

COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie PA 16510

July 28, 2021 at 6:00pm

***** APPROVED MINUTES *****

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Lombardozzi, President 6:00pm
2. **Invocation:** Mr. Lombardozzi, President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Lombardozzi, President
4. **Roll Call:** Mrs. Roseberry, BOS/S/T
 - a. **Present:** Mr. Bills, Mayor; Mr. Lombardozzi, President; Mrs. Julius, Vice President; Solicitor Mr. Rhodes; Councilors: Mrs. Lijewski, Mr. Petrini, Mr. Silbaugh; Mrs. Roseberry.
 - b. **Absent:** Mr. Briggs; Mr. Pitonyak; Mr. Gross
5. **Close Work Session – 6:05pm**
6. **Open public hearing for Ordinance for Short term rentals.**
 - a. Discussion regarding the ordinance
7. **Close open public hearing – 6:08pm**
8. **Open Work Session**
9. **Citizens to Address Council: (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen)** All signed up citizens have been allotted 5 minutes to address Council, when the timer goes off, please be seated for the next citizen. Council will take all issues under advisement.
 - a. Daniel Gariepy – 3020 Buffalo Road #6 – Wanted Council to know that he is interested in helping out in any way possible by either joining a committee or anything that Council would need assistance in.
10. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mrs. Lijewski, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve 7/28/2021 agenda, no further discussion motion carries.
11. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from 7/11/2021 and 7/28/2021 to be approved after review on 8/11/21 meeting.
12. **New Business:**
 - a. Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve Ordinance for Short Term rentals. Will be registered into Residential Rental Program and will be inspected. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries
 - b. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Julius to approve bid from McCormick Construction for Memorial Park Asphalt Paving and accessible walkways project in the amount of \$92,938.00. Original anticipated bid was \$45,300 so an additional amount of \$47,638.00 will need to be allocated by the ARP grant. No further discussion. Roll call vote requested by Mr. Lombardozzi:
 - i. AYE: Mr. Petrini, Mrs. Julius, Mr. Lombardozzi, Mr. Silbaugh
 - ii. NAY: Mrs. Lijewski
 - iii. Ayes passed the motion 4 to 1 Motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Julius to approve opening a new account for the ARPA money received, not further discussion, motion carries
 - d. Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mrs. Lijewski to approve 2021 – 2022 Renewal for Commercial and Workers Comp insurance, which also includes the \$300 premium for \$250,000 for the Cyber protection. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote motion carries
13. **Executive Session: 6:29**
14. **Reconvene: 7:05**
15. **Motions from Executive session:**
 - a. Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mr. Petrini of the termination of Mike Nash and William Nash of Public Works employees, No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries
16. **Borough Council Department Chairs:**
 - a. **Mr. Petrini** – Spoke to Rick Gross regarding the sinkhole on Idlewood. Rick is going to get the backhoe bucket fixed and so when he can open that up and patch it. Mr. Petrini would also like to consider getting a sewer camera with the ARP grant money.

Also, he also received an estimate of the patch on the parking lot \$1,600 – nothing that needs action tonight as there were other issues he had noticed and we have not received any estimates from the Church as to how much they believe what their quotes will come in at. Mrs. Julius asked if the area on Idlewood will that be taken care of the Dukes. Mr.

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Petrini – in as far as finding whether there is infiltration because it is a short block and not many people live there but they will be part of the study but does not anticipate any I & I in that area but if the ground is sinking away and the one manhole on eastern end of it the railing the opening is small and the ladder is gone. Going to try to borrow or lease a camera or he will be coming to the garage to see if he can get it to work. This is the 2nd sinkhole on that block, there is a problem there but does not know what it is.

- b. **Mrs. Lijewski** reported that the ECAB picnic was at Hinkler Park and that there was one major complaint and it is and she had wished that Rick was here, He has to make sure that there are garbage bags in the dumpster or garbage receptacles because that was gross, whoever used it over the weekend their spilled mess was in there it was kind of embarrassing. She does not know why they are not using bags and put them back in. They need to rinse out the cans because it smelled.

I. Hoping to get the banner up for Wesleyville Community Day – Mr. Bills reported that it is up.

- c. **Mrs. Julius** reported that we are getting the Parks at Memorial taken care of, it's been a slow go but we are almost there. Asked Mrs. Lijewski that at the last meeting she had stated that she has insurance for the park and has she provided that to the office? Mrs. Lijewski replied, not yet that she had to submit a couple more things today. Mrs. Julius asked when we would be getting that and Mrs. Lijewski replied that it should be received after they resubmit it to her and that she should have it by end of the week. Has the same insurance company guy for the workers comp and that she could supply the quote but that isn't going to do any good. Mrs. Julius stated that at the last meeting Mrs. Lijewski stated that she had the insurance. Mrs. Lijewski said no she said she the bill and she just knows that it is completed. She is able to send what she has to Tina.

Had information for no smoking for all of the parks. All of the parks are usually smoke free anyway but was wondering if we shouldn't put smoke free area around the parks. Mrs. Julius will take care of those.

- d. **Mr. Petrini** – in the new Borough News, page 31, Legal implications of mandatory mental health evaluations for PA Police Officers, would like our solicitor to look through that at it because it states that basically we should have a procedure set in place for that. IF they are involved in stressful situations so if it could be looked into and come back with a procedure.

