

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
September 8, 2020 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 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 and Joanne Vago, Secretary/Treasurer

Public: Warren Howeler (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. The President announced the Executive Session held on August 24, 2020 at 6:15pm to discuss a personnel issue arising from the untimely passing of the Borough Public Works Manager, Dale Grover. There was no action taken.

Everyone observed a moment of silence for Dale Grover.

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

- 1 – Theft Investigation
- 1 – Disturbance/Noise Complaint
- 1 – Simple Assault
- 1 – 911 Hang Up Call
- 1 – Business False Alarm
- 2 – Attempt to Locate Person/Vehicle
- 1 – Disturbance/Noise Complaint
- 10– Motor Carrier Safety Inspections

The Mayor attended the Western COG Dinner Meeting. The Western and Eastern COG are sponsoring an Electronic Recycling Day in Wysox at a date TBA. There will be a price/piece charge and tires will be included. There will be no officially sponsored Borough Halloween Trick or treat day/time established. Paperwork has been submitted to the DCED on the Trail Project. No response as yet.

Citizen's Comments and Concerns: None

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the August 3, 2020 Regular Council meeting were reviewed by Council members. There were no corrections to the Minutes as presented. Steven Lewis made the motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Gary Rouse 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 partial detailed August 2020 monthly report was previously distributed to the Council members. Gary Rouse has been temporarily filling in for Dale until a permanent replacement is found. Items discussed: (1) Restriping lines on Main Street – Borough Secretary will call Lanny God regarding Main Street and other streets in the Borough. (2) Establishing a crosswalk across Route 6 from T-W to the Plaza. Susan Burgess will contact PennDot regarding the process. Discussion regarding other crosswalks on the Borough streets. (3) Gary Rouse will go with JJ Carpenter when he looks at trees to trim. There was a discussion about the “dead” trees at the Cemetery. It was decided that perhaps Brown Tree Hill should evaluate before cutting down or have JJ Carpenter look at them when doing the Borough trees. (4) The cameras at the Rocket are not working and are no longer needed. They will be removed from their office.

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 WMA meeting with the Authority held at the Borough Park this evening. They have received a \$150,000 grant for the sewer plant upgrades. The manhole cover on 93 East Third Street needs to be repaired. Borough Secretary will call Bishops to repair. Also discussed Rosencrance pool that seems to be shifting. This is a Borough safety issue and the garbage on the property has become a Health issue. Steve Lewis will take photographs and will discuss with solicitor as to how to resolve.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council:

- GWCC Minutes and Financial Statements – July Meeting
- Bradford County Fire Company COVID Relief Grant Program
- PSAB Unemployment Compensation Rate
- PennDot Notice of Estimated Allocation of 2020 Liquid Fuels
- Email from Greg Dibble PennDot regarding municipal services during COVID-19
- PSAB Update
- PennDot LTAP Fall-Winter virtual Educational Opportunities
- Municipal Pension Total Distress Score
- Census Update Email

New Business:

- (1) The Council President opened the bid received from Milnes Engineering for the Borough Hall Security Upgrades in the base amount of \$49,344.00, and the alternate amount of \$2,500 for painting. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept the bid from Milnes Engineering. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse. The motion passed with one nay vote from Steven Lewis.

Old Business:

- (1) A motion was made by Micha Dietz to sign the Agreement of Sale for Real Estate for the Tama donation. The motion was seconded by Steven Lewis and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Agreement was signed by Council President Josh Kilmer and will be sent to Jonathan Foster to forward to Dr. Tama for his signature.
- (2) The Brewer Hollow Proposal from Burgess Construction and the pipe purchase for the project were reviewed by Council. Steven Lewis made the motion to purchase the pipe for the Brewer Hollow project at a NTE of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Micha Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote. The motion to approve the proposal submitted by Burgess Construction in the amount of \$8,500 was made by Gary Rouse and seconded by Micah Dietz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (3) The proposed insurance package for 2020-2021 was reviewed by Council. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 insurance policy at an increase in premium from 2019-2020 of \$781.00. Gary Rouse seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote. Steven Lewis abstained as he is employed by the insurer.
- (4) The Subdivision/Land Development Application File No. 2020-055 Michael & Louann Kilmer was reviewed by Council. They had no comments and the Application will be approved on September 27, 2020 with no comments from Council.
- (5) The WiFi hotspot discussed at a previous Council meeting, will be installed at the Wyalusing Borough Park. Project Connect (Dennis Kenyon) will be responsible for the installation.
- (6) The Chuck Howard latest proposal was briefly discussed. The Borough Council does not have any more involvement and the parking places and accesses should be discussed with Amanda Cooley. If variances are required they will need to be adjudicated by the Zoning Hearing Board.

(7) Reminder that the 2021 Budget meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:30pm.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. An Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was convened at 8:25pm.

The regular session reconvened at 8:35. A motion add Gary Rouse to the payroll as a temporary employee at the rate of \$15.00/hour was made by Micah Dietz and seconded by Steven Lewis. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago
Secretary/Treasurer