

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
January 6, 2020 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their reorganization meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

Council Members: Micah Dietz, Josh Kilmer, Steven Lewis, Gary Rouse, and Josh VanDeMark

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

Public: Warren Howeler (Rocket-Courier)

Mayor Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Mayor acknowledged the use of a digital voice recorder. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council members, Micah Dietz, Josh Kilmer, Steven Lewis, and Josh VanDeMark.

The Mayor called for nominations for the office of Council President. There was 1 nomination, Josh Kilmer. The Mayor called for the vote, which was unanimous and Josh Kilmer was re-elected President. The Mayor then called for nominations for the office of Vice President. There was one nomination, Josh VanDeMark. The Mayor called for the vote which was unanimous and Josh VanDeMark was re-elected Vice President.

The Mayor turned the meeting over to Josh Kilmer, President.

Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Steven Lewis and seconded by Micah Dietz to reaffirm the retention of the current solicitor, Open Records Officer, Emergency Management Coordinator, Zoning Officer, and Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Micah Dietz made the motion, seconded by Josh VanDeMark to appoint Steven Lewis, WMA Liaison; Gary Rouse made the motion, seconded by Steven Lewis to appoint Scott Snyder as Chair of the Vacancy Board. The motions were carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Gary Rouse, seconded by Steven Lewis to reappoint Code Inspections, Inc. and the Code Enforcement Officer. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by Josh VanDeMark to authorize payment of Payroll and any necessary bills on a semi-monthly basis. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-1, the current fee schedule as presented to Council was made by Micah Dietz and seconded by Steven Lewis. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-2 to reappoint Bradford County TCC Voting Delegate and alternate was made by Micah Dietz and seconded by Josh

VanDeMark. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Josh Kilmer will be the unofficial COG representative.

Approval permits have been received for the Brewer Hollow creek crossing. Steven Lewis made the motion to reopen the 2020 budget to add Account 459.0 for \$40,000.00 for this effort. The motion was seconded by Josh VanDeMark and carried unanimously by voice vote. The 2020 budget will be re-advertised and re-posted at the Borough Hall. The final budget will be voted on at the February 3, 2020 meeting.

The motion to approve the 2020 Council Committees was made by Micah Dietz and seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM and the regular meeting was convened.

Mayor's Report:

State Police Report: See Officer – 3
Warrant Service – 1
Welfare Check – 1
Disturbance/Noise Complaint – 1
Hit & Run Crash – 1
Retail Theft – 1
Domestic Security Check – 1
Motor Carrier Safety Inspection – 2

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: Joan Cashin expressed concern regarding recycling. According to Ordinance 12 garbage pickup company must provide recycling or pay a fine. The Borough will contact NTSWA and River Valley to find a solution. In the meanwhile, recycling is held at Merryhall, Camptown and Hollenback on various Saturdays.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Council meeting were reviewed by Council members. There were no corrections to the Minutes as presented. Micah Dietz made the motion to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Steven Lewis. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Rouse made the 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 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. In addition, (1) Dale Grover reported that the Brewer Hollow permits have been received from DEP and (2) and 22 tons of salt have been stored.

Foster Correspondence and Report: Jonathan Foster's report and invoice were reviewed by Council members. The Non-Uniformed Pension Plan has been closed (see New Business)

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report: Gary Rouse reported that Paul Litwin, The WMA attorney attended the last meeting to discuss the water plan with WASD, currently working on the budget and Cargill is still figuring out their sewer plan.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

- (1) Email from Greg Dibble – Penn Dot. Bidding thresholds for Boroughs for 2020 – Public Bid - \$21,000; 3 Telephonic/ 3 Written Bids - \$11,300
- (2) GWCC Dinner Meeting Invitation – Thursday, January 16, 2020
- (3) 2019 Gas Lease Royalties – spreadsheet with gas royalties' information was distributed to Council
- (4) EMHR December Newsletter
- (5) BRC Bulletin – December 2019
- (6) New Amendment to the Borough Code
- (7) Bradford County Library Invitation
- (8) COG meeting changed to January 9, 2020
- (9) 2020 material rates – Stagecoach Transport Crushing LLC
- (10) Letter from PUC – First Light Fiber, Inc.

New Business:

- (1) **Milnes Engineering Proposal.** Gary Rouse made the motion to accept the proposal from Milnes Engineering to consult on the Borough Hall security upgrade in the amount of \$14,500. The motion was seconded by Micah Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) **Motion to Adopt Ordinance 68.** A motion to approve Ordinance 68 rescinding Ordinance 21 to cancel the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for Wyalusing Borough was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by Josh VanDeMark. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (3) **Chesapeake Right of Way Agreement.** A motion to sign the Chesapeake Right of Way Agreement was made by Micah Dietz, seconded by Steven Lewis and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (4) **Payment for Office Assistance.** Due to the broken wrist of the Borough Secretary in early December, a motion to pay for the additional office assistance was made by Micah Dietz, seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

None

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:50pm for an Executive Session. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:10pm. A motion was made and seconded to increase pay \$1.00/hour for Mike Davis, Jim Goodwin, Dale Grover and Joanne Vago. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer