

## **WYALUSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11, 2011**

Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on July 11, 2011 at the Wyalusing Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were George Anderson, Mary Ann Raffin, Jean Reinhart, Dave Keeney, Officer Patrick Butkiewicz, Officer Joe DeMuro, Joshua Brown, Isaac Dickson, Kelly Bradley, Scott Snyder, Fred Reinhart, Eric Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Dave Keeler and Wayne Felter. Carolyn Harrsch and Melissa Lee were in the hallway. Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Anderson acknowledged the use of a tape recorder.

### **GAS LEASE RATIFICATION JUNE 28, 2011**

#### **GAS LEASE ADDENDUM**

Dickson explained the benefits of extending the unit size of a gas well pad. Greater royalty income, less gas well sites with less invasion to the environment and better chances of being included in a unit. Anderson stated the gas lease ratification which had been reviewed at an executive session on June 28, 2011 had been sent to Attorney Foster and there had been some wording recommendations. Foster, Dickson and Brown were working together for an amendment to the proposed ratification.

Anderson called for an executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Raffin left the executive session briefly for a medical issue in the hallway, she stated Carolyn Harrsch was having an anxiety attack and an ambulance had been called.

The executive session ended at 7:50 p.m.

Fred Reinhart made the motion to approve the gas lease ratification with proper addendum wording through Attorney Foster. Snyder second. All approve.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Reinhart stated the police officers were attending to Ms. Harrsch and asked to hold the report until they returned.

#### **2010 CENSUS REPORT**

Mayor Reinhart stated the 2010 Census report had been released. According to the report there are 596 residents in the Borough; the 2000 Census reported there were 564 residents for an increase of 32 people.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Eric Reynolds had sent a letter to Council giving concerns of the speed of traffic on Taylor Avenue and stated that better coverage is needed in that part of town, adding what is currently being done is not working. The speed sign is currently located near Bill Kinney and, after discussion, it was decided to move the sign to the other end of Taylor Avenue.

Bradley stated after learning more about the continental lines for the intersection of Taylor Avenue, Main, Marsh, Gaylord and Church Streets she felt the continental lines were not going to be practical.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **JUNE 6, 2011**

The minutes for the June 6, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Bradley made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Raffin second. All approve.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

#### **APPROVAL TO PAY 26 BILLS**

After review, Snyder made the motion to pay the bills as presented and to include a check for payment to Calvin Shaffer for hauling the old traffic light poles to Towanda. Bradley second. All approve.

### **BOROUGH MAINTENANCE MANAGER/MUNICIPAL LIAISON**

Keeney reported he had been picking up a lot of brush and had gotten the salt spreader ready for winter. He had changed the brush on the street sweeper, adding it was 72" wide and attaches to the skid steer.

Snyder stated he was still looking for a vacuum for Main Street.

### **POLICE REPORT**

After the police officers returned, Mayor Reinhart introduced Officer Patrick Butkiewicz to Council stating he is new to the Laceyville Police Department. Snyder stated there is a speeding problem on Taylor Avenue. Officer DeMuro stated he had issued 5 speeding citations and several warnings. The police officers were given permission to sit in Reynolds driveway for traffic control. There had been a report of a bottle being thrown on a porch where it shattered.

### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Mayor Reinhart stated she had been meeting with Myhand to review violations and possible solutions. After review, Snyder made the motion to accept the report as given. Raffin second. All approve.

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

#### **UTILITY LINES SERVICES, INC.**

Anderson stated that due to the length of time and the appeals process, Utility Lines Services, Inc. had withdrawn their application for a pipe yard behind the Farm & Home Plaza.

#### **BLUE RIDGE CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

A franchise renewal reminder was received from Blue Ridge Cable. The current agreement will expire in November. A request for a ten year extension was made and an offer was made to have the renewal document prepared by their attorney. After discussion, it was felt they could provide the renewal document.

#### **CEMETERY PARKING REQUEST**

Gene Anne Woodruff, co-chair of Wyalusing Valley Wine Festival, has sent a request that their workers be permitted to park in the vacant area of the Cemetery behind the caretakers building. After discussion, Snyder made the motion to approve the request with the stipulation they clean up the rubbish afterward. Bradley second. All approve.

Mayor Reinhart asked about the damaged fire hydrant at the NAPA store at the corner of State Street and Second Street. Anderson stated the parts to repair the hydrant had been received; however the repairs had not started yet. He felt the hydrant may be relocated nearby.

There was discussion that one of the new cameras was not working properly and should be replaced. Anderson stated there were a few problems with the survey of Brewer Hollow property; it seems there is a problem between some of the wording of the old deeds and the use of a GPS unit.

Anderson stated we were still waiting for a release from Attorney Foster's office for the handicap parking space for Harrsch, a letter was needed from PennDot before the release could be created.

Fred Reinhart made the motion to dismiss. Raffin second. All approve.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.