

Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the West Wyoming Borough was called to order by Chairman Stavish. Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken by Secretary Marie Pedley. Present were Chairman Stavish, Councilman Colarusso, Councilman Grescavage, Councilman Dolan, Councilwoman Zaboski, Mayor Herbert, Solicitor Lukesh, Treasure Kendzor, and Administrator Pedley, absent Engineer Amato.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written by Councilman Dolan, second by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried

No old business at this time.

Committee reports:

Randy Colarusso: Public Facilities.

Reading of the Treasure's Report by Treasure Mark Kendzor

WEST WYOMING BOROUGH				
TREASURER'S REPORT				
AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018				
CASH ACCOUNTS			COMBINED GENERAL, HIGHWAY AID AND SEWER FUNDS	
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>				
ESSA BANK REFUSE	\$68,263.17		PLGIT	\$356,932.90
FNCB DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	\$24,837.15		ESSA	\$68,263.17
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$167,241.65		M&T	\$249,096.48
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$120,944.97		FNCB	\$830,105.31
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$261,485.64			\$1,504,397.86
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$172,587.04			
PLGIT PAYROLL	\$3,846.29			
PLIGIT GENERAL	\$1,580.14			
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$820,786.05			
<i>HIGHWAY AID FUND</i>				
PLIGIT	\$137,385.13			
TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$137,385.13			

SEWER FUND				
M&T SEWER	\$249,096.48			
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$255,595.90			
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	\$41,534.30			
TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$546,226.68			
TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$1,504,397.86			

Motion by Councilman Colarusso, second by Councilwoman Zaboski to approve the **treasurer's** report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Colarusso attended the 811 meeting on Feb. 5. Two different things that were discussed was a thing called REDCODE. They will call all the people in the area where they are digging to let them know that they are digging in their vicinity. The other thing they decided is if they do dig up a road they will try to get all of the utilities together so they will all dig at the same time, so that the road is not dug up after it is paved. Another thing I need to mention is that the new 911 street signs were put up. Maintenance was also being done on the DPW equipment and pump stations. They have been working pretty hard and it is much appreciated .

Daniel Grescavage: Community Development/Recreation

Just to follow up on the 811. If you do not call in before digging you are looking at a fine. On permits, for work being done you still need to take out a permit even though it is being done in the cold weather. On the rec board, for the house decorating contest, there were three winners each receiving a \$50.00 gift certificate from Marianacci's. The winners are Campanellis, Shoemaker Ave. Granteed , Shoemaker Ave. , Thomas, Butler Ave. If anyone is interested in joining the rec board they are in need of members.

Michael Dolan: Public Safety/Code Enforcement.

The monthly Chiefs report for December and January. In December they responded to 117 Alarms. 99 EMS calls, 5 Engine Company assists, 5 rescue company assists, 1 carbon monoxide detector, 1 commercial fire alarm, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 lock in and 1 good intent call, 1 land search and 1 brush fire. For January the emergency services responded to 102 alarms, 1 fuel burner malfunction, 79 Ems calls, excluding vehicle accident with injury, 3 motor vehicle with injuries, 3 motor vehicle with no injuries, 1 carbon monoxide incident, 1 water problem, 5 assist Invalid , 1 good intent, other call,3 Dispatched & cancelled en route , 1 Central station, malicious false alarm, 1 sprinkler activation , no fire, - unintentional, 1 smoke detector

activation, no fire – unintentional, 1 gas leak (natural gas or LPG) , 1 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat.

Hose Co. #1 is holding its annual ziti dinner on February 17, from 4 to 7 P.M. at the fire house. Tickets are available from any member and at the door.

Hose Company #1 Lenten pizza sale is starting on February 16. The department will be selling both baked and unbaked pizzas every Friday throughout Lent. Pizzas are \$10.00 unbaked and \$12.00 baked. Toppings extra. Walk ins are welcome and pre orders can be placed by calling the firehouse at 693-1811 and leaving a message.

The Code Enforcement officer was going to be here to give a report but he was called out by the code enforcement State Police. He did provide that it has been pretty quiet. 2 warnings were issued on sidewalks and was looking into the issue on the property on W. Sixth Street, trying to find ownership of said property. If there are any questions on that forward them to Mike and he will get answers .

The Police Chief's report states that Patrolman **Bradshaw, Evans and Alberigi** attended a week long class on intervention for special needs people. Our police are the best trained in the valley, and Luzerne County, as they continue to get the education. That is something that we support. We had one officer resign. An Ad was put in the paper.

A motion to hire Carmen Insalaco as a part time police officer as needed by Councilman Mike Dolan , second by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried .

