

**REGULAR MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**BOROUGH HALL, 3421 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA 16510**  
**January 10, 2018 at 6:00pm**  
**APPROVED Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Merritt, Council President, 6:00pm
2. **Invocation:** Dr. Merritt, Council President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dr. Merritt, Council President
4. **Roll Call:** Ms. Bigwood, Secretary  
**Present:** Mr. Bills, Mayor; Dr. Merritt, Council President; Mr. Johnson, Council Vice-President; Mr. Betza, Esq., Solicitor; Councilors: Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Lijewski; Mr. Lombardozzi, Chief Schulz, Police Department; Mr. Gross, Public Works Supervisor; Mrs. Roseberry, Treasurer; Ms. Bigwood, Secretary; Mr. Briggs, Permits/Licenses/Zoning.  
**Absent:** Mr. Corey, Engineer; Ms. Silbaugh, Tax Collector; Mr. Petrini, Sewer/Street Tech
5. **Citizens to Address Council:**
  - a. Cecil Woodle, 2850 E. 28<sup>th</sup> St – Expressed discouragement of current winter service given by Public Works during tremendous snow fall
  - b. Mr. Chris Pietsch, 2402 Taggart Street – introduced himself and spoke of his intent for a Borough Council seat.
  - c. Mr. Bello spoke of his intent for a Borough Council seat.
  - d. Mr. Sonney introduced himself and his intent for a Borough Council seat.
6. **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda from Mrs. Julius, Mr. Johnson adding to make sure the Mr. Skelley fishing easement issue stays on the agenda, no further discussion, seconded by Mr. Lombardozzi, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
7. **Special Business:**
  - a. Review letters of interest for Council seats.
    - i. Mr. Lombardozzi made the motion for Mr. Pietsch to come on Council, seconded by Mr. Johnson, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
    - ii. Mr. Johnson made the motion for Mr. Sonney to come on Council, seconded by Mr. Lombardozzi, no further discussion, NOT a unanimous voice vote.  
Roll call vote:  
Dr. Merritt      Nay                      Mr. Johnson      Aye                      Mrs. Julius      Nay  
Mr. Lombardozzi      Aye                      Mrs. Lijewski      Nay  
No further discussion, motion does not carry.
    - iii. Mrs. Julius made the motion for Mr. Bello to come on Council, Dr. Merritt temporarily relinquished her role as president, the Vice President becomes acting President, Dr. Merritt seconded the motion and discussed she would like to see Mr. Bello continue to work on the projects he's already put effort towards, Mrs. Julius concurred, no further discussion, NOT unanimous voice vote.  
Roll call vote:  
Mrs. Julius      Aye                      Dr. Merritt      Aye  
Mr. Johnson      Nay                      Mr. Lombardozzi      Nay  
Mrs. Lijewski      Aye  
No further discussion, motion carries.
8. **Executive Session:** To discuss legal and/or personnel matters, 6:28pm
9. **Reconvene:** 7:16pm
  - a. Motion to deny Police grievance discussed in executive session made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Julius. Mr. Betza will issue a legal response within 5 days. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote.

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**10. Borough Administration/Management:**

- a. Treasurer – Mrs. Roseberry
  - i. Discussed current insurance claim for the new garage back gutter falling due to ice, a new claim would have to be put in for the front gutter falling down (fell during the meeting); also, another claim would have to be put in for an accident by a Borough Vehicle.
  - ii. No treasurers report or bills to approve at this time.
- b. Secretary – Ms. Bigwood
  - i. Discussed Council Members getting Borough emails for the website-first initial, dot, last name.
  - ii. Mr. Bello asked “the Borough produce the total number of garbage services that we have to service”. Dr. Merritt stated it would be worked on during the Treasurer/Secretary transition.
- c. Public Works Supervisor – Mr. Gross
  - i. Mr. Pietsch discussed an issue about the route the Borough snowplow trucks take and a Public Works employee who treated him rude. That was for later discussion per Mr. Lombardozzi & Dr. Merritt.
  - ii. Discussed next step in getting new truck for his department. Ms. Bigwood to send acknowledgement.
  - iii. Mr. Gross discussed the old Public Works flip-phone does not work properly at times and requested a new phone. Mr. Johnson made the motion to table this issue until information has been gathered by Ms. Bigwood from local cell phone businesses, MetroPCS & Cricket.
  - iv. Mr. Bello requested a copy of mileage for all the Borough vehicles for his assessments.
- d. Code Enforcement Licensing/Permits/Zoning Officer – S. Briggs/F. Petrini: Discussion on the Activity Report
- e. Police Department – Activity Report
- f. Streets/Sewer Tech – Mr. Petrini -- Absent
- g. Fire Department – Mr. Ball introduced himself as the new President and discussed if Council will be paying for EMT class, Pass or Fail. The vote passed, he will give Tina additional paperwork if necessary. He asked for something in writing from Council about the property price so they can work it into the price of the sale of the building. Mr. Betza stated that a meeting needs to be set up with the Fire Department & the Borough to determine an agreement of reimbursable property value (to the Borough) and secondary, that there is an access to that parcel. Dr. Merritt appointed Mr. Pietsch to meet with Mr. Ball regarding this issue.
- h. Emergency Management – Mr. Lombardozzi:
  - i. He will be providing a booklet on NIMS responsibilities for all Elected Officials to Council.
  - ii. Mr. Lombardozzi is the primary contact for the East Erie County Emergency Communications Center; Mrs. Roseberry is the alternate and will send information to DJ.
- i. Safety Committee – Mr. Gross , Nothing to report
- j. Neighborhood Watch – Mrs. Lijewski, Nothing to report.

