

REGULAR MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

November 8, 2017 at 7:00pm

**\*\*APPROVED AMENDED MINUTES\*\***

1. **Call To Order:** G. Lombardozi, President 7:00pm
2. **Invocation:** G. Lombardozi, President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** G. Lombardozi, President
4. **Roll Call:** M. Bigwood, Assistant Secretary
5. **Present:** Mr. Rickrode, Mayor; Mr. Lombardozi, Council President; Mr. Bills, Council Vice President; Councilors: Mr. Bello, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Julius, Dr. Merritt; Mr. Gross, PW Supervisor, Mr. Betza, Solicitor; Mr. Briggs, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer; Mr. Petrini, Sewer/Street Tech  
**Absent:** Mrs. Lombardozi, Mrs. Roseberry, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Corey, Engineer; Chief Schulz, Police Dept.; Mrs. Silbaugh, Tax Collector.
6. **Citizens to Address Council:** (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen)
  - a. Fred Petrini – 2415 Station Road – issue with the fact Code Enforcement duties may be moved to Police Department. 1) Why? Have there been complaints CE is not doing their job? None from Council & they have heard nothing. 2) Is it to save money? PD is paid much more money than CE. The more work, the more of a chance of failure, CE or PD.
  - b. Shane Murray – Superintendent for ISD – He came on an outreach mission to make himself available for questions about the district. Mr. Bills, Q ‘Are seniors required to have service hours?’ Mr. Murray, A ‘No’. Mr. Bills, Q ‘How can we get students to be junior council again?’ Mr. Murray A ‘He’ll look into it and put the word out.’ Mr. Bello, Q ‘Have you had LPFD or WFD come recruit junior members?’ Mr. Murray A ‘Perhaps next year for the 9/11 service event, and he will bring it up at the administrative team meeting on 11-9-17 to try and come up with something.’ His email is available on the district website to contact him.
7. **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda from Mr. Bello, seconded by Mrs. Julius, Mr. Johnson added the Dave Skelly situation that is still going forward and should remain on the agenda, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
8. **Special Business:**
  - a. Motion to approve two EACOG resolutions, 2017-4 & 2017-5, one is budget, one is for fiscal audit made by Mr. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Bills, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - b. Motion to add in the resolution on properties for sale tax relief, it has been done in the past, we cannot find it, this is just in case, made by Mr. Bello, seconded by Mrs. Julius no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - c. Motion to hire Melissa Bigwood full time to be revisited at the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after budget from Dr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Bello, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - d. Motion for Wesleyville Hose Company to have assistance with the Santa comes to the Borough for the purchase of candy and treats (requesting between \$200 and \$250) made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Dr. Merritt. Mrs. Lijewski wanted it noted that the Hose Company comes to ALL the communities, including her trailer park. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - e. Motion for the hiring in the Public Works department made by Mr. Johnson. Temporary agencies have been called, but council said no temporary agencies. Mr. Gross said to put an ad on Craigslist, CDL required, p/t, 40 hours every two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Bills, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
9. **Executive Session:** to discuss legal and/or personnel matters 8:34pm
10. **Reconvene:** 9:06pm
  - a. *Motion made to give some of the Code Enforcement responsibilities (as outlined in Chief Schulz’s letter) to the Police Department after the first of the year by Dr. Merritt. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll Call Vote:*

<u>Dr. Merritt</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Mr. Bills</u>	<u>Nay</u>
<u>Mr. Johnson</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Mr. Bello</u>	<u>Nay</u>
<u>Mr. Lombardozi</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Mrs. Julius</u>	<u>Aye</u>

*Motion passes.*
11. **Borough Administration/Management:**
  - a. **Secretary/Treasurer** – T. Roseberry – Absent
    - i. Motion to approve the bills from 10/12/17 to 10/31/17 made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Dr. Merritt, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - b. **Public Works Supervisor** – R. Gross
    - i. Mr. Gross reported the dead tree in Ripley Park would be taken down on Monday.
    - ii. Mr. Gross reported the fence at the cemetery is complete.
    - iii. Mr. Gross reported the Borough Christmas lights were going up 11-9-17.

