

# COUNCIL MEETING WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510

October 11, 2023 at 6:00PM

\*\*Approved Meeting 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:** Mr. Johnson, Mayor; Mrs. Julius, President; Mr. Petrini, Vice President; Councilors: Mr. Alfieri, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Wilder; Chief Buzanowski, Police of Chief; Mrs. Horanic, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Betza, Solicitor; Mr. Jacobs, Borough Manager
  - b. **Not in attendance:** Mr. Pitonyak, Council Member
5. **Citizens to address Council:** There are no citizens to address council.
6. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve October 11, 2023, agenda, further discussion, **Mr. Jacobs:** Taylor informed us that she signed up for the PSAB conference. We weren't aware she was interested in going. She did already pay, so if we could talk about a possible reimbursement since we covered the rest of us? **Mr. Wilder:** Is she doing 3 days or 1 day? **Mr. Jacobs:** I don't know. **Mr. Julius:** We'll put that under (O.) in New Business. **Mayor Johnson:** We don't have Mr. Silbaugh resignation on the agenda. **Mrs. Julius:** Ya we'll put that under New Business as well. We will put this at the top of New Business. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
7. **Approve Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve the September 27, 2023, minutes, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. Quality of Life Ordinance- Motion made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Petrini to advertise the Quality-of-Life Ordinance, further discussion, Mr. Wilder: How long do we have to wait to vote on it to be passed? **Mr. Betza:** 7 days. Mr. Alfieri: Have we even talked about it at all? I just received a copy of it. We received a copy of this on the online portal. There are a few things that I feel need to be discussed. **Mr. Petrini:** We can TABLE this until the next meeting. **Mrs. Morrow:** Just kind of a little history, I don't remember the first time Fred brought it. **Mr. Petrini:** I brought it to the Chief of Police to go through and our code enforcement officer to decide what must be changed and such. So, there was a process and it's been on the agenda since then. So, waiting till the next meeting is not going to make too much difference. **Mayor Johnson:** If you see something get ahold of the Chief or Borough Manager so they can rewrite it and look at it. That way it'll be ready to go for the next meeting. **Mrs. Julius:** We will TABLE this until October 25, 2023. Mr. Petrini: One this I want to make a comment on, this has been used by the City of Erie.
  - b. Fire/EMS Issue- **Mr. Alfieri:** Marcus got to attend and listen to what the County is trying to pull as far as the EMS system. I think he learned a little last night. The County looks as though they are going to a County wide authority. Which will give them the legal authority to levy a fee on all residents of Erie County for EMS services. They are still in the planning/investigation stages of it. There is no plan as far as how the money will be distributed and what it will be used for. **Mr. Jacobs:** They

definitely did not present it very well. The overall structure and the outline of how its setup, they didn't touch on it thoroughly enough and I felt like everyone in the room was defensive about it. **Mr. Alfieri:** They will be having another welcome meeting at the public town hall in November and December. Well notify everybody if you are interested in attending.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Mr. Silbaugh resignation
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to accept Chuck Silbaugh resignation with regrets, further discussion, **Mr. Wilder:** I found him to be a great member of council, and that he cared deeply about everybody here. I'm sorry to see him go but I know he's checked out. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
  - ii. Mrs. Julius: We posted on the board for anybody interested. They had to write a letter of interest and we got one letter of interest and that was from Paul Bills and he is here tonight.
  - iii. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Petrini to accept Paul Bills application to be on Borough Council, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
  - iv. Mayor Johnson to swear in Paul Bills
- b. Fire/EMS Resolution
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Wilder to accept the Fire/EMS Resolution, Further discussion, **Mr. Alfieri:** The purpose of this resolution is when the EMS calls and the department for our area is out of service the Erie County 911 dispatcher will send the closest staffed appropriate ambulance to that call. This resolution will allow the East County EMS to be dispatched instead of the closest one which could be up to 20 minutes away, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- c. Reimbursement Approval for Marcus
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Petrini to reimburse Marcus Jacobs for business cards in the amount of \$29.00, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
  - ii. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Wilder to reimburse Marcus Jacobs in the amount of \$137.78 for the purchase of the phone, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
  - iii. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve Marcus Jacobs to purchase a new work phone no more than \$150.00, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- d. Wesleyville.gov Approval (Email and Website)
  - i. Mr. Jacobs: We were approved by the federal government the .gov agency. What I am asking here is that you would all approve of this change. Our new website will be Wesleyville.gov our emails will also change. No motion needs to be made.
- e. Uniform Allowance Increase - PW Team
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve \$800.00 for clothes for the Streets Department for just this year, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- f. Approve Overtime – Open House – PW Team

