

WYALUSING BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Wyalusing Borough Hall  
November 2, 2020 @ 7:00pm

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their regular meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were:

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

**Others:** Stephen Adams, Public Works Director, Susan Burgess, Mayor, Joanne Vago, Secretary/Treasurer

**Public:** Warren Howeler (Rocket-Courier), Junior Troop 60833 Girl Scouts

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 Death Investigation - Natural
- 1 Suspicious Vehicle
- 2 Hit and Run Crashes
- 10 Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections
- 3 Patrol Checks
- 1 Debris – Animal on Roadway

**Citizen's Comments and Concerns:** Junior Troop 60833 proposed that Borough Council consider putting in a crosswalk on Route 6 between Tuscarora Wayne and the Plaza. The Borough has already been considering doing this in the spring and has received information from PennDot as to requirements. Troop 60833 has offered to help pay for the project by doing fund raising, i.e., bake sales, etc. to help pay for this important project. Council gladly accepted their offer and thanked them for their interest.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the October 5, 2020 were reviewed by Council members. There were no corrections to the Minutes as presented. Micah Dietz 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:** (1) Continued leaf vacuuming of various Borough Streets, (2) 2 loads of 3” rock delivered to the Brewer Hollow property and compost area, (3) modification of Marsh Street grate prior to road work was completed, (4) discussion regarding fixing manhole covers – in contract only 3 were mentioned, (5) priced chain on salt spreader – chain drive and conveyor was approximately \$410, (6) continue to cut brush around town.

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

**Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:** Steve Lewis gave the WMA report. There appears to be a leak somewhere in the Borough that cannot be located – perhaps Third Street? There is a property line dispute with the Taylor family that should be resolved at their next Board meeting. Hydrant owner took out old and put in a new one that is currently not being metered. There is an issue with how to handle this since water is being used that is not being paid for. Flushing took place at the end of October.

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

- Letter from BCCD regarding Leatherstocking Natural Gas Distribution
- Chesapeake Energy letter regarding drilling Cross Unit Well(s)
- Notice regarding United Way of Bradford County campaign
- Act 14 Notification – Chesapeake Appalachia LLC construction of waterline
- Susquehanna Greenway Newsletter
- DCNR Grant News – 2020 Grants Announced
- Route 6 Connection
- GWCC Small Business Saturday – November 28, 2020

**New Business:**

- (1) After a review, Micah Dietz made the motion to approve Borough Secretary’s request for vacation December 14 – December 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Steven Lewis and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) Josh Kilmer presented a rezoning request from Michael Kilmer to rezone a portion of his property within the Agricultural District to Residential 1 that would match the adjacent properties. He then recused himself from the discussion and the vote due to his relationship to the requestor. After a discussion, Steven Lewis made the motion to refer the request to the Planning Committee, seconded by Josh VanDeMark and carried by voice vote, Josh Kilmer abstaining.
- (3) The Wyalusing Borough Code has been received from General Code. A motion was made by Micah Dietz to approve the proposed Code and the proposed Code Adoption Ordinance that has been approved by the Mayor and to authorize the Solicitor to begin the formal process of adoption. The motion was seconded by Gary Rouse and carried unanimously by voice vote.

- (4) The ad for the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer position was discussed and will be placed in the Rocket-Courier and Rocket Shopper for the next two weeks. It will also be placed on the website.
- (5) There was a short discussion regarding the Borough's CD's and lack of availability of new issues and low interest rates. The Borough will consider short-term CD's when they become available.

**Old Business:**

- (1) The Final 2021 Budget was presented. After review, Steven Lewis made the motion to adopt the Final 2021 Budget, seconded by Micah Dietz and carried unanimously by voice vote.
- (2) Additional old business was discussed regarding the Borough dump. The Borough dump is in need of care and Gary Rouse has contacted Benscoter's regarding grinding and moving debris – the cost for this process was quoted as \$3,500 and will be done during the winter months. Gary Rouse made the motion to approve a NTE of \$3,500 for this effort. The motion was seconded by Micah Dietz and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by,

Joanne Vago  
Secretary/Treasurer