

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

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday, August 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:** David Keeler (Rocket-Courier)

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

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor presented her report from the State Police:

- 1 – Firearms Act Violation
- 1 – Abandoned Vehicle
- 1 – Traffic violation (Other)
- 1 – Theft
- 1 – Welfare Check
- 1 – See Officer
- 1 – Disturbance/Noise Complaint
- 6 – Motor Carrier Inspections

I attended a virtual Mayor's Conference – three days w/breaks. There were interesting discussions regarding COVID-19. Mayor's Office not a police force and it is up to business to enforce the rules. Met with Chris Wood (Hunt Engineering) on the Trail Project. Getting materials to DCNR so the bid package can be prepared.

**Citizen's Comments and Concerns:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular Council meeting were reviewed by Council members. There were no corrections to the Minutes as presented. Gary Rouse made the motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Steven Lewis and 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 June 2020 monthly report was previously distributed to the Council members. (1) Estimate from Butler Land Surveying for the 4 acre parcel on Riverside Drive - \$2,100 will include 4 copies of the boundary map, (2) Repair of Pavilion roof was discussed – estimate on materials from CC Allis is \$1,829.07, labor hasn't been priced. This can wait until next year; however one piece needs to be nailed down. (3) JJ Carpenter gave an estimate of \$2100/day for tree work discussed at last meeting, work will be a day and a half – also new trees on Felter Way need to be trimmed. (4) Question as to whether vaults are required at the Cemetery. Pennsylvania law states that individual cemeteries can make that determination. They are a requirement at Wyalusing Borough Cemetery and need to be stated in the Rules and Regulations. (5) Brewer Hollow project proceeding – an estimate of the initial work will be submitted.

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

**Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:** Steve Lewis reported on the Zoom meeting with the Authority. Much discussion on the grinder upgrades, nothing further on the expansion project.

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

- GWCC Minutes and Financial Statements – June Meeting
- New BC Dept. Of Community Planning & Mapping Services GIS Coordinator (Rich Lasko replacing Scott Molnar)
- Request to send letter to General Assembly regarding elimination of preemption on municipalities to ban single-use plastic containers
- Selective Insurance Notice of Policy Renewal – September 2020
- PSAB Update
- Course Vector News Update
- Route 6 Connection
- 2020 Road Name Sign Replace Program
- Western COG Annual Dinner Meeting

**New Business:**

- (1) The Council discussed the donation of the Tama Building and the possible uses, ie., tearing down building – provide parking and some green space. Possibility of making Marsh Street one way, first step is to acquire and remove building, then decide on what is most beneficial to community. Steven Lewis made the motion to accept the donation of the building from Dr. Tama, seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) There was a discussion regarding speed bumps on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Senate Streets and 1<sup>st</sup> and Senate Streets. The prices for temporary speed bumps are approximately

- \$800/intersection, 2 per intersection. After discussion, Micah Dietz made the motion to install temporary speed bumps at a price not-to-exceed \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (3) A motion to approve the survey by Butler Land Surveying at a cost of \$2,100 was made by Josh VanDeMark and seconded by Steven Lewis. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
  - (4) A motion was made by Gary Rouse to approve the price of \$2100/per day (no more than two days) to trim trees in the Borough. The motion was seconded by Micah Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote.
  - (5) The Borough Council will be discussing the 2021 Budget at a Special Meeting on September 21, 2020 at 6:30. Meeting will be advertised.

**Old Business:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago  
Secretary/Treasurer