

**REGULAR MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**BOROUGH HALL, 3421 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA 16510**  
**September 14, 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:** T. McCollum, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Present:** Mr. Lombardozzi-President; Mr. Bills - Vice President, Councilors: Mr. Crotty, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Merritt, Mr. St. Denny, Mr. Rickrode, Mayor; Mr. Betza-Solicitor, Mr. Gross PWGS Supervisor, Ms. McCollum, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Briggs-Code Enforcement, Mr. Petrini, Mrs. Silbaugh.  
**Absent:** Mrs. Lombardozzi
5. **Citizens to Address Council:** (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen)
  - a. Mr. Burrows – 3408 Edison – asked if the Council in the past 2 years have passed any reforms to save the taxpayers money. Mr. Lombardozzi responded with examples of taxpayer savings. Mr. Betza reminded that everyone that this time is for public comment, Borough Council does not have to answer those questions as this is not a question and answer session. Discussion continued.
  - b. Guy Lombardozzi – 2111 Willow – On behalf of the Wesleyville Area Museum of Armed Forces Small Boats (WAMS) wanted to see if Council is ready to move forward to lease either of the areas known as the Butler Building or the Tennis Courts for the Museum to construct their building. Request was tabled until lease could be drawn up for either location.
  - c. Norma Renshaw – 2422 Taggart – Wondered why community service has not been utilized specifically individuals from Gateway to help in the Borough. Mr. Bills stated that Serve Erie has done several projects. Can look into for the Spring.
  - d. Fred Petrini - 2415 Station – Commented on the suggestion to get rid of garbage services and the implication of getting rid of the services.
  - e. Eric Baumann – 1808 Eastern – Unable to arrive until after 8pm, will discuss at that time.
6. **Approve Agenda:** Mr. Johnson requested to add the Neighborhood Watch Program, to be discussed under his section, Mr. Rickrode to add Ramps of Hope for discussion. Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. St. Denny, seconded by Mr. Bills, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
7. **Meeting Meetings:** Presented meeting minutes to be reviewed
8. **Special Business:**
  - a. Paul Rankin with Country Fair to address Council – Would like to be put on agenda in the near future to hold a Public Hearing regarding a liquor license for Country Fair. Motion by Mr. St. Denny, seconded by Mr. Bills to hold a public hearing regarding the liquor license, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries. Mr. Betza to have ad run to have Public Hearing on meeting on 10/12/16.
  - b. Mr. St. Denny – Discussed raising garbage rates a minimum of \$13. Motion made by Mr. St. Denny, seconded by Mr. Crotty, discussion as to why rate would be that amount. Roll call vote called for, Nay's 5, Aye 1, motion is defeated. Mr. St. Denny had to leave at 8:00pm
9. **Citizens to Address Council:** Continued (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen)
  - a. Eric Baumann – 1808 Eastern – At closing, Aug. 19, 2010, all past due amounts were paid for water, sewer, and garbage. Water was shut off on June 29, 2009, no sewer in the house. March 29, 2012 called the Borough office regarding the \$945.36 bill and was told it would be handled. It has not been handled. Mr. Betza to review and let Council know if to be forgiven.
10. **Special Business:** Continued
  - a. Mr. Briggs – Citizen complaints of washing muddy vehicles in streets. No ordinance that can be enforced.

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**11. Borough Administration/Management:**

a. Secretary/Treasurer – T. McCollum

- i. Present bills for approval
- ii. EWW billing department submitted a request to write off the converted sewer/garbage balances of \$1,753.88 and associated penalties of \$53.00. Property was repossessed on 6/18/14 then sold on 11/5/14. The older balances were unknown by all parties are they are unable to collect. Window of opportunity closed in 2014. Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Crotty to have Mr. Betza review the specifics of this and determine if amounts are uncollectable and then write off. Mr. Betza to write a memo, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
- iii. Requested to have the Secretary/Treasurer write a certified letter to property owner for 3018, 3020, & 3020a Buffalo Road to inform the owner that they will be charged for 2 Commercial sewer/garbage accounts and 6 residential sewer/garbage accounts. Motion made by Dr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Bills to send a certified letter to the owner of that property, no further discussion, motion carries.
- iv. Discuss Inter fund activity – Presented to Council the fact that monthly financial statements are unable to be completed until the issue of the inter fund activity is resolved by Council. Mr. Johnson requested to have 2 separate budgets prepared to include long term debt and have the amounts that waived. Tabled until budget meeting.
- v. Provide Unreconciled Profit & Loss for all 3 funds.
- vi. Today is the deadline for any articles for the newsletter, Lisa will have the draft copy ready for review for the 9/28 meeting for Council's approval.

b. Public Works Supervisor – R. Gross

- i. Reported that the blacktopping and spot patching has been completed. Mr. Corey's inspector will review.
- ii. Reported that Kevin Bello, the young man working on his Eagle Scout Project, is ready to go forward with his project with Hinkler Park. Motion made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Crotty to approve Rick to spend up to \$200 with the footer, if need be. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

c. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – S. Briggs: Activity Report – nothing to report

d. Police Department – Activity Report – Mr. Johnson questioned if a new officer is hired. Waiting for State Certification.

