

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

Chairman Stavish asked for a motion made by Colarusso and seconded by Dolan to approve the previous month's minutes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stavish stated that there was No Old Business.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Colarusso; Public Facilities- Colarusso called upon Treasurer Kendzor for the reading of the monthly Treasurer's Report. It is as follows:

WEST WYOMING BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAY 08, 2017		COMBINED GENERAL, HIGHWAY AID AND SEWER FUNDS	
CASH ACCOUNTS			
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>			
ESSA BANK REFUSE	\$179,583.76	PLGIT	\$241,366.49
FNCB DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	\$25,621.75	PNC	\$59,557.24
FNCB GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$287,731.85	ESSA	\$179,583.76
FNCB PROPERTY PROCEEDS	\$120,488.65	M&T	\$388,659.41
FNCB REFUSE ACCOUNT	\$96,360.19	FNCB	\$577,493.62
PLGIT EARNED INCOME TAX	\$29,177.02		<u>\$1,446,660.52</u>
PLGIT PAYROLL	\$3,360.38		
PLGIT GENERAL	\$12,112.45		
PNC BANK PRIMARY CHECKING	\$59,557.24		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$813,993.29</u>		
<i>HIGHWAY AID FUND</i>			
PLGIT	\$167,324.38		
TOTAL HIGHWAY AID FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$167,324.38</u>		
<i>SEWER FUND</i>			
M&T SEWER	\$388,659.41		
FNCB SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$47,291.18		
PLGIT SEWER CREDIT CARD	\$29,392.26		
TOTAL SEWER FUND CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$465,342.85</u>		
TOTAL COMBINED CHECKING/SAVINGS	<u>\$1,446,660.52</u>		

Motion made by Colarusso and seconded by Zaboski to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Colarusso and seconded by Zaboski to approve the revised Pave Cut Ordinance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

In the absence of Councilman Grescavage, a motion was made by Colarusso and seconded by Zaboski to approve Tom and Veronica Ricca to join the Rec. Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Colarusso stated that DPW ran the Sweeper on all streets. Patched pot holes, cut grass, did maintenance on the winter equipment and put it away for the season and also checked pump stations, fixed outdoor lighting on the Boro building and constantly cleaning up the recycling area .Colarusso also stated that this month we will be processing yard waste with Jackson Township and will be getting Tub Grinder which will need quite a bit of fuel .

Mike Dolan; Public Safety/Code Enforcement- West Wyoming Emergency Services monthly Chief's Report. West Wyoming Emergency Services responded to 52 Alarms for the month of April – 46 EMS-2 engine company assists- 2 rescue company assists-2 DCBR brush fire assists. Hose Company is currently hiring EMT's . Applications may be obtained from any member or by calling 570-693-3660. On Code Enforcement: Northeast Code Services has advised us that they are resigning and no longer will be offering services for building permits or Code Enforcement. We have discussed this with a new service, Ken Sheffler, who is in building service and inspections and has been doing our Code Enforcement through Northeast Code Services. Rates on permits are similar if not less and Code Enforcement has been reduced by half so I would like to make a motion to engage him. We would look to get a contract that he would provide to Marie and start him immediately. Motion by Dolan,seconded by Colarusso, to hire Ken Sheffler as our Building Inspector/Code Enforcement. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. There has not been too many Code Enforcement issues. On Police the camera system is installed. The building is completely monitored with recordings night vision cameras so we can see everything that is going on around and in the building. On illegal dumping 5 more citations have been issued this month for out-of-town residents dumping at the recycling center. On Personnel, we have lost two more officers and we have been advertising to hire two more officers. That will take its due course. The Police Force is looking to become certified on a new speed system. We had some complaints on speeding on Shoemaker & Sixth Sts. Dolan went on to explain this system .

Maureen Zaboski- Administration & Finance: Zaboski made a motion, seconded by Colarusso, to approve all outstanding bills approved by the Finance Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Zaboski remarked that since the last meeting the Borough's Facebook page has been re- launched. If anyone is on Facebook , we will start to post announcements regarding current things that will be going on.

Current things that will be going on within the Borough, one thing for example, we will be having a paper shredding event for West Wyoming residents on September 23, that will be by Paper Eaters . There is a grant through Luzerne County Solid Waste Management that is providing this service. There will be no cost to residents.

The Luzerne County recycling event , the county is having an event for tire recycling event on June 3, at Drums Elementary Middle School. We will put an announcement on Facebook and in the newspaper. There is an 800 number you must call to pre- register.

