

WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING  
Wyalusing Borough Hall  
June 2, 2025 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday June 2, 2025, at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

**Council Members:** Josh Kilmer, Ali Huber, Dr Dee Huber, Brooks Blemle, Micah Dietz, Josh VanDeMark

**Absent:** Josh Kilmer

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

**Public:** Warren Howeler, Casmirra Ruhf, GWCC

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:**

- Police report was reviewed with concern on 62 Riverside Drive
- Mayor's Report reviewed:
  - 4-7-25- Maddy Brouchart interviewed Ali as part of her youth leadership program
  - 4-7-25- Received correspondence from Conservation Dept. that Adam Chorba wanted to walk trails at Brewer Hollow
  - 4-8-25- Warren contacted regarding entering information on State Dog Warden, James Johnson in paper which was printed thereafter
  - 4-8-25 Attended Municipal Authority Meeting- report reviewed
  - 4-11-25 Wyalusing Chamber Mixer was held at Wyalusing Family Chiropractic
  - 4-13 and 4-14-25- Dog Warden was contacted regarding the two dogs on John's Street being loose and one being aggressive- new fencing was being put up according to the owner was informed that any future issues of the dogs being loose would result in citations and fines.
  - 4-16-25- Ali attended the youth Leadership Program where the student who had interviewed her presented a poster about her life as part of the program's requirements.

- 4-18-25- Dr Dee hiked with Adam Chorba and Dan Rhodes from the Conservation Department to view more of the property on Brewer Hollow Road
- 4-19-25- Dr Dee and Ali attended the Laceyville and Grovedale Easter Egg Hunts. They were well attended and the Laceyville hunt raised almost \$1,000 for Donovan Park.
- 4-24-25 – Received call from Norma Lee Farrell regarding a dog issue on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 4-26-25- Dr Dee and Ali attended the Chamber Casino Night Fundraiser
- 4-26 and 4-27-25- Dr Dee and Ali attempted to join the Rotary Club for the clean Up Day, but it was postponed twice
- 5-1-25- Met with Caine Chamberlain and Marcy Burgess regarding the potential trail project. Recreational Use of Land and Waters Act protects borough from lawsuits. Recommends signage for hiking at own risk. Caine provided options for financial support for the project. The second part of the Creek Side Park Project information is to be obtained from Dave per Marcy.
- Beginning of May- reached out to Republicans to obtain write-ins for November ballot
- 5-19-25 – signed up for the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Mayors Association (Thursday evening through Sunday 7-17 to 7-20) Dr Dee will be attending also.
- 5-23-25- Ali was added to the November ballot
- 5-24-25 – Attended deep Root’s Memorial Day Festival- well attended

### **Citizens’ Comments and Concerns:**

- Casmirra Ruhf from Greater Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce present to explain and ask for approval for the Chamber’s first Annual Duck Derby to be held at Creekside Park. The date of the request to be held is September 20, 2025. Casmirra explained that parking would be located at the old Welles Mill lot with side by sides to commute the residents back and forth. Ducks would be launched from the bridge on Route 6 to the park and collection of ducks after the derby would be completed. Portable rest room will be provided by the Chamber if needed, and garbage will be picked up. There will be Vendors along with kid’s activities available. Motion to approve September 20, 2025, for the Duck Derby at Creekside is 1<sup>st</sup> is Dr Dee made a motion and Council all agreed.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of May 5, 2025, for the council meeting was reviewed by council members. There were no corrections to the minutes as presented. May 5, 2025, was Dr Dee, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Micah Dietz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- Brooks Blemlle made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Micah Dietz; 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 under 4' long – no plastic
- Grass removal and trimming as time allows
- Monitor green dump for space (budget for grinding/chipping)
- 5/5/25 Skeet ankle sprain, WC necessary paperwork completed- mowing tasks behind schedule
  
- **NON-ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**
  - Sign installed at Guardian Greenspace
  - Bridge Street Closed 4/28 for brush/tree trimming removal (completed)
  
- **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**
  - NTSWA new provider for dumpster service
  - HVAC Installed early May completed. Bulk tank to be set.
  - Removed Plows and Salter from borough trucks.
  
