

REGULAR MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOROUGH HALL, 3421 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA 16510

August 10, 2016 at 7:00pm

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** G. Lombardozzi, President 7:00pm
2. **Invocation:** G. Lombardozzi, President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** G. Lombardozzi, President
4. **Roll Call:** Mr. Rickrode-Mayor, Mr. Lombardozzi-President; Mr. Bills, Mr. Crotty, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Merritt, Mr. St. Denny, Mr. Gross, Mr. Betza-Solicitor, Mr. Briggs-Code Enforcement, Mr. Petrini, Tina McCollum Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Briggs- Code Enforcement/Zoning,
Absent: Mrs. Lombardozzi, Mr. Corey-Engineer, Chief Schulz, Mrs. Silbaugh.
5. **Citizens to Address Council:**
 - a. Kerry Morton, 2825 Woodlawn Ave. - Wanted to make a complaint about skunks in the Borough. She was advised that she would need to have them professionally removed.
 - b. Fred Petrini 2415 Station Rd. – Wanted Council to look long and hard about all the ramifications of the garbage being turned over to Waste Management before voting.
 - c. Rose Varhola of 1810 Center St. – Made complaint about police officer response time and drug activity in the trailer park. Council recommended starting a Neighborhood Watch and also Mayor will talk to Chief Schulz about problem. also advised she could contact the P.S.P. Drug Task Force.
6. **Approve Agenda:** Added to Agenda: Mr. Johnson wanted Tax Relief for Buffalo Road discussion added to agenda. Mr. Bills also wanted COG meeting talked about. Mr. Bills made motion to approve agenda. Dr. Merritt seconded the motion to approve agenda. Motion carried Unanimously.
7. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Bills to approve meeting minutes from work session from 7/27/16. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimous voice vote. Motion passed.
8. **Special Business:**
 - a. Results of bid opening for Garbage services. One bid was from Waste Management the other was from Raccoon Refuse out of Mill Village. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. St. Denny, then tabled motion for the bids until the next meeting when everyone has time to look over all options thoroughly. Motion tabled.
 - b. Mr. Briggs presented list of sewers that were in need of repair by the Borough of Wesleyville. This list will be looked at in the future during budget time as a reference.
 - c. Mr. Rickrode presented a letter from Chief Schulz about the police radio repeater that went down and was temporarily fixed. We were given a loaner till we can purchase a new repeater. The total cost will be \$4,694. Half of the cost which is \$2,347.13 will be shared with Lawrence Park Twp. since we share radio frequencies and maintenance. Motion was made by Mr. St. Denny to approve this purchase and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimous voice vote. Motion passed.
9. **Borough Administration/Management**
Secretary/Treasurer – T. McCollum
 - a. Presented the bills from 8/10/16.
 - b. **Public Works Supervisor** – R. Gross, Discussed street sign spellings.
 - c. **Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer** – S. Briggs: Activity Report.
 - d. **Police Department** – Activity Report
 - e. **Streets/Sewer Tech** – Mr. Petrini discussed that residents do not fill out survey which is needed in order to apply for grants. Certain requirements must be met in order to qualify for grants.
 - f. **Fire Department** – Will be asked to send a report.
 - g. **Emergency Management** – G. Lombardozzi, putting together emergency management class.
 - h. **Safety Committee** – No quorum last meeting. They will look into changing the by-laws so a quorum can be met. Next meeting will be August 17, 2016 at 1:00pm. All Departments notified.
 - i. **Community Day** - It was discussed what the outcome of the Community Day was and Tina stated there is \$1.00 left in account to leave the account open for next year. Also discussed making it a non-profit so it will be eligible to apply for more grants.
10. **Professional Services:**
 - a. **Engineering** – Tina said Mr. Corey said the Pearl Ave. sanitary sewer project was on task and September will be when the road paving for McCormick would be started. He said the land

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- survey was done for Hinkler Park and he is now writing up the site plan for it to be presented to DCNR and we are all on track with the Hinkler Park grant.
- b. Legal - E. Betza, Esq. Stated we had a request for a public hearing from Country Fair to request permission to transfer a restaurant liquor license over from the City of Erie. This issue will be tabled till a later time. Discussed the tax relief program that Harborcreek is now doing. Mr. Betza reported that Time Warner refunded us over \$4,000 for overcharges from billing us for a residential account for quite some time unknowingly. We will now be working towards the same results from a similar Earthlink account.
11. Executive Session: To discuss personnel and legal issues - 8:24pm
12. Reconvene: 08:47pm
13. Borough Boards, Committees and Commissions:
- Wesleyville Community Day Committee: Nothing to report.
 - Planning Commission – Mr. Petrini said they had a meeting and Amy Murdock (Works for County Planning Commission) will be taking over the Planning Commission and they were unsure if they had a quorum because they were unsure of the by-laws. Mr. Bills then stated that the COG brought that issue up during their last meeting and stated they will gather info and let us know what the role of the Planning Commission is. They will have it in the fall sometime. It was discussed to start fresh in 2017 with our own by-laws. Fred Petrini, Dottie Hadlock, Cheryl Petrone, and also Paul Petonyak are members.
 - Zoning Hearing Board – Nothing
14. Borough Council Department Chairs:
- Refuse & Recycling Chair – Mr. Johnson discussed the need to get further financial figures from Tina for garbage before making a decision on getting rid of garbage or to go with Waste Management taking it over or not.
 - Parks & Recreation Chair – Mr. Crotty stated park improvements are postponed till next spring.
 - Public Improvement Chair – Mrs. Lombardozzi, absent
 - Finance Chair – Dr. Merritt- Discussed COG meeting, They can help us with some funding and some help with information for us with possible grants and initial startup for planning for some development of future plans.
 - Streets, Sanitary/Storm Sewer Chair – Mr. St. Denny stated that him and Mr. Gross will be surveying the streets for needed repairs for budget time. Thanked Mr. Petrini for taking his time to look at the thumb drive to watch the sewer camera work. Mr. Briggs stated WODA submitted plans to BIU for retirement home being made out of the old school and they would like to start before winter. Mr. Betza stated they will need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board to make a variance to continue.
15. Borough Officers:
- Mayor Rickrode stated the Chief will be making a decision by next week on which applicant is the best to fill the vacant police officer position.
 - Council Vice-President – P. Bills, nothing to report.
 - Council President – G. Lombardozzi, presented 3 comprehensive reports on grants to review.
16. Good of the Order:
- Work Session Meeting: Wed., August 24 @ 7:00pm, Borough Hall.
 - Regular Meeting: Wed., September 14 @ 7:00pm, Borough Hall
17. Meeting Adjournment: 9:45pm

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Lina McCollum

Date:

9/28/16