

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Wyalusing Borough Hall  
February 3, 2020 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday, February 3, 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), Robert Tuttle, RTL, Glenn Layaou and Mick Goodwin, Milnes Engineering

Josh Kilmer, President led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He acknowledged the use of a digital voice recorder.

**Mayor's Report:**

State Police Report: Non-reportable crash – 1  
Theft – 1  
See Officer – 1  
Suspicious Vehicle – 1  
Welfare Check – 1  
Traffic Violation (erratic driver) – 1  
Commercial motor carrier inspections – 6  
Domestic Security Checks – 2

The creek project bid proposals are not ready yet.

**Citizen's Comments and Concerns:** Robert Tuttle, RTL requested the use of the Borough Park for softball at the normal donation of \$500.00. The motion to allow the RTL the use of the Borough Park was made by Micah Dietz, seconded by Steven Lewis and carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Council meeting were 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 Micah Dietz, and 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.

**Milnes Engineering (See Old Business)** – Mick Goodwin, VP Engineering from Milnes presented drawings for the building security upgrade to Council members. The bullet resistant glass is the most expensive item. Extra security issues, i.e., key cards, cameras will be considered. The price for the update is approximately \$30,000 – the security wall will be 12 feet. There will be further discussion before final approval and the preparation of the bid package.

**Borough Maintenance/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report:** The detailed January 2020 monthly report was previously distributed to the Council members. In addition, (1) Dale Grover reported that the street sweeping by NTSWA will be on April 15, 2020 at 9:00am, (2) Morgan Clinton called about water in basements along Main Street. There was some discussion as to a possible solution – the biggest issue is were to divert the water – ultimately the Borough is not responsible, and (3) Steve Kehoe from PennDot will be looking at First and Marsh streets for the 2020 project and will get the package together for the bid. Will be available for the March 2, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

**Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:** Steven Lewis reported on the discussion of manhole covers that need to be accessible and the location of the manhole cover on Homet Heights Boulevard behind the Plaza. Expansion of the sewer plant still in discussion phase.

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

- (1) Letter from Chesapeake Energy regarding plans to drill a Cross Unit Well
- (2) Downstream Notification – Storb Environmental Incorporated (for WOC Energy)
- (3) Downstream Notification – GTP Environmental Department
- (4) Downstream Notification – Towanda Asphalt Plant
- (5) Route 6 & EMHR Façade Program Workshop
- (6) Two letters from Chuck Howard – no project he has proposed complies with zoning regulations – letter will be coming from Jonathan Foster who will review the previous correspondence outlining the issues.
- (7) Email from BC Public Safety – ICS-402 Overview for Senior Officials
- (8) DCNR notice of recreation and conservation grants program

**New Business:**

- (1) **Reopened 2020 Budget.** Gary Rouse made the motion to approve the reopened budget for 2020, seconded by Steven Lewis and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) **NTSWA Recycling Proposal.** There was a discussion regarding the cost of the proposed recycling in the Borough at a monthly cost of \$596/month for curbside recycling. Notice will be put in Rocket-Courier and on the website to see how in many people in the Borough are interested in monthly recycling.

- (3) **Other:** The Borough Secretary will invoice Marcia Eaton for ½ of the cost of the storm drain on her property as per verbal agreement. There was a brief discussion regarding the Borough Hall cleaning. Micah Dietz made the motion to increase the amount for the Borough Hall monthly cleaning from \$40 to \$60/month, seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

See above regarding Milnes Engineering

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago  
Secretary/Treasurer