Mike Amato – Engineer Coordinating with pot hole patching particular the cut across Shoemaker Ave. by Brady Street. We have Penn Dot involved and UGI involved with getting that done. As far as pot hole patching thru out the town, the DPW are trying to do as much as they can do. Whatever they cannot do, we will bring to council and explain what we feel has to be solicited. We went out to Ave. C about flooding. There is a low point in the road and from the history of it I understand that when the utility work was done several years ago it extended to a certain point and there is a little lip there and over the years that lip became larger and it is a flat road and it is preventing the water from getting into the catch basin. We might be able to do some black top otherwise we might have to do some other work. There are some catch basins on the state road that need to be done.

Linell Lukesh – Solicitor The Bureau of Elections listed 3 positions for a 4 year term and 1 position for a 2 year term. Randy Colarusso is running for a 2 year term. A reminder that Luzerne County does the Zoning for West Wyoming Borough. Any zoning complaints will be forwarded to Luzerne County Zoning.

Mayor Joseph Herbert – Police calls for the month of April is 156 calls, which accounted for 1 criminal arrest warrant, and 34 citations issued. Our police are very active and they are pro citizens of West Wyoming and if you violate the law they will pull you over. This time of the year when the kids are playing on the sidewalks and on out into the streets. Please be careful.

As you know May 16 is election and it is a very crucial election, the 4 people you see sitting here are up for election. Randy and Maureen are two year terms and they are write ins., Mike and Dan and your mayor are four year terms and their names are on the ballot. The tax collector is on for a four year term also. At this time I would like to entertain an executive session a very brief one. Council broke for an executive session. The Mayor had nothing else.

Citizens Participation-

Adrienne Panuski 214 Stites St. Question as to who owns the waterway by the moonlight and who would someone talk to. In order to negotiate a clean-up project. Answer- Borough does not own it the state does. If so, DEP would have to be contacted. A discussion followed. Information on the Lacrosse team that uses the Stites Street Park. Contact can be made through the Rec. Board.

Bernard Buickus 527- W. Sperling St. Why isn't there recycling pick up. Gary stated that we are not mandated by the state because we are under 5,000 residents. The recycling started as an Eagle Scout project and if you have been going to the recycling center especially on the week ends it has gotten to be abusive and we have been running plates, several citations have been issued for \$395.00 When containers are full of going to another container they are throwing bags of garbage on the ground. What we are doing is trying to rectify the situation and at this point we are looking into curb side recycling, but it is going to be an increased cost, because there will be more tonnage. Asked if we get payment of recycling. No payment on recycling. If anything it is costing us more money not only does it cost us to get rid of the recycling, its costing us the man power to clean it up and the policing. We are being charged a contamination fee for items that are being dumped such as microwaves, electronics, and tires.

Another thing I wanted to mention is that there is a tire recycling on June 10 at Hanover High School and that is a lot closer. Maureen apologized for that oversight.

Is there a reason that the sewer bill went up almost \$10.00 this last quarter . Is there a reason for that. Zaboski replied that we do not control the sewer bills. Resident said that WVSA went up \$1.00 and our sewer went up almost \$10.00 Zaboski said that the Boro bill would not have gone up. Resident was told that it might have been a late fee he received. Resident was told that there are two bills. One for WVSA and the other sewer bill which is the "Borough Sewer Bill." A discussion followed. Another question is that there are no balance sheets on our web-site. I checked before coming to the meeting. Reply was that we do have treasurer's report that we can forward to our web-master. It will be updated. We will post the Treasure report on the Council room's bulletin board.

James Dennis Ferrett Dr.- Dennis said that his reason for bringing things up is not meant to be personal or vindictive, it is for saving the town money. Questions about the election. Another thing is about the casino funding. We were notified I understand, from our legislators that if money was available from that grant the nobody applied. I was told that we qualified. There was a lot of money there and almost every town got it but us. Maureen stated that we will apply for the grant on the next round. Is there any results about putting a sign up on Fifth Street Manor for protection of our children. Was there a survey done? Curt will set up a speed radar. Jim stated that he would even pay out of his pocket for a sign that states Slow Children At Play. There are a lot of kids that play on that corner.

A discussion followed about the voting process. Mike Dolan stated that the municipal code on the voting issue is not clear.

Councilman Gary Stavish addressed the issue of the Grants. We are in the process of looking into Grants and writing more Grants and getting that in control. A discussion followed as to the Grants received . As far as the Moonlight we did not anticipate that. We were able to sell the lot across the street. The Borough Building was all done over with Grant money . Another Grant is coming through that will take care of the sidewalks around here. A lot has been done with Grant money.

We are looking into getting Grant money from the casino, and from other sources. We need help to write for these Grants and if you can help out it would be appreciated.

Rich Holzman - West Eighth Street – Do you object to having the minutes printed out and offered at these meetings? It was stated that the minutes are on line. They have to approved at the meeting then can be put on line. How is it ok to have executive session at a public meeting. Gary stated that is when it has to be done. It was a personnel issue and we cannot discuss that.

A Motion to adjourn by Councilman Randy Colarusso seconded by Councilman Mike Dolan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

