

WORK SESSION MEETING WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510

March 22, 2023 at 6:00PM

Approved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 PM, Mrs. Julius, President
2. **Invocation:** Mrs. Julius, President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Julius, President
4. **Roll Call:**
 - a. **Present:** Mrs. Julius, President; Mr. Petrini, Vice President; Councilors: Mr. Alfieri, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Wilder; Mr. Dyne, Borough Manager; Mrs. Foley, Office Clerk; Mrs. Horanic, Secretary/Treasurer.
 - b. **Not in attendance:** Mr. Johnson, Mayor; Mr. Pitonyak, Council Member; Mr. Silbaugh, Council Member.
5. **Citizens to address Council: No citizens to address council**
6. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve the March 22, 2023 agenda, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
7. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Petrini abstain. Unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Loader/Backhoe:** Mr. Dyne has informed the council that the borough was awarded a grant for a tractor in the amount of \$94,109.00 from DCED. Since time has passed from when the grant was applied for the price for the tractor has gone up. Mr. Dyne has worked all week with the sales rep and was able to get the correct tractor that the borough needs and the price down to \$99,000.00. The borough will now only have to come up with \$5,000.00 instead of \$50,000.00. The borough will also not have to build a ramp which in turn will save even more money. A brand-new backhoe will cost the borough about \$137,000.00 for a cheap one. Mr. Dyne believes that the borough does not need a brand new one. Mr. Dyne feels we could get away with a used one for about \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Mr. Dyne has been in contact with Tim from Harborcreek, who is getting a brand-new backhoe and they will give use first option to buy their used backhoe at a price we can afford. Harborcreek does preventative maintenance on their machines. Mr. Alfieri asked if the council needs to make a motion for the additional cost. Mrs. Julius said no at this point were still working on the grant so we don't need a motion at this point.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. 2021 Audit- Ryan Garofalo from Maloney, Reed, Scarpitti & Company, LLP discussed the 2021 audit with the council and answered any questions the council members had.
 - b. State Ethics Form
 - i. Council Members Mr. Alfieri and Mr. Wilder have provided the borough secretary with their state ethics form. Mr. Pitonyak is the only council member left that still needs to provide the secretary with his state ethics form.
 - c. In kind services for Community Day: Everyone received an email from Mr. Johnson saying the things he needs for Wesleyville Community Days from the borough is a dumpster, garbage cans, and barricades to block of North Street.
 - d. Handicap Parking 2211 Taggert

- i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Petrini to allow for four handicap parking signs on Taggart Street for handicap parking at 2211 Taggart Street, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

10. Executive Session: convened at 7:12 p.m. regarding personnel matters.

11. Reconvene: 7:32 PM. Following the reconvening of the regular meeting, Mr. Wilder motioned to hire David Mayo at a starting rate of \$14.00 an hour, Mr. Petrini seconded. Unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

12. Treasurer's Report:

13. Borough Manager

- a. Status of Grant Applications: The loader that was discussed about earlier in the meeting. Mr. Dyne did want to let the council know that Mrs. Horanic's hard drive crashed. It was still under warranty so it cost the borough under \$100.00. JDL was able to get it fixed in a reasonable time. Mr. Dyne wants to remind the council that the bucket truck is in bad shape and that we should look into buying a used one. Right now, the bucket truck is to only be used for emergency only.

14. Borough Council Department Chairs:

- a. Mr. Alfieri- Nothing to report
- b. Mr. Pitonyak – Not in attendance
- c. Mr. Silbaugh – Not in attendance
- d. Mr. Wilder- Nothing to report
- e. Mrs. Morrow- Received a letter from Mr. Corey about the Euclid Boulevard Reconstruction project about the grant we applied for and we were six and they only gave out five someone else didn't use their money so we asked for \$527,000.00 to pave from Station to Willow on Euclid and they have \$145,000.00 that we could take but we would have to pay the rest of it. Mr. Corey recommends that we don't do it. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Wilder to tell Emily that the Borough graciously decline the grant. Discussion, Mrs. Morrow asked if that gracious decline will come from the office. Mr. Dyne stated that yes it can. Nothing further, unanimous voice vote, motion carries. Personnel has not moved forward on anything yet. The plan is when Mr. Wilder is on leave, we will work the items that were asked of.

15. Borough Officers:

- a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson- Not in attendance
- b. Mrs. Julius Has updated us on the following.
 - i. Hometown Hero Banners: Last day is March 24, 2023. Mr. Johnson is still working on the final things from Verizon to get the other poles taken care of.
 - ii. Wesleyville Community Day: Mr. Johnson is trying to get donations. The price for the fireworks is about \$10,400.00 this year. The basket raffle is being taken care of by Denny's.
 - iii. Buffalo Road Revitalization: At this point Mrs. Julius does not believe there is anything new about this.
- c. Council President Mrs. Julius- There is a little library out in front of the borough hall. If there are any books for children or adult books you would like to put in there, please feel free. STMP program, we need to discuss our list of priorities. We need to come up with a list of the most important priorities.
- d. Council Vice President Mr. Petrini-. Nothing to report.
- e. Mr. Wilder left at 7:54 p.m.

16. Good of the Order:

- a. Next Council Meeting April 12, 2023 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
- b. Next Work Session Meeting April 26 2023 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.

Meeting Adjournment: 7:57 p.m.