A motion by Dolan to pass an Anti-Corruption Position Resolution, second by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

On the excavator that is up Jackson Township, all is up to date and well maintained.

Maureen Zaboski: Administration /Finance, Health and Sanitation

Motion to approve all outstanding bills approved by the finance committee, by Councilwoman Zaboski, seconded by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Zaboski to approve the 2016 Borough Audit performed by Prociak and Associates, second by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a transfer on 12-5-2017 of \$12,872.36 from debt Service account to Sewer Account per auditor's instructions, second by Councilman Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion on the table for 30 days to revise the Sanitation Ordinance second by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to move the Borough's Web site files to a new site hosted by the PSAB, second by Councilman Grescavage. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The recycling area next to the DPW Building is closed. It has been a nuisance . Residents may call County Waste at 1-800832-1332 to receive different size cans.

Linell Lukesh: Solicitor

Business as usual. Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Joe Herbert

As you can tell by the report that Councilman Dolan read that our police department is very active. We have been receiving calls from our surrounding neighbor's police departments for assistance almost every day. 116 calls were made in the month of January. 2017 has been by far the busiest the department has seen. We are very proud of this department and how far it has come this past year. Thanks to our Chief Norcera.

Citizens Participation:

Dianna Pantano Perrin – I am a life resident of West Wyoming and a tax payer. Recently we had our Shoemaker Ave address changed because of 911 to Marshall Lane. What we need to know is why no one can plow our road. If anything happens to me it is very important that I get to a hospital. They will not be able to get to my home. I have papers from 1991 when the sewer was put in. The Borough paid me \$500 for an easement, which meant they would maintain the road. No one has been up there to maintain that road so I would like to know why I am not plowed. They said it is a private road and I am a taxpayer and I was paid for the easement. Why is it a private road. Solicitor Lukesh stated that council will have to consult with the boroughs engineer. A discussion followed. Solicitor Lukesh said the road is privately owned and you were paid for maintenance of the sewers only, not the road.

Joe Erzar Brady Street – Light being moved on corner of Narrow and Brady , and why it was done.

Councilman Stavish explained that there were complaints from the neighbors and a lot of discussions with the neighbors and we agree it should not have been moved.

Just another thought from Joe about the recycle bins he likes them

Pat. Suchocki Former president of the Rec. Board, resigned her position, for personal reasons, in December. Since that time the board has not been able to reorganize or elect a new president. They had a final meeting and they all came to an agreement that they should disband the rec board. Nobody seems to have the time to give it. We have 6 active members, 3 over the age of 65. It really is difficult to do things when you only have that many people. We do not know what the procedure would be, but I did write a letter to the council telling you what we have done in the past. The money we have in our treasury , is over \$9,000.00. We will spend most of it on new Christmas lights. We ordered 18 lights for the poles and I am sure the residents will be glad to get rid of the candy canes. They will be delivered shortly and the maintenance men will take care of them when they get here. In the past we purchased the American Flags, and maintained them and had them hung on the poles for the parade, we hope you can continue with that. The poles and everything is in the shed. 10 more new flags were ordered. On Halloween we hand out 300 bags to the children. At Christmas time we decorated the park. We hope that will continue. We have also done the parade in the past. There was also the house decorating contest at Christmas. We have done this on the \$1,000.00 that council have given us every year. We had a very low budget but were still able able to do it. The donation from the Rotary Club was used for flags or whatever. Over the last few years we have had the issue of Baseball fields. We have charged the teams \$250 to play on the fields, which was for maintenance, repairs or what was needed. We paid \$500.00 to Green Machine a year to maintain the outfield. That has been paid for the year 2018. We have not collected the fees for the fields and there is a Lacrosse team that plays on Stites St. and they also pay the \$250.00. Wyoming Area Jr. league also plays on Shoemaker Ave but we have never charged them. They do their own maintenance for whatever needs to be done . The shed is there and there is only one key. From the money that we charged from the teams there is an excess of \$1,300.00. We kept that money separate. We hope you take that money and fix the field one last time with it. It just needs some landscaping work other than that the coaches should take care of anything else.

Councilman Stavish stated that we are sorry to see the Rec Board dissolve. It was a great organization and we appreciate all you did over the years. The Lacrosse team has been great. West Wyoming is not in the baseball business and we will not take it on. It will be discussed at the next work session

Pat had one more thing to add. We will put all money that is left into one account and write council a check.

Bob Connors: Just a thought that when the field was built Federal money was used so we cannot refuse other towns to use it.

Mayor Herbert added his thanks and a round of applause for all that was done.

Question was asked about bulk pick up. Dates are April 9 and Oct. 8.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Dolan second by Councilman Colarusso. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.