- i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve 2 hours of overtime for the Open House, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- g. Mutual Comprehensive Plan – Lawrence Park
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Petrini to look into a comprehensive plan drawn up between Lawrence Park and Wesleyville, further discussion, Mr. Petrini: If we go into this agreement is there a cost? Mayor Johnson: There is no cost currently. It's basically just to get us started to see if we were interested in doing it. Once they get both communities to say they are interested in doing it more details will come. This is just saying we want to look into it. Mr. Jacobs: There are county level resources available to help us do a comprehensive plan like this. Our cause to get those county level resources is stronger when we're making it mutually with Lawrence Park. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- h. Explore Consolidation of Police Dept. - Lawrence Park
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Petrini to say we are interested in exploring consolidating the Police Department with Lawrence Park, further discussion, Mr. Wilder: What does the Chief think about this? Chief Buzanowski: I'm all about seeing what is going to bring. If it's more beneficial than it's something, we can look at. Mr. Petrini: Last time as I recall it was going to cost us a lot more because of what the Lawrence Park officers were receiving for payment. Of course, they had GE at that time footing the bill. Now that it's Webtec they have diminished in size torn down a lot of buildings, Lawrence Park is starting to feel the pinch. Mayor Johnson: This has nothing to do with our police department. This is a study for the taxpayers to see if there's any savings. No further discussion, roll call vote: Mr. Wilder: AYE; Mr. Petrini: AYE; Mrs. Julius: AYE; Mr. Alfieri: AYE, Mrs. Morrow: AYE; Mr. Bills: NAY. The AYE's have it. Motion carried.
- i. Part time PW Position – Garbage Collection
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to hire a part-time public works position, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- j. Community Contribution Guide
  - i. **Mr. Jacobs:** A lot of residents are aware of what these things are, the zoning hearing board, planning committee, all this stuff. So, I started putting together this guide that gives a discretion of what it is and rules and responsibilities. I just put together everything I found online. I am going to need as many eyes on this as possible. If everyone could just look this over and let me know. Once everything is together and there is a draft I can start promoting and put it on the website and hopefully get more people involved.
- k. Borough Kitchen Budget
  - i. Mr. Jacobs: The kitchen is empty now except the fridge. Looking ahead I've been getting a bunch of quotes and trying to make it all work with the budget. A couple of things I want to bring to your attention that I am a little nervous of. The equipment and stuff seem to be coming in right around what we anticipated about \$15,000.00 there's a little wiggle room in there. But the trades are killing us. As we have been talking with BIU, we have to get a floor drain which we do not have one. We must have the three-bin sink go to a grease trap. We must have a

vacuum brake for the sink. So, plumbing has gone way up. If you look at the bottom where the budget is remaining, we still come in with about \$1,700.00.

- l. Borough Kitchen – Items for Sale
  - i. TABLED
- m. Erie County Signing Region Trust – Designated Representative
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve Marcus Jacobs, the designated representative for Erie County Signing Region Trust, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- n. Stop Sign at Euclid and Bird Drive
  - i. Mr. Jacobs: Couple weeks before started someone had got into a motorcycle accident and passed away and it was speed related. I was looking at this intersection and trying to come up with ways to help. I spoke with traffic engineer with the City of Erie and our engineer, pretty much what I got is even though it is our road you cannot just throw up a stop sign. We need to do a traffic study. When I was talking with them on the phone, they said you don't add a stop sign to slow people down. So a traffic study will need to be done.
- o. Reimbursement for Taylor Foley
  - i. Motion made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Alfieri to reimburse Taylor Foley for the PSAB conference, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

**10. Executive Session:** convened at 7:47 PM

**11. Mr. Alfieri** left the meeting at 8:46 PM

**12. Reconvene:** 8:47 PM

**13. Treasures Report:**

- a. Motion made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve the September 2023 check detail, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve the September 2023 bank transfer, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

**14. Borough Manager:** Mr. Jacobs: One thing I do want to ask is Savvy Citizens, is this something we can offer to Lawrence Park since we already have it, and we use it. We can post on behalf of Lawrence Park.

**15. Borough Council Department Chairs:**

- a. Mr. Alfieri- Not in attendance
- b. Mr. Pitonyak – Not in attendance
- c. Mr. Bills- Asking about the sign out front of the borough building. Mr. Jacobs: We got a quote and paid for it through Bush's they are just waiting on the part.
- d. Mr. Wilder- Nothing to report.
- e. Mrs. Morrow- Council members should have received a draft of the borough manager review. We will be doing that since he works for us as the borough council members. This is just a draft. If you have suggestions, please submit them to me. My goal is next week to get you a hardcopy so you can fill that out. Return it directly to a member of the personnel committee in a sealed envelope because they are confidential.

**16. Borough Officers:**

- a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson- Nothing to report.
- b. Council President Mrs. Julius- The Wesleyville Fire Department will start working by training with Lawrence Park hopefully that will get them better training for the fire departments needs and wants. I have offered services for recruitment.

c. Council Vice President Mr. Petrini- Nothing to report

**17. Good of the Order:**

- a. Next Budget Meeting October 18, 2023, 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
- b. Next Work Session Meeting October 25, 2023, 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
- c. Next Council Meeting November 8, 2023, 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM, unanimous voice vote, motion carried.