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- c. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – S. Briggs/F. Petrini: Activity Report, nothing else to report.
- d. Police Department – Activity Report
- e. Streets/Sewer Tech – F. Petrini  
Fred reported due to the recent big storm, we went over 2million+ gallons, but won't know full ramifications until we get statement.
- f. Fire Department – Not in attendance. Mr. Johnson & Mr. Lombardozzi met with Chief & President. Meet & Greet scheduled for 11-11-17. Mr. Johnson asked if we should get ECHO1, moving forward Steve is going to keep records.
- g. Emergency Management – G. Lombardozzi will be filling out the annual reports.
- h. Safety Committee – Mr. Gross reported the safety committee asked him to eliminate the far Northwest parking spot in the lot due to limited vision. Discussion on cars only, Mr. Lombardozzi said we should discuss next meeting. Mr. Johnson requested specifics be drawn up and go over it with the Chief. Nothing else to report.
12. Neighborhood Watch - Mrs. Lijewski reported a citizen was concerned about not being able to get information on possible child abduction at Hinkler Park, was told to have resident come to a council meeting. Mrs. Julius recommended Meghan's Law website.
13. Professional Services:
  - a. Engineering - M. Corey, P.E. – Absent. Nothing to report.
  - b. Legal - E. Betza, Esq. – Legal action is going to have to be taken to quiet title for the Dave Skelly easement. The owner has been identified, next is to file & serve the estate. No title was ever transferred to Wesleyville.
14. Borough Boards, Committees and Commissions:
  - a. Planning Commission – Nothing to report
  - b. Wesleyville Community Day - Mrs. Lijewski reported they had a productive meeting looking forward to becoming a 501c3. Currently looking for members to join the board and for volunteers. Trying to set up a shuttle service with EMTA, Next official meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Borough Hall.
15. Borough Council Department Chairs:
  - a. Refuse & Recycling Chair – Mr. Bello
    - i. Discussed a preliminary report that the grant monies will be approved for cans. Discussion/Concerns about Wesleyville picking up commercial garbage, would like to make a reverse option to opt out. Mr. Lombardozzi stated it is in Wesleyville ordinances. Mr. Johnson stated the ordinances needed changed and a committee should be formed so time isn't being taken out of the council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Johnson to take the dumpster away from The Alibi. Mr. Bills seconded the motion, discussion was to give them to the end of the year and Mr. Bello will take over a letter, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - b. Parks & Recreation Chair – Mrs. Julius reported fence is up at the cemetery. She would like to propose a trail can be put up at cemetery. Mr. Gross will put up camera & no trespassing signs. Mrs. Julius would like to get the cemetery into the national registrar. Mr. Lombardozzi suggested getting ahold of Harborcreek Historical Society, they just did one.
  - c. Public Improvement Chair – Mrs. Lombardozzi – Absent.
  - d. Finance Chair – Dr. Merritt – Nothing to report.
  - e. Streets, Sanitary/Storm Sewer Chair – Mr. Johnson. – Nothing to report.
16. Borough Officers:
  - a. Mayor – E. Rickrode . – Nothing to report.
  - b. Council Vice-President – P. Bills – Nothing to report.
  - c. Council President – G. Lombardozzi. – Nothing to report.
17. Good of the Order:
  - a. Budget Meeting: Wed., Nov. 15<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm, Borough Hall
  - b. Work Session Meeting: Wed., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm, Borough Hall CANCELLED
  - c. Budget Meeting: Wed., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Borough Hall
  - d. Budget Meeting: Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Borough Hall
18. Meeting Adjournment: 9:18pm

\* Amendments are in *italics* and underlined.

Amended Meeting Minutes Approved: Melissa Bigwood  
Secretary

Date: 3/29/18