17. Borough Officers:

- a. **Mayor – Mr. Bills** – Has been thinking a lot about that Cares act money (ARP) the first pay out was 163,126 for 47,000 is going towards the paving to the park, which he is in favor of. But he believes that 6% of that to the Fire Department (10,000 donation). As far as the police car goes, still need this Police Car, \$43,000 for a police car the caveat is that you have to pay in 4 installments it is not a monthly bill so if you use 6% just under 10,000. And finally, there are seven states in the US that that mandate that all police officers to have body cameras, in PA only the state police are mandated, but there is going to come a time that every Police Officer is going to have to have a body camera, a lot of municipalities like Lawrence Park have already taken that step to do that, but it is an expensive deal it says in the Cares act that Authorities, which he is opinion that must mean Police, but is talking to Mr. Betza, who is setting up a meeting to be sure. So, they received quotes from body cameras just over \$39,000 which would outfit each Officer with there own camera and a back up camera, so there will be 8 cameras and it would be on a Cloud based system so the Officers do not have too and the end of their shifts spend an hour and a half uploading everything that they did, it is automatic as soon as the camera is docked, they can't share cameras you can't have one have each officer have their own card, has to be each officer has one, if someone is one or covering a shift, who is wearing it. He believes that this will protect our Officers as well as the community and protects everyone involved. Would like to see 6% go to the Fire Department, 6% go towards the first payment on the car and 23% go to the body cameras. That will still leave \$57,000 of the ARP money. With the next installment of ARP funds remainder of car has does have options for payments. Mr. Bills said that if anyone wanted to make a motion to any of the things he discussed, Mr. Lombardozzi said not until the money is in the bank, Mr. Bills said it was and that we could make a motion to make the donation to the Fire Department. Mr. Lombardozzi explained the he and Mr. Silbaugh have been working with them, there is not tactical leadership no fire chief of the fire department. Mrs. Julius asked what happened to the fire Chief, Mr. Lombardozzi explained that he resigned and quit the Fire Department. Right now, a Captain is the senior man of the Fire Department for Operations. Mr. Bills stated that he proposes to not give it to a person but to the department. Mr. Lombardozzi

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stated that the Department, he does not know if the Department that under the Charter of PA can exist without a Chief. Right now, you are saying that people that are helping us, right now if there was a structure fire or a house fire you would have no one in command. Audience member asked, what would happen if right now what would happen if my house caught on fire. Mr. Lombardozzi said the he would be there and Mr. Bills stated that there is a mutual aid agreement for all Fire Departments. How long do you have to wait for someone to respond? Instantly as all mutual aid fired departments. There was a fire on 7/28/2021 and the only fire department that did not show up was Wesleyville. Another audience member asked why is the captain already trained to at least to level so that he can step up. Unable to answer that regarding that individual. Right now, there is a Captain and 2 lieutenants. He is not against giving the donation to the Fire Department.

Mr. Bills wanted to give full disclosure about the cameras there is a cheaper version of the cameras, \$7,000, but the difference each individual officer would have to sit down upload all of the recordings and then have to buy a computer to hold all of the data it's not cloud bases. The more expensive one is what big city police are using and what the state police are using, Mr. Bills thinks that we should really look into this and it that is the case he believes that this imperative we should do something, because it is going to come down to where they say you have to do it and then we won't have the money and then we have to figure out something else.

Mr. Lombardozzi has spoken to officers at Lawrence Park and it has helped in deescalating a situation. Mrs. Julius asked the Mayor that you said that it was \$39,000 for the 8 if we could get another police Department to go in with us and buy more cameras would it be a cheaper, Mr. Bills said that unfortunately we are the only ones that don't have them. Discussion about the other Police Departments. Mr. Silbaugh asked does it have to be body cams for can it be car cams. Mr. Bills said that safety wise that is the way to go. Mrs. Lijewski gave a visual explanation of what the car cams would show.

Mr. Petrini requested that all of these items be written down because he is suggesting a bonus for each employee including the Police for this year coming out of the ARP. Because our people are not being paid that much, he would like to see an increase an hourly wage for next year. It sounds like a lot of money but it is getting eaten up quickly. Mr. Bills said that his fear is that once it becomes mandated it would be this cheap. This is the time to do something like this. Mr. Petrini agreed. Mrs. Lijewski in an email she received a grant. Mr. Bills said that there was a grant from 2 months ago that was not applied for. Mr. Petrini asked that if something could be put together for the entire amount of the money would like to see what is available. Mrs. Lijewski said that as far as the Fire Department goes, they can't do anything be give me 2 people for Wesleyville Community Day because of the date being changed and they can not do any fund raising. The Fire Department came to me and asked me the other meeting sometime ago, in the minutes it was recorded evidentially we agreed to help them buy a tire for the Fire Truck \$800. Mrs. Julius remembers discussing it and Mr. Lombardozzi said that they were supposed to supply us with a price and he would get ahold of someone to find out.

- b. Council President – Mr. Lombardozzi – Will be getting together a proposal for a generator.

Mr. Silbaugh – Everyone has been discussing their big-ticket price items that they would like with all this money and awhile ago I had brought up about the fire hydrant markers which were a total of \$1,400 and that pretty much got shot down because we did not have the money for that. Mr. Paul Pitoynak at one of the recent meetings said that he would pay for that. He provided money for everyone working in the Borough for a Christmas bonuses with all due respect this is not Paul Pitoynak-ville, this is Wesleyville. He believes that Wesleyville should be paying the \$1,400.00 for the markers for this Borough. Discussion continues regarding the fire hydrants markers and the quick connect washers.

18. Good of the Order:

- a. Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 6:00pm, at the Borough Hall
b. Next Work Session Meeting: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 6:00pm, at the Borough Hall

19. Meeting Adjournment: 7:45pm

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Lina Roseberry

Date:

8/11/2021