

WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING  
Wyalusing Borough Hall  
February 3, 2025 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday February 3, 2025, at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

**Council Members:** Josh Kilmer, Brooks Blemler, Dr Deirdre Huber, Josh VanDeMark, Ali Huber; Mayor, Micah Dietz

**Absent:** Ali Huber, Micah Dietz

**Others:** Bruce Pitts, Public Works, Sandie Zionkowski, Secretary/Treasurer

**Public:** Charlie Earle, James Belcher, Kevin Potter, Brandon Connor, Brent Heeman, Janet Otis, Warren Howeler

Council member Josh Kilmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Josh Kilmer acknowledged the use of digital voice recorder.

**Mayor's Report:**

- 1/7/24- Toured the downtown properties of Cindy Adams which included 55 Main, the dance studio and the Air BNB above Hilltop Services
- 1/8/25- Met with an engineer from the Dept of Conservation regarding developing trails
- 1/17/25- Attended a kids' event at the library which included reading 2 books, a craft and an indoor snowball fight
- 1/31/25- Sent an employee to attend the grant presentation at the Dietrick
- Research on Bridge Street Lights:  
Per Wyalusing Borough Council Meeting Notes dated 3/7/11:  
Jeff Homer received a grant for \$40,000 from the Heritage Trail Project. Home requested permission to install sidewalk and decorative lighting on the creed side of Bridge Street  
I recommend contacting Jeff Homer regarding any intended maintenance on the lights.
- The Survey Report for the Brewer Hall Property has not been located. I will continue to investigate.  
Ali Huber

### **Citizens' Comments and Concerns:**

- WVVFD presented a rundown on new fire hall, presented copies of Blueprints to include 6 bays and to house Firehouse Equipment. WVVFD has paid down payment on supplies to lock in prices. The department in is hopes to break ground by April 2025. RTL was present and discussed the property lines along with sheds that may need to be removed along with some possible fencing on the property line. Discussion was made of ground removal, drainage and storm water plans. Questions of zoning were brought up and Bruce will investigate whether grandfathered or not. The estimation of completion is 3 to 4 months depending on weather, contractors etc.
- T – Ball field will be going away, and it was discussed to move field on the park property to accommodate t-ball. Discussion of layout will be held. Boro has no issues for backstop to be installed for the t-ball field. Meeting will be with RTL and Fireman to discuss needs for carnival regarding t-ball field. RTL is looking for a date to move buildings, hopefully by March 2025. Boro/RTL and Fireman all willing to work together.
- Josh is pleased to have a timeline for Firehouse construction. Fireman have met minimum goal on donations/fundraisers- WVVFD looking for a little more due to inflation/possible hidden costs. As per Janet Otis, Tuscarora Wayne will match the Boro's donation to the Firehouse.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of January 6, 2024, the council meeting was reviewed by council members. There were no corrections to the minutes as presented. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr Deirdre Huber. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Brooks Blemlle made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Josh VanDeMark, the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Council members. The council accepted the report, and it was filed for audit.

### **Borough Maintenance/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report:**

- **Routine Town Maintenance-** Brush, Branch and garbage pickup
- Snow Removal and salting as required Streets and Sidewalks
- Storm sewer cleaning (weather permitting)
  
- **NON-ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**
  - Road salt, 20 tons ordered, shed cleaned and inspected prior to delivery
  - Dependable Disposal contacted regarding Spring Cleanup, May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, Dr Dee asked for May 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid Mother's Day Weekend
  - Damaged street signs replaced
  - NTSWA contacted Street Sweeping schedule late April and after Fireman's Carnival

- **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**
  - Shop Chemical order delivered for 2025
  - Shop cleaning and inventory control
  - Fire Extinguisher Service Completed, note: Action Fire purchased by Cintas
  
- **CEMETARY**
  - Garbage, dumpster only pickup- will end service until spring
  - Funeral assistance
  - Check the security of the building
  - The cemetery has been quiet - monitoring buildings/property to ensure security
  
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - Bid items: Doors, Deck and Stairs HUD- HUD is scheduled to repair/replace doors soon
  
- **CURRENT PROJECTS**
  - Begin contacting contractors for 2025 approved Budget projects- contractors scheduled for reviewing budget
  
- **CREEKSIDE PARK**
  - Garbage service continues, reduced schedule
  - Grill replacement and garbage can be repaired/ replace scheduled for Spring 2025
  - Maintain paved portion of driveway, not winter maintenance
    - Possible sign for “No Winter Maintenance” at Creekside Park
    - Contacting contractors for new grills
  
- **BOROUGH PARK**
  - RTL was asked to move the food stand and shed near t-ball field
  - Borough/Fire Department border- non-surveyed approximate property line identified
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- **BREWER HOLLOW**
  - Routine patrol of parking areas during hunting season
  - Schedule- inspect tree planting fence when weather permits
  - Brewer Hollow has been quiet
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- **Zoning Permits:**
  - Tractor Supply project, contacted Jonathan Foster additional questions for solicitor- Zoning letter completed and sent
  - Marsh Street parcel/setback requirements. May require setback variance?
  
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- Snow removal 24-hour ordinance being neglected- Bruce will start tagging issues
- Abandoned car on Main Street tagged. (moved)

➤ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- PEMA Flood Plain Plan for 2025

➤ **QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL**

- Bridge Street trees and brush- “on – hold” (see above)
- Code violation. Dilapidated buildings/junk cars
- Sidewalk fund revitalization

**Foster Correspondence and Report:**

- Foster Law is working on finalizing Tractor Supply Zoning Letter request- no issues foreseen- UPDATE: Zoning letter request completed and sent to Chris Sestrich, PennTerra Engineering Inc, Lancaster Pa

**Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:**

- Minutes were submitted from the WMA- no issues/changes brought forward – Brooks Blemlé highlighted minutes from meeting to include Water/Sewer report, Headworks Project and rate increase. Municipal moving along with projects and trying to secure school well. Discussed DEP cleaning up as well.

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

- (1) State Ethic Forms – still awaiting some- due May 1, 2025
- (2) BEAD Program Application period extended to 2/7/2025
- (3) GTP Environmental Department Annual Downstream Notification
- (4) PA State Police call notification for November 5, 2024, to December 31, 2024

**New Business:**

- Motion to Accept Kuharchik Construction proposal rates for 2025 Traffic Lights- Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept, Brooks Blemlé 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the Council accepting and carrying the motion
- Motion to approve donations to the Fire Company- \$55,000 donation- Brooks Blemlé made the motion to approve the donation, Josh VanDeMark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the Council all in favor and accepting/ carrying the motion

**Old Business:**

- Storm water system evaluation completed, report received and filed – no concerns

- PennDOT sign notice update- Jonathan Foster currently corresponding with PENNDOT- nothing new received on sign update
- Wyalusing Fire Department new building proposal: WVFD Board members attended meeting, updated Council on plans and donation was motioned in by Council members as above
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- Tractor Supply – Zoning letter completed by Jon Foster and sent to Chris Sestrich via e-mail from Borough Secretary

Next Meeting March 3, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski  
Secretary/Treasurer