e. Streets/Sewer Tech – Mr. Petrini brought the proof of extra capacity.

f. Fire Department – Absent

g. Emergency Management – G. Lombardozzi – Fall Conference is coming up

h. Safety Committee – Meeting on 9/21

**12. Professional Services:**

a. Engineering - M. Corey, P.E. – Nothing to report

b. Legal - E. Betza, Esq. – Nothing to report

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

a. Wesleyville Community Days Committee: Met on 9/6, Wesleyville Community Day for 2017 will be held on June 17, 2017. Looking into the 501c status for non-profit organizations.

b. Planning Commission - cancelled

**14. Borough Council Department Chairs:**

a. Refuse & Recycling Chair – Mr. Johnson – Neighborhood watch meeting Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Representative from [www.NRO.org](http://www.NRO.org) Dave Deter

b. Parks & Recreation Chair – Mr. Crotty – nothing to report

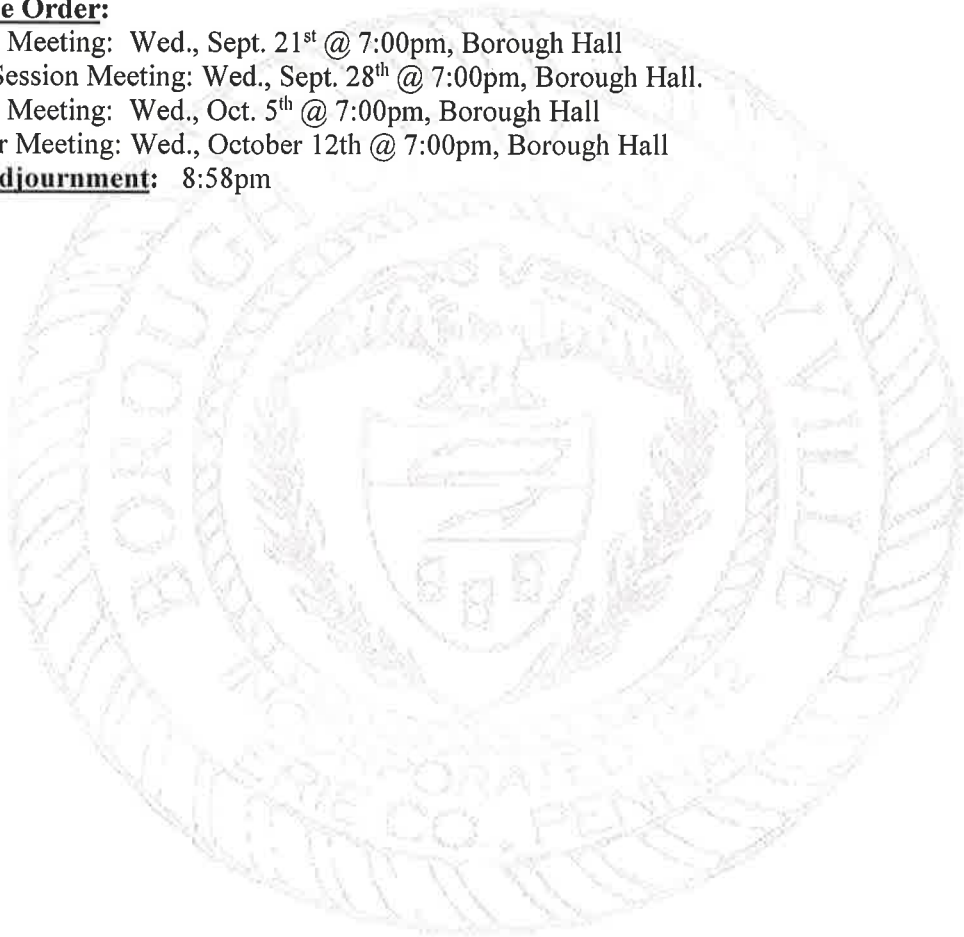
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- c. Public Improvement Chair – Mrs. Lombardozzi - absent
  - d. Finance Chair – Dr. Merritt – nothing to report
  - e. Streets, Sanitary/Storm Sewer Chair – Mr. St. Denny – left at 8:00pm
15. **Borough Officers:**
- a. Mayor – E. Rickrode – Ramps of Hope, having a problem with the permit to get ramps set up. Will not be able to continue to in Wesleyville if the permit expense is as high as it is. Mr. Briggs stated that the permit amount is \$25.00
  - b. Council Vice-President – P. Bills – Attended the COG Meeting here at the Borough Hall, there will be a Code and Zoning and Blight. Meeting will be on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Millcreek Municipal Building.
  - c. Council President – G. Lombardozzi - nothing to report
16. **Good of the Order:**
- a. Budget Meeting: Wed., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm, Borough Hall
  - b. Work Session Meeting: Wed., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm, Borough Hall.
  - c. Budget Meeting: Wed., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm, Borough Hall
  - d. Regular Meeting: Wed., October 12th @ 7:00pm, Borough Hall
17. **Meeting Adjournment:** 8:58pm



Meeting Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sina McCollum*

Date: 10/12/16