- **CEMETARY**
  - Ready cemetery for Mother's Day. Ready cemetery for Memorial Day
  - Caretaker behind on work and quality of work was poor
  - Dakota Cox resigned from the cemetery position
  - US Flags replaced and veteran's graves decorated by American Legion
  - Digger Don Munchback trial as new caretaker
  - Several Cave ins, temporary cover placed
  - Topsoil ordered. 42" mower sent to Brickhouse for repairs
  - Resident Jeffery Smith complained of tire marks in grass
  
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - Bid items: 2024 front steps to Borough Hall - HUD
  
- **CURRENT PROJECTS**
  - HVAC borough hall installed 5/14 AC unit first. Complete (waiting on bulk propane tank) Creekside Park trail makeover. Rain delay, completed 5/22/25
  
- **CREEKSIDE PARK**
  - Walking trail and road makeover May 13, 2025 (Connor Excavating) done
  - Dead and Dangerous trees and branches have been removed (County Line) done
  - High wind damaged tree removed by PW, low branches trimmed and removed
  - Park closed 5/8, high water event, Mother's Day opened on 5/11

➤ **BOROUGH PARK**

- Heavy use at the park, chicken pit cleanouts
- Water supply issue for park

➤ **ROAD PROJECTS**

- Micro Seal (Vestal asphalt) started the project early on 5/2
- RTES 6/706 PennDOT milled high asphalt, our dime, maintenance is bid work by specifications
- Contacted PennDOT regarding request for crosswalk at 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Creekside Park 2028 project
- Brush and trees cut on Bridge Street, (County Line Property Works) completed
- FYI- SR 706 improvements Pearl Street to Turkey Path Road (Hawbaker) upcoming
- Guardian Green Space- damage to vinyl fence 5/17, 5/18

➤ **BREWER HOLLOW**

- Routine patrol. Pipes under road will require machine cleanout.
- Planting area, not accessible by Borough truck
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➤ **Zoning Permits:**

- Tractor Supply- lighted signs over 32 sq ft- permitting moving along
- MEADOWS Phase 1, Phase 2 questions (Milnes Engineering)
- Natural Gas Line Request by Fagan Engineers for mapping
- Set back requirements inquire fence on shared driveway Senate Street
- New Deck Pleasant Street

➤ **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- State Street inspected house with Fire Chief Conner and Area Agency on Aging- approved
- High Grass Door hangers w/NO response- Canal Street- Letter sent

➤ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Future Training scheduled

➤ **QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL**

- Code violation. Dilapidated buildings/junk cars
- Storm water runs off on the 3rd and Senate from private drive.
- Manhole covers Rte. 6, previous comments- PennDOT 2026/2028 project
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**Foster Correspondence and Report:**

- Reviewing Tractor Supply requests- “Land Disturbance Permit”
- Reviewing Tractor Supply Zoning Application- whether received or not- update- permits are in place and resolved with Code Inspections, Foster and Duane Naugle

**Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:**

- Minutes were submitted from the WMA- minutes were reviewed

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

- (1) BCCD
- (2) Alpine Energy
- (3) Williams Pipelines
- (4) Troop “P” Camp Cadet
- (5) PSMA- Business Cards- Mayor
- (6) PSMA- Conference Information- Mayor

No Comments on correspondence

**New Business:**

- Motion to formally accept Dakota Cox’s resignation from the Caretaker position at the Wyalusing Cemetery- Motion made by Micah Dietz with Dr Dee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion- Council agreed
- Motion to accept Donald Munchback as the current caretaker of the Wyalusing Cemetery, motion made by Micah Dietz, Brooks Blemler 2<sup>nd</sup> and Council agreed.
- Cemetery supplies- small refrigerator- motion to approve by Micah Dietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr Dee, Council agreed.
- Review of Landon Beck- Text My Gov presented to Council- Council agreed unanimously they are not ready to approve this platform at this time.
- Joe Snedeker Bike Ride- motion to approve his visit on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon with him stopping at the Wyalusing Hotel and WNEP will have live coverage. Motion to approve by Micah Dietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr Dee.
- Liquid Fuels Audit completed May 29, 2025, for January 2021 to December 2024 – no findings and report reviewed

**Old Business:**

- PennDOT sign notice update- no updates currently- Creekside Park
- Brewer Hollow Development Discussion

- Zoning Board Members are still needed- 3 are interested, Tyler Brown, Michelle Grant and Devin Masters. These members to be discussed/appointed on July 7, 2025 Council Meeting
- The Council discussed purchasing a monitor with WMA to conduct TEAMS meetings, Suggestion was made to review the SMART monitors for purchase. No decision currently until further feedback from WMA. – monitor has been tabled at this point
- Status of Rotary Club- District Grant- Disk Golf- application has been submitted – awaiting decision

Josh VanDeMark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the council carried motion through.

The meeting started at 7:00 and was adjourned at 7:40.

Next Meeting July 7, 2025

Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary/Treasurer