants and get rid of the old water main. He brought attention to the map that showed a 4- inch water main installed in 1912 and 1908 that had a 2 inch hole in it. He states: In our data base, this came up last year about Brady Street, not knowing that the street had been just paved. We put it on our list for some time in October, not knowing if it was going to get done, because of our funding. One job in Kingston and 2 jobs in Forty Fort kind of got pushed aside, I talked to Mike Amato and we sent letters out and you should have gotten it, but there was an error with the girl upstairs and myself, copied the letter that you should have gotten. You are going to get that in the mail. We send them out certified mail. That way we know you got them by certified letter. Because it was at the end of 2014 and start of 2015, she did not get those letters out. I spoke to Mike about sometime before Christmas, I said look we would like to put the pipe in the ground, not necessarily on customers properties, just put the pipe in, during the winter months, then when the weather breaks we would finish the project. The misunderstanding between me and Jamie, I understand his part, Jamie thought he meant after the holidays. Jamie (TS&E Subcontractor) went in there the following Monday or Tuesday, started doing the work and Mike called me around 3 o'clock, and we shut the job down. Jamie cannot work in there until the weather breaks. He got agitated because he said he had the job on his books. Now I cannot do the work until April, now I cannot get my work done. That is just the way it goes. That is how this job got started without a permit. A little delay in getting the letter, I have been doing this for 28 years, and I have worked in West Wyoming before, and never had a problem. That is kind of the process of where we got to where we are at now. Once we do the job we will do the job the right way, we will overlay the

road, curb to curb, take care of all property restorations, I will be honest with you, with the sewer lateral going up the road, with these old municipalities, we do not know where the sewer laterals are. In my bid, I have a price if the contractor breaks the sewer while this is exposed, he will fix it. If it breaks a week later, goes back, digs it up and repairs it. If the sewer backs up and there is any damage to the house, he takes care of the house, even in the basement. We have two companies that take care of the work. I talked to Mike that a letter is usually sent out the beginning of the year, if any work is to be done to the streets to let us know and we will try and accommodate you by putting the new water mains in before the work is done. If you are bidding the project out and paving the road, we will give you a certain amount of money to pave that road, and it benefits the borough. It is a little extra money for the borough. I apologize that it got pushed under the rug here, it was just miscommunication. Are there any questions?

Council woman Cipriani asked if he would be involved with Pave Cuts? She states: We seem to be having an ongoing issue. We are confused as to how you are paying the Borough. Sometime it is more money and sometime less. Answer was that he would have to find out. The other question is that when our clerk called she was told by the water company that if it is a really big pave cut they do not pay for it. He states: No, if you read our letter, what we ask is that if you would waive the permit for us, then we would pave the road curb to curb, that is what we ask. Usually it is not a newly paved road, it is a road that needs work and you would be glad it is paved. Normally when we have a bad water main break in the road we take care of all of the restorations. I do not know what the fees are but I will find out. We will find out all the cuts we had and what the difference is and why. Council woman Cipriani stated that it was appreciated. We do not have a PA1 call notification for that job stated Solicitor Lukesh. There was a PA1 call way back in October or something, but it never made it to West Wyoming, it only came up after we started asking questions.

It was stated by the Councilman Dolan that at the pump station at the bottom of Brady we had to do some remedial work and we were baffled as to from where the water was coming. There was an excess amount of water that was showing up at the pump station. It had been dry weather for a couple of months. We could not determine from where the water was coming. The supervisor said there will be a check around the Pump station.

Councilman Grescavage stated that back in November or December, there were 2 or 3 men with a post hole digger and they were on private property. I do not know what they were checking for. Supervisor stated that they were probably looking for services/curb boxes.

Motion by Cipriani to amend the Pave Cut Ordinance, where the rate would be amended to \$75.00 for the first hour and \$60.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and place the ordinance on the table for 30 days, seconded by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes

Motion by Cipriani, seconded by Councilman Stavish, to appoint Jarrett Farrentino as the pension hearing officer. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

In the absence of Treasurer DeSanto, Cipriani read the Treasurer’s Report. It is as follows:

	<u>01/12/15</u>	General, Sewer & Highway Aid Funds		
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
112.100 · LUZ BK Growing Greener	395.92	No Activity	Luzerne	395.92
112.150 · LUZERNE BANK REFUSE ACCT	<u>0.00</u>	No Activity	PLGIT	59,818.90
107.000 · PLGIT-PAYROLL	13,944.95		PNC	348,798.75
105.000 · PLGIT- GENERAL	627.43		ESSA	172,677.57
108.000 · PLGIT - GROW GREENER	0.00		M&T	<u>0.00</u>
100.000 · PNC BANK - PRIMARY CHECKING	131,590.55			<u>581,691.14</u>
110.000 · PNC CAPITAL RESERVE	3,398.64	No Activity		
112.175 · LUZERNE BANK LSA-COG	0.00			
115.000 · PNC DEBT SERVICE	480.43			
115.000 · PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	0.00			
115.000 · PLGIT EIT	2,470.47			
118.100 · ESSA Refuse	172,677.52			
118.200 · ESSA Debt Service	0.05	No Activity		
<i>Highway Aid Fund</i>				
35-107-000 CASH-PLIGIT	<u>42,776.05</u>			
<i>Sewer Fund</i>				
08-100-000 PNC-SEWER FUND CKG	<u>213,329.13</u>			

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

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

Councilman Grescavage – Community Development – Nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Dolan – Public Safety/Code Enforcement - The December report from the Fire Chief: the fire department responded to 9 alarms: 1 structure fire, 1 gas leak, 1 EMS assist, 4 engine company assists and 2 rescue company assists. All residents are urged to have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms with fresh batteries in them.

On Code Enforcement – Mr. Roccogranti stated that he had issued 6 citations for 2014 garbage stickers. These will be filed with the Magistrate this week. There are 6 to 10 inspections for this week (rental property inspections). If the vehicles at the end of Washington Street are not removed, citations will be issued on Friday afternoon.

Councilman Stevens – Public Facilities/Health & Sanitation – The rebate for 2015 garbage stickers will end on January 31; February 1 the price will be \$200.00; March 1 the price will be \$300.00. On January 20, there will be Christmas Tree Collection.

Councilman Stevens made a motion to put a CHILDREN AT PLAY sign on Swetland Lane, seconded by Councilwoman Cipriani. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Councilman Stevens to approve the Dumpster Ordinance Revision, seconded by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Solicitor Lukesh – No report at this time.

Councilman Stavish made a motion to place an ad for the part time police chief administrative job, seconded by Councilwoman Cipriani. Voice vote all in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Herbert – The month of December we had 101 calls for the police department. For the year 2014 for the police department: 1335 calls. We have a 25 page report detailing calls for the year.

Engineer Amato – We were able to have a few good days before Christmas, to finish some odds and ends for the trench project. We also had the inspection with Mr. Goetz from Liquid Fuels, he was satisfied with that project. For the Oak Street pump station electric project, Mike Kuharchick will make a proposal.

Councilman Dolan asked about the issue on Lincoln Ave. He asked if the work done was normal. Mike Amato answered to the affirmative.

No Citizens Participation.

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

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