

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
April 3, 2017 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on April 3, 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; Joanne Vago, Secretary

Public: Dave Keeler (Rocket Courier), Matt Hicks (The Daily Review), Nicolette Wagner, Elan Planning

Absent: Susan Burgess, Mayor

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.

Comprehensive Plan 2017: Nicolette Wagner, consultant from Elan Planning discussed the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for Wyalusing Borough. The only comments were from the Bradford County Planning Commission. These comments will be incorporated. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to adopt the 2017 Wyalusing Borough Comprehensive Plan with the changes recommended by the Bradford County Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote. The final plan will be available at the end of April.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor was absent from the meeting so there was no Mayor's Report

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: None

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the March 6, 2017 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 Gary Rouse and seconded by Josh VanDeMark. 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) tree replacement on Main Street (musashino zelkova) \$650 from nursery in Maryland – plant and transportation, research will continue, (2) the school has finished the trash cans and are being painted – some hardware is needed. Question was raised as to having some recognition for the students in the woodshop for the work they have done on both the trash cans and wood benches along Main Street. An article with a photo was proposed, (3) bids for micro-surfacing have been advertised and are due on April 17th, (4) Cotter building to be demolished this week, Bridge Street will be closed to traffic starting the afternoon of April 4th, (5) Storm Stella spreadsheet submitted to the Department of Public Safety for FEMA reimbursement.

Jim Roberts – Brewer Hollow: Several items were discussed regarding Brewer Hollow. (1) A proposal from Gutches Lumber for the removal of diseased ash trees was discussed. Apparently there is an April 24th deadline for the removal of these trees. The log value will be split 60% to the Borough and 40% to the logger. A motion was made by Gary Rouse to contract with Gutches Lumber and the logger Herman Nissley for the removal of the diseased ash trees within the deadline. The motion was seconded by Scott Snyder and carried unanimously by voice vote. (2) The repair of the deer fence by BASH Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$2,356.70 was discussed. A motion was made by Gary Rouse to repair the deer fence per the estimate by BASH Contracting, Inc. The motion was seconded by Scott Snyder and carried unanimously by voice vote. Jim Roberts will oversee both projects at the rate of \$50/hr. Dale will contact Mr. Roberts for an estimate of his time so that Council has an idea of the amount to be incurred.

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

Wyalusing Municipal Authority (WMA) Liaison Report: Scott Snyder reported that the Authority was considering a new attorney to represent the authority. An attorney from Tunkhannock was mentioned as a possibility. He also reported that there were estimates being obtained for running sewer lines to various locations.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Mission First – Wyalusing Meadows March 2017 progress report
- (2) Estimate from Jim Roberts, Forestry Consultant (discussed previously)
- (3) Progress Authority’s 24th Annual Dinner – Thursday, April 13th TCC
- (4) Letter from DEP approving Wyalusing Meadows Sewage Planning
- (5) Listing of Wyalusing Meadows Prospects from Mission First - 47
- (6) Annual Downstream Notification – Newport Resources LLC
- (7) Suggested resolutions from McSherrystown Borough regarding police radar and small games of chance – no action taken at this time

Old Business:

- (1) The Borough Secretary reminded everyone about the due date for the Statement of Financial Interests needed from Council members.
- (2) BC Office of Election and Voter Services Update – Joan Cashin expressed interest in the open Council seat currently held by Scott Snyder.
- (3) Cotter Building demolition – discussed earlier

New Business:

- (1) A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-4 re: Destruction of Records was requested. Gary Rouse made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-4 regarding the shredding of 38 boxes of Borough documents on April 11, 2017 per the list attached to the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Scott Snyder and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) The 2016 Financial Report to the State and the audit findings and recommendations by the auditors were discussed by the Council. The Council agreed to implement the recommendations by the auditors as to the oversight of financial transactions.
- (3) The Council reviewed the Wyalusing Municipal Authority's 2016 Audit Report.
- (4) The Council approved the Borough Secretary's vacation request for September 21, 2017 to October 3, 2017 and the requested time off in December without pay. Coverage will be provided.
- (5) A Special Meeting on April 17, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Borough Hall to open bids for micro-surfacing of roads will be advertised.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago