

WYALUSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 1, 2011

Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on August 1, 2011 at the Wyalusing Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Kelly Bradley, George Anderson, Mary Ann Raffin, Scott Snyder, Jean Reinhart, Officer Patrick Butkiewicz, Dave Keeler, Dave Keeney, Melissa Lee and Sandra Hudak. 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.

MAYORS REPORT

POLICE REPORT

Officer Butkiewicz stated he had been on vacation, but had logged 45 hours and issued several citations for traffic violations. Mayor Reinhart stated Officer DeMuro had worked for 54 ½ hours. Mayor Reinhart that Officer DeMuro would be meeting with District Justice Wheaton this week, adding Ordinance Enforcement Officer Myhand would like to be at the meeting also and asked if there would be a problem if she rode in the patrol car to Wysox. Council felt it would not be a problem.

Officer Butkiewicz left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PA STATE MAYORS CONVENTION

Mayor Reinhart stated she had attended the state mayors' convention July 21st -24th and had attended several classes, adding the speakers and presenters were excellent and educational.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Hudak stated she was attending the meeting to represent Carolyn Harrsch. She questioned the problems with Ms. Harrsch parking on the street in front of her house as she has done since the purchase about 15 years ago. There was discussion of the options for off street parking. Snyder stated there had to be approval from PennDot for a driveway permit and the curb could be cut. One handicap parking space on route 6 had been approved by Council at the May 16th meeting, but a release of liability would need to be signed before it could be installed and there may be a need for PennDot approval for the parking space. It was pointed out there may be a problem with visibility for someone leaving the driveway to the house next door with Ms. Harrsch's car parked on the street. Hudak was asked to convey the offer again to create off street parking with the Borough placing a lein on her property and house. Bradley pointed out the funds that would be used was taxpayer money and it would be unfair to use it to benefit only one resident.

Hudak and Lee left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 11, 2011

Bradley made the motion to approve the minutes for the July 11, 2011 meeting. Raffin second. All approve.

TREASURERS REPORT

APPROVAL TO PAY 24 BILLS

Bradley made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Snyder second. All approve.

BOROUGH MAINTENANCE MANAGER/MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Keeney stated he had hauled a lot of brush, trimmed weeds and was cleaning storm drains. The street sweeper had been repaired. It was pointed out there were a lot of potholes that needed to be repaired, Keeney was asked to take an inventory of the potholes and repair them with cold patch. There was discussion of the fire hydrant located in the NAPA parking lot which has not been operational for the last couple of months. It was felt it could be moved to the grassy area in the same area so trucks wouldn't hit it and knock it over again. Hart was asked to send a letter to the Municipal Authority.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mayor Reinhart stated she had been meeting with Myhand every Monday to review ordinance violations and plans of action against violations.

Tama had been in contact with Myhand stating he was in the process of obtaining a demolition permit for his barn on Gaylord Street.

The ordinance enforcement report was approved as submitted.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS
DUMP TRUCK**

Hart stated the Municipal Authority had sold their old dump truck adding there is an occasional need for the use of a dump truck for grave openings at the Cemetery. Their new dump truck may not be as available to use because we didn't contribute funds towards the purchase as the Authority has helped pay for our equipment in the past. There was discussion of contributing funds to the Authority towards the truck or making a monetary contribution for each use. The matter was tabled for future discussion.

BERKHEIMER ACH AUTHORIZATION

Berkheimer will become the county wide earned income tax collector in January 2012. After review of the ACH Authorization form, Raffin made the motion to approve that Berkheimer make deposits into the General Fund. Bradley second. All approve.

BERKHEIMER DELINQUENT COST RESOLUTION

Berkheimer provided a resolution for collecting delinquent earned income tax with a collection fee schedule. After review, Raffin made the motion to adopt resolution #03-2011. Snyder second. All approve.

BERKHEIMER CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT RESOLUTION

Berkheimer provided a confidential contact resolution. After review, Bradley appointed Hart as the contact and approved resolution #04-2011. Raffin second. All approve.

ENGINE BRAKE RETARDER PROHIBITION APPROVAL

A letter of request had been sent to PennDOT for prohibition of engine brake retarder use in the Borough. PennDOT has completed the study and has approved the prohibition of engine brake retarder use on "PA 706 from Wyalusing Borough line west to US 6" and "US 6 from Third Street east to the Wyalusing Borough line". A template ordinance was also provided, however we have an ordinance for this in place. It was felt Attorney Foster should review the current ordinance and inform Council if any changes were needed.

SECRETARY VACATION-AUGUST 15-25, 2011

Hart requested vacation days for August 15-25, 2011. Council approved the vacation.

There was discussion of the signs for the section numbers for the Cemetery, the order had been placed several months ago but the signs had not been received.

Mayor Reinhart stated she had met briefly with Larry Franklin and the new school superintendent Chester Mummau who had questions about the new curb bumpers at the Cemetery. Mayor Reinhart told them they had been placed there to help protect the fence which had been damaged by students in several different places throughout the last school year. There was discussion of sending the school an invoice for half of the damages.

Anderson stated they were still waiting for Attorney Foster to settle the pugh clause concerning the gas lease ratification with Chesapeake, adding it had been six weeks already. All agreed the ratification should be signed and Hart was asked to contact Isaac Dickson of Chesapeake and Foster to inform them of the decision.

There was discussion of the cameras; Hart was asked if the monitor in the building was clearer than it had been. When Hart stated it was not, she was told to replace it before the next meeting. Hart stated the first camera purchased was making terrible noises and that had been shut off. Select Security had been contacted for repairs.

Raffin made the motion to dismiss. Snyder second. All approve.
The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.