**11. Professional Services:**

- a. Engineering – M. Corey, P.E., Absent
  - i. Mr. Johnson had a discussion with him, they are working on a \$300K grant for the sewers and will be meeting soon to finalize.
- b. Legal - E. Betza, Esq. -- Nothing to report

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**12. Borough Boards, Committees and Commissions:**

- a. Planning Commission – Not in attendance
  - i. Mr. Johnson & Dr. Merritt asked Ms. Bigwood to find out whom is currently assigned to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board (names on website) and contact them to find out why they aren't meeting and if they would like to continue and be reappointed.
  - ii. Wesleyville Community Day – Mrs. Lijewski stated their email is [wescomday@gmail.com](mailto:wescomday@gmail.com). Discussed the 501(C)3 was completed today, 1-10-18. Mr. Johnson said they are desperately looking for volunteers, they got the stage and The Groove is scheduled to play.

**13. Borough Council Department Chairs:** Dr. Merritt appointed the following Department Chairs:

- a. Refuse & Recycling Chair – Mr. Bello
  - i. The State has compensated for the delays, and raised the 90% reimbursing recycling only grant from \$250k to \$300k, deadline is April 9, 2018. Discussion on if the funding is in the budget, he asked the treasurer if the funds are available. Mr. Johnson suggested Mr. Bello, Mrs. Lijewski & Mrs. Roseberry get together to discuss and have something to report at the next meeting.
- b. Parks & Recreation Chair – Mrs. Julius
- c. Public Improvement Chair – Mr. Pietsch
- d. Finance Chair – Mrs. Lijewski
- e. Streets, Sanitary/Storm Sewer Chair – Mr. Johnson
  - i. Discussion on speeding up the meetings by putting two (2) or three (3) people on the garbage issues, then bring a report to the meeting to get the issues resolved (instead of discussing all the details at the time of the meeting) if not, bring that to the Council Meeting. (same with the other chairs if there is a need)
  - ii. Mr. Gross will be the alternate for the MPO.
- f. Public Safety Chair – Mr. Lombardozzi – Nothing to report.

**14. Borough Officers:**

- a. Mayor – Mr. Bills
  - i. Resident Mr. Woodle stated he couldn't get a hold of any Borough employees during the tremendous snow fall except Mr. Bills. Mr. Bills wanted it on the record that he had to get a hold of someone in order to get Mr. Bills cell phone number.
  - ii. He contacted PennDot about the misspelled Wesleyville sign on I90, they will replace it weather dependent.
  - iii. Working on grant (that opens in April) for a WPD bulletproof vest.
- b. Council President – Dr. Merritt – Nothing to report
- c. Council Vice-President – Mr. Johnson – wanted it for the record he approves giving residents his contact information and that past meeting minutes be caught up by the next meeting.

**15. Good of the Order:**

- a. Work Session Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 6:00pm, Borough Hall.
- b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 6:00pm, Borough Hall

**16. Meeting Adjournment:** Mrs. Lijewski made the motion at 8:14pm for meeting adjournment, seconded by Mrs. Julius, no further discussion, unanimous vote.

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Melissa Bigwood

Date: 2/15/18

Melissa Bigwood, Secretary