

WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
January 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday January 6, 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: Josh Kilmer

Others: Alicia Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer; Bruce Pitts, Public Works, Sandie Zionkowski, Future Secretary/Treasurer

Public: Jackson Belles, Robert Bellis, Aden Nealy,

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

Mayor's Report:

- 12/3 Approval of the Overdose Spike Alert Program
- 12/7 Attended Montrose's Christmas in Our Hometown Event
- 12/8 Attended Factoryville's Christmas Event
- 12/9 met with Christine Dettone Regional Advisor for the DCNR (Dep of Conservation and National Resources) Grant
- 12/10 Met with Katie Smith (Northern Tier Regional planning and Development Commission's Economic Development Program manager as well as Lynnelle Farber (Landscape Architect Planner for Hunt Engineering) and Michael Marabell (the Northern Tier Regional Director for Congressman Dan Meuser) to discuss a trail project.
- 12/12 Attended the Rotary Club's Jingle to meet the members as well as their regular meeting on 12/17 where Jedd Johnson Spoke
- 12/13 Attended Tunkhannock's Christmas in our Hometown
- 12/14 Spoke at the Wreath's Across America Event held by Wyalusing's Legion
- 12/14 Attended Laceyville's Christmas in our Hometown

- 12/15 I attended the Curtains up Cabaret put on by the Wyalusing Community Theatre who are being led by Carla Salsman to reinvent themselves and potentially bring a permanent community theatre venue to Wyalusing
- Toured the Brewer Hollow Property with Gary Rouse, a former Borough Council Member
- 12/19 Attended the Chamber of Commerce Meeting with Michael Marabell to discuss the potential trail project and its potential for increasing tourism in this area
- 12/30 Spoke with Dee Anne Tokach: Would like the borough council to be aware and to make our citizens aware of the potential for contractor fraud in our area

Citizens' Comments and Concerns:

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of December 2, 2024, council meeting was reviewed by council members. There were no corrections to the minutes as presented. Dr. Huber made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Brooks Blemlle. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Micah Dietz made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Dr Huber, 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, storm sewer cleaning
- Non-Routine Maintenance- changed out bad breakers, streetlights debacle, crosswalks cleaned, damaged street signs replaced, HUD notified of electrical timer problem near Ram Zone REPAIRED/Replaced
- Building and Equipment Maintenance- Shop chemical order placed for 2025, follow up HUD for building 2024 door upgrades, Bille Goat Leaf System removed for 2024, service parts ordered, leaf box stored, (6) LED energy saving shop lights to replace fluorescent lights
- Cemetery- Garbage, dumpster only pickup- will end service until spring
- Old Business- Bid items: Doors, Deck and Stairs HUD
- Current projects: Underground storm water pip inspection Gaylord, Senate, Stowell Street area (completed)
- Creekside Park- garbage service continues, reduced schedule, budget trees, walk and driveways, stationary assets, HUD notified of utility box installation and power drop for security cameras, grill replacement and garbage can repair/replace scheduled for Spring 2025, Young Women living in car asked to vacate, volleyball net and outhouse removed for winter

- Borough Park- young couple living in car/ hooked up to electric as pavilion asked to leave- DONE, motion lights installed, outlet covers installed
- Road Projects: PennDOT survey, 2025 paving now 2026, SR 706 pearl Street, SR 1074 (Bridge St) SR 6 to SR 706, Update signs as needed, speed bumps and crosswalk signs
- Brewer Hollow: Tagged truck and ATV trailer, permits required/walk in only NO ATV
- Zoning/ Permits- Bradford County Planning Commission, Tractor Supply project (APPROVED), Marsh Street parcel/setback requirements, no impact Home based business inquiry- 1st Street
- Code Enforcement: Bagged trash complaint, door hanger/house vacant, dumpster arrived, filled and hauled away, abandoned car on Main Street tagged, (Moved), Garbage at Rte. 6/706 intersection, property owner notified, three times (cleaned up)
- Emergency Management- none
- Questions for Council- 1- Bridge Street trees and brush (Council) “walk a bout” private property? 2- Code violation, Dilapidated buildings/junk cars, 3- Sidewalk fund revitalization – Council to look at fund for utilization of funds- 4- Misc obsolete junk, parts and pieces? Bruce wishes to clean up the shop, and the council said to do what Bruce felt needed to be done.
- Question arose regarding Deer fence- Burrow Hollow- Deer are inside fence and cannot escape- Bruce will investigate this

Foster Correspondence and Report:

- Rate increase correspondence received from FOSTER LAW OFFICE to raise hourly rate to \$150.00 an hour from \$125.00/hour- motion made by Micah Dietz to accept the rate, Dr Huber made motion to second it with the motion carried unanimously by voice from the council

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:

- Minutes were submitted from the WMA- no issues/changes brought forward

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Wyalusing Borough Council Minutes December 2, 2024
- (2) Public Works/Code Enforcer Report
- (3) Council Pay- Foster letter
- (4) Wyalusing Borough General Fund/Cemetery Fund profit and loss reviewed
- (5) State Ethic forms handed out- Due May 1, 2025

New Business:

- Motion made to appoint new Secretary/Treasurer- Sandie Zionkowski to the position- motion made by Michah Dietz, Brookes Blemlle 2nd motion and motion carried unanimously by voice from the council to appoint

- Motion to assign Ali for TCC with Sandie- Micah Dietz made motion to appoint, Dr Huber second the motion with motion carried unanimously by voice from council
- Committees 2025 reviewed by committee and approved
- Motion to approve donation to Fire Company - \$55,000- has been tabled until next meeting
- Motion to advertise Borough Hall Hours for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday- 8:30 to 4:30 – Micah Dietz made motion to approve, Dr Huber seconded the motion with motion carried unanimously by voice from council
- Motion to add Sandie to PS Bank, Bank Accounts, Credit Card, Ameriprise and PLIGT- Motion made by Micah Dietz with Brooke Blemlle seconding the motion- motion carried unanimously by voice from council

Old Business:

- Storm water system evaluation completed, awaiting reports
- PennDOT sign notice update- Jonathan Foster currently corresponding with PENNDOT
- Wyalusing Fire Department new building proposal: identifying concerns/problems to work with the fire department to ensure new building is utilized to its full intentions and any issues with building plan that would need addressing. Awaiting a meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski
Secretary/Treasurer