

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
January 9, 2017 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on January 9, 2017 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

Council Members: George Anderson, Josh Kilmer, Gary Rouse, Scott Snyder and Josh VanDeMark

Others: Dale Grover, Ordinance Enforcement & Borough Maintenance and Joanne Vago, Secretary

Public: Dave Keeler (Rocket Courier) and David and Nancy Jones

George Anderson, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He acknowledged the use of a digital voice recorder.

Mayor's Report: In the absence of the Mayor, the Borough Secretary gave the report. There was no State Police report for the month of December. The Greater Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) has requested a six month extension for renting space in the Borough Hall. After a brief discussion, Josh Kilmer made the motion to extend the Chamber space through the end of June 2017. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: No comments.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Council meeting were reviewed by Council members. There were no corrections to the Minutes as presented. Josh Kilmer made the motion to accept the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to pay the bills presented to the Council was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the Council members. The President accepted the report and it was filed for audit.

Borough Maintenance/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report: The detailed monthly report was previously distributed to the Council members. Several items were discussed: (1) the new salt spreader is working great, strobe lights have been installed and everything is now working; (2) the Pump House door has been installed, prime coat applied, painting will happen in the spring.

Foster Correspondence and Report: Jonathan Foster's report and invoice were reviewed by Council members.

Wyalusing Municipal Authority (WMA) Liaison Report: No report. Dale Grover inquired as to whether or not Steve Campbell may be able to install risers for manhole covers. Scott will bring up at the next WMA meeting.

Wyalusing Meadows Progress Report: Completion date extended to April 30, 2017. Josh Kilmer has written to Mission First regarding debris and other issues emanating from this project. The Borough Secretary was directed to contact Mission First and the Columbus Property Management and ask them to attend a Council meeting in February or March 2017, and to contact Jonathan Foster regarding whether or not the Borough has any legal recourse to prevent Phase II or Phase III development.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Letter from Bradford County Office of Election and Voter Services regarding dates for nomination petitions – 2 Council members and the Mayor
- (2) New federal mileage allowance – 53.5 cents/mile
- (3) New bid limits for 2017 - \$10,700 3 written/telephonic bids - \$19,700 advertised bids
- (4) DOT letter regarding successful Liquid Fuels Audit
- (5) Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Bulletin
- (6) List of war memorials in Bradford County – In Wyalusing Borough, cannon in front of American Legion and a plaque at the corner of Marsh/Church Street.
- (7) Notice of GWCC Biannual Membership Meeting – January 19, 2017
- (8) Engagement letter from EFPR Group, CPAs regarding the Annual Audit and Financial Report for the Borough of Wyalusing for year ending December 31, 2016.

Old Business:

- (1) The draft Comprehensive Plan is available for comments and has been placed on the Borough's web site. There is also a copy available for the public in the Wyalusing Public Library.
- (2) The Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2017 at 6:00pm. Dave Keeler asked if there were any ground rules for this meeting and that it might be helpful to establish them and any other relevant information in a press release to be published in the Rocket Courier before the meeting. The Borough Secretary will contact our consultant to get this press release.

New Business:

- (1) There was a discussion regarding obtaining a grant to for the Cotter Building in connection with what the Council plans to do with the property. It is generally agreed that the building cannot be saved and that the possibility of providing access to the creek and perhaps building a deck over the creek with picnic tables was also

discussed. In connection with the building, a resolution was presented to the Council as to the disposition of the personal property inside the building was discussed. Josh Kilmer made the motion to approve resolution 2017-1 regarding disposition of personal property by the Borough. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.

- (2) A motion to extend the Borough Hall hours from 8-12pm to 7:30am to 1:30pm was made by Scott Snyder and seconded by Josh VanDeMark.

An Executive Session for personnel issues was called at 7:45pm. A motion was made by Josh Kilmer to increase the hourly rate for Dale Grover, 50 cents; and to increase the hourly rate for Mike Davis, 25 cents. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:05pm.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago