

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Wyalusing Borough Hall  
March 6, 2017 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on March 6, 2017 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

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

**Others:** Susan Burgess, Mayor; Dale Grover, Ordinance Enforcement & Borough Maintenance; Joanne Vago, Secretary

**Public:** Dave Keeler (Rocket Courier), Matt Hicks (The Daily Review), Scott Schmeckenbecker (S&A Construction), David and Nancy Jones, and Pam Quentin

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.

**Open Bids for Cotter Building Demolition:** George Anderson, President opened the bids for the demolition of the Cotter Building in the order they were received. The bids were as follows:

S&A Construction - \$28,700  
Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. - \$24,275  
Insinger Excavating, Inc. - \$34,875  
M.R. Dirt, Inc. - \$39,000  
LeRoy Mast - \$18,500

The bid from LeRoy Mast was attractive, but the Council expressed concern with their lack of pollution insurance in place and experience in dealing with DEP. Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. the next lowest bidder has all the insurances in place and experience in dealing with DEP, important since the building is right on the bank of Wyalusing Creek. After some further discussion, the motion was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Scott Snyder to accept the bid from Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. Josh Kilmer recused himself from the vote as some of the bidders were business clients. All other members of the Council voted yes by voice vote and the motion was carried.

**Wyalusing Meadows Sewage Facilities Planning Module:** A motion was made by Gary Rouse to sign the sewage facilities planning document from Mission First to be sent to the DEP regarding Wyalusing Meadows on behalf of Wyalusing Borough. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor reported that Sgt. Young had been replaced and his successor had not provided her with a report. The Mayor also reported that Susan Robinson would again

have 28 kids from France available for any Borough project on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. The GWCC will sponsor a Shred Day on April 29<sup>th</sup> at \$5.00/box.

**Citizen's Comments and Concerns:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 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 Kilmer. 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) Rick Sherman suggested that 4 pieces of flagstone be placed in the area where there is currently red mulch surrounding the new trees are on Main Street. Dale Grover will pursue and obtain a price quote. He will also call the nursery in Dallas for the replacement for dead tree on Main Street, (2) Have sold \$282.00 worth of items from the Cotter Building and the antique cash register was delivered to the Museum, (3) Greg Dibble from PennDot complimented the Borough on their streets and will present an evaluation and bid recommendation for resurfacing the Borough streets in the Spring, (4) the signs PennDot wants taken down will be done this week by Dale Grover (5) a quote was received from Dave Burgess regarding the drainage problem on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street across Riverside Drive in the amount of \$3,655 – will be filled with #4 rock. A motion was made by Scott Snyder and seconded by Josh Kilmer to approve the bid for resolving the draining problem on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. There is also a drain problem on Taylor Avenue for which we have not received a quote, (6) Woodpecker's Unlimited is in the process of getting the equipment to do the creek repair.

**Jim Roberts – Brewer Hollow:** George Anderson, Gary Rouse, and Dale Grover met with Jim Roberts to tour Brewer Hollow and make recommendations. Ash trees need to be cut out and there needs to be a road marked in order to replace the deer fence. Some spraying and fixing of fence posts need to be done. Jim will have a report with recommendations before the next meeting.

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

**Wyalusing Municipal Authority (WMA) Liaison Report:** No report. George Anderson expressed a complaint regarding the recent hydrant flushing.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Notice of Payment from PennDot regarding liquid fuels payment for March 2017.
- (2) Downstream Notification and Public Notice – Towanda Asphalt Plant
- (3) Bradford County Office of Election & Voter Services re: petitions schedule
- (4) Letter from DCED re: Grant C000057627 Closed With Warning
- (5) GWCC Minutes and Financials for information purposes
- (6) Letter from The Children’s House requesting a donation
- (7) Brown Tree Hill Co. Treatment Recommendation for 2017 – A motion was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by Josh VanDeMark to eliminate the EAB Injection Treatment for the 4 Ash Trees be elimination from the Recommendation. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (8) Mission First – Wyalusing Meadows February 2017 Progress Report

**Old Business:**

- (1) The Borough Secretary reminded everyone about the due date for the Statement of Financial Interests needed from Council members.
- (2) There was a brief discussion regarding the blanket accident insurance for volunteers – quotes are being obtained.
- (3) Open List of Council Items was reviewed. Most items are in the process of being completed. Waiting to hear on “bat house project”.

**New Business:**

- (1) A motion to grant the Wyalusing Valley Volunteer Fire Department the use of the borough park for the weeks of July 23 and July 30 as well as the weeks of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for the annual WVVFD Carnival and to grant permission for the use of the local streets for the Carnival’s parade was made by Josh Kilmer and seconded by Josh VanDeMark. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) A motion to grant the Wyalusing Valley Volunteer Fire Department a permit for the shooting of fireworks in the Borough during the week of August 6<sup>th</sup> was made by Josh Kilmer and seconded by Josh VanDeMark. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. The current plan is to have the fireworks display on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm.
- (3) A motion was made by Gary Rouse to reserve the Borough Park on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-2:00pm for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (4) A motion was made by Scott Snyder to approve the request to close down Main Street for the day on June 17, 2017 for the Arts and Music Festival. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (5) A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-3 to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer for the Borough’s pension plan was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by Scott Snyder. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (6) A bid for the 2017 mowing the Wyalusing ball park was submitted by Bruce Ashley for the \$270.00/mowing and increase of \$10.00 over 2016. A motion was made by

Scott Snyder to accept the bid as presented. The motion was seconded by Josh Kilmer and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Council approved the request of the Borough Secretary to attend the 2017 PSAB Annual Conference in Hershey, PA on May 7-10, 2017.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago