

COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH HALL, 3421 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA 16510-1813

November 18, 2020 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:**

Present: Mr. Bills, Mayor; Mr. Lombardozzi, Council President; Mrs. Julius, Council Vice President; Mr. Betza, Solicitor;
Councilors: Mr. Briggs; Mrs. Lijewski; Mr. Petrini; Mr. Silbaugh
Absent: Councilor: Mr. Pitoynak
5. **Citizens to Address Council:**
 - 1) Justine Stewart – 2905 Woodlawn Avenue – Speak regarding a community Facebook page overseen by the Borough, and that there are 2 members of Council listed as admins and that it needs monitored. Things being put on the Facebook are inappropriate and a few weeks ago a conversation regarding child abuse for an individual who stated that if the children keep coming on her property, she is going to handle it herself and beat them with a belt. Mr. Bills stated that it was taken down. Ms. Stewart believes that the Facebook page should be monitored better so that does not happen again because it is a representation of the Borough. There was a lot of backlash from a specific Council member, which was not worth getting into, but the behavior was ignorant. Council is a representative for the community and voted in and would hope that decisions made are in the best interest of the community.
 - i. Larry Owens Sr. 2227 Eastern Avenue – Was at the last Council meeting in reference to a parking ticket to the caregiver who is elderly and cannot care for herself. At the last meeting it was brought up about the proper notification of the odd/even parking and/or grace period of at least one day after the proper notification to observe the odd/even parking ordinance. Mr. Owens stated that the official statement that odd/even parking is in effect as of October 15, 2020 and the previous notice was of it being suspended was on March 20, 2020 due to the Red Phase of COVID 19, that stated until further notice. Letter also states that the odd/even parking has been on the LED sign and the Borough Facebook page. He was also told by Mrs. Lijewski that there was no suspension in force and Mr. Briggs stated that what did he want the Borough to do, send a notification to each Borough resident, which he responded no because that would not be feasible. But in light of suspension, by the time it takes to write a ticket, get out of the Police Cruiser and put it on the windshield would be comparable to the cost and less time if the Borough Council had been proactive and printed proper notification and suggested that an 8 ½ by 11 sheets of paper could be folded into 3 sections and sent out. He was also told that the Chief of Police would have the discretion to void a ticket and Mr. Owens spoke to Chief Schulz and Chief stated that he does not have the authority to do so. In light of these developments, Mr. Owens is requesting that every vehicle that was ticketed on October 16th be reimbursed the cost of the ticket.
6. **Code Enforcement/PD Activity Report:** Officer Hawryliw reported on Code Enforcement activities. Reported that Hey Jay's has moved out and all of the issues are being followed up. Police activity report presented.
7. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mrs. Lijewski, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve 11/18/2020 agenda. No further discussion, motion carries.
8. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** No meeting minutes available to be presented at this time, working to get those meeting minutes completed.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Request has been made that the Borough paid life insurance be upgrade to \$50,000 from \$40,000. Difference between the policies is \$360.00/year. Mr. Bills asked the reason for the increase, Mrs. Lijewski stated that the negating committee with the Full Time Police Department Contract proposal. Mr. Betza stated that the issue that has been discussed was that it had not been adjusted in many years. Motion made by Mrs. Lijewski, seconded by Mrs. Julius, not further discussion, motion carries.
10. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Briggs to approve check detail for October 2020, Mr. Petrini questioned payment for employee dependent health, dental and vision deduction. Mr. Petrini questioned the

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local/long distance for the Police Department which service is provided by Verizon, no further discussion, motion carries.

- b. Activity report
- 11. **PWGS:** Activity report
- 12. **Sewer/Zoning/Permit:** Activity report
- 13. **Wesleyville Hose Company** – Activity report – Mr. Lombardozzi requested the # people in the department/
- 14. **Executive Session:** 6:23pm
- 15. **Reconvene:** 7:23pm
 - a. Motions to address from Executive Session
- 16. **Borough Council Department Chairs:**
 - a. Mr. Briggs – nothing to report
 - b. Mr. Petrini – asked if the meetings go with Zoom the citizens have the right to speak. Mr. Betza explained that citizens can attend by phone or virtual meeting. The rule to be followed is that you mute your phone and/or computer so background noise is minimal.
 - c. Mrs. Lijewski – Completed calendar project is completed. Will email to Mrs. Roseberry to be reviewed and be able to be handed out.
 - d. Mr. Silbaugh – nothing to report.
- 17. **Borough Officers:**
 - a. Mayor – Mr. Bills – left at 7:15pm
 - b. Council President – Mr. Lombardozzi – nothing to report
 - c. Council Vice President – Mrs. Julius – nothing to report
- 18. **Good of the Order:**
 - a. Next Budget Meeting: Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020, 6:00pm, Borough Hall.
 - b. Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, December 9th, 2020, 6:00pm, Borough Hall.
- 19. Mr. Owens requested to speak. Wanted to know if there would be any action to his concern, he spoke about the parking tickets. Mr. Lombardozzi explained that the Mayor will speak to the Chief. Mr. Owens stated that there 15 tickets issued on Oct. 15th and 17 on Oct. 16th
- 20. **Meeting Adjournment:** 7:38pm

Meeting Minutes Approved:



Borough Secretary

Date: 12/23/2020