

COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH HALL, 3421 BUFFALO ROAD, ERIE, PA 16510
September 9, 2020 at 6:00pm
***** APPROVED MINUTES *****

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Lombardozzi, President
2. **Invocation:** Mr. Lombardozzi, President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Lombardozzi, President
4. **Roll Call:** Mrs. Roseberry, BOS/S/T
5. **Citizens to Address Council:** (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen)
 - a. Jennifer Hibert Altimus – 3403 Fremont Street – discussed various topics regarding multiple issues and will be coming to future meetings.
 - b. William Wittenberg – 2714 Edison Avenue – Stated that there has been a lot of posting on Neighborhood Watch Facebook regarding Halloween. Mr. Lombardozzi explained that motion has been previously made to go on in perpetuity if it will be held it will be held on October 31st. Will discuss, because of COVID what decision will be made at October 14th meeting.
Question regarding the 2019 – 2020 – 2021 Budget outlook. Has heard many comments (side comments) about the Budget being way down. What has happened thus far for the 2020-2021 outlook pro and cons why is it so dire. Brought up about renting the Borough Hall and Hinkler Park. Sees that the PD Officers contract is coming up and the public has the right to know if there is a concern regarding the 2020 Budget.
2003-2004 Erie County Ordinance regarding housing, when the Borough adopted it included each community needs to provide all types of housing, mobile home parks, student housing, rentals and private homes.
 - c. Michael Nesgoda – Requested that Council consider having Halloween especially since all other activities have been canceled due to COVID.
6. **PD Code Enforcement/PD Activity Report:** Officer Hawryliw to report Code Enforcement//Activity Report
Officer Hawryliw regarding Code Enforcement reported that there have been 204 citations and 18 are open. Still have some issues open when Steve was here.
Questions asked Officer Hawryliw regarding Code Enforcement:
 - Mr. Petrini asked about property at Station & Buffalo Road, CJ Corvettes and exterior property. Officer Hawryliw reported that he has been in contact with late owner's daughter and does not live in the area will draft a letter to discuss the status of the property.
 - Mrs. Lijewski questioned about complaints regarding 24 Rena Drive running a business out of the home. Officer Hawryliw explained that there is nothing he is able to do regarding the business issue. And that the vehicles are registered.
On DeNicola – that resident is on the west side of road has taken up scrapping. Officer Hawryliw will look into it.
 - Mr. Briggs stated that he had a Police question. Car parked on Taggart is about 10 feet away from the stop sign and almost all the way passed the no parking here sign. Officer Hawryliw said that would be considered a Code question so he will look into it.
 - Mr. Petrini questioned that 2 houses from his residence has an issue with the roof, Officer Hawryliw stated that they have been tagged and it close to the 30 days and then they will receive a letter.
7. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mrs. Lijewski to approve 9/9/2020 agenda, Mr. Petrini questioned that the EACOG audited Financial Statements are from 2018 – 2019 no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
8. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mrs. Lijewski, seconded by Mrs. Julius to approve 8/12/2020 and 8/17/2020 draft meeting minutes, no discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Resolution for Judicial Tax Sale presented. Mrs. Lijewski asked if there was information regarding this. Mr. Betza stated that the County of Erie bids out services for properties more than 2 years. The bid has been awarded to McDonald, Illig, Jones and Britton to service as our Council for the sale and therefore get them back on the tax rolls. Motion by Mrs. Lijewski, seconded by Mr. Briggs, Mr. Petrini questioned if these properties could go into the Land Bank, Mr. Betza explained that the Municipality has the power to take property, a Land Bank does not have that same power, the property has to be donated. It is conceivable that the Land Bank could approach to have the property

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donated but that removes the property off the tax rolls. Mr. Wittenberg spoke from the audience that this is only a resolution to hire the lawyer, it has nothing to do with any individual to collect the property and that the lists of delinquent properties are still being received, Mr. Betza stated that the sale is going to happen and the of delinquent properties is out there. Mr. Wittenberg stated is so it will get sold no matter what we say or not. Mr. Betza said that you can object but you have to have a legal basis to object. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries

- b. Resolution regarding Erie Area Council of Governments 2018 - 2019 Financial Statements. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Briggs, questioned who the COG representative, Mrs. Julius is the member and Mrs. Roseberry is the alternate, although there have not been meetings because of COVID. Ms. Altimus spoke from the audience regarding the Budget and why everything is a negative and is that because we were not paid for taxes and why are we are not collecting these taxes. Mr. Lombardozzi stated that this is not part of this motion and we will get to the finance part of the agenda. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
- c. Mr. Petrini – addressed the sidewalks on Borough property and liability associated with them and questioned Mr. Betza if that was the case, to which he agreed. Mr. Petrini stated that even though the Budget is very tight, we need to move to repair / quotes. Mrs. Lijewski, Public Improvement Chair this would fall under that lane. The down spouts need repaired, and vent outside and that the public Works can handle the stairs. Had a contractor come in and review everything and it's not going to be a cheap date. Explained that areas that are specific areas, included the ADA parking is unable to be used. Ms. Altimus spoke from the audience and said that since we have that company here couldn't we have them come here and dump their extra, Mr. Lombardozzi explained that they do not concrete only asphalt and that estimates.
- d. Mr. Dyne presenting Wendy Hart – 3411 Buffalo Road letter of explanation – Information purposes only. Verification of change of status from 4 apartments to 2 apartments and changing Sewer and Garbage Billing.
- e. Mrs. Lijewski – Halloween - Trick or Treat – TABLED for October 14th meeting.

10. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Julius to approve check detail for August 2020, no further discussion, Mr. Lombardozzi stated that he minus and plus are from working documents and are not finalized and will take until the last quarter of the year due to additional funds incoming. Mr. Petrini stated that there is a motion on the floor and that he would like to talk, on page 5 of 10 check #6171 Joseph McCormick blacktop for sink hole on Idlewood \$108.54 would like to give the Streets department accolades for the work that was done, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
- b. Request to Lower flag to half-mast – put on all social media Patriots Day in remembrance of 9/11. Mr. Lombardozzi referred to Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Betza, to which Mr. Betza believes there is. It was determined that the decision is made by Governor. At this time the flag will not be lowered but a message of remembrance will be placed on the LED sign, Facebook page and the Website.
- c. Tax Collector, Marlene Silbaugh, request for payment of \$260.80 yearly for Erie Times News delivery to keep track of resident changes/realty changes. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Julius, Mr. Petrini asked if this is something done every year. Mr. Briggs asked why & it can't be done on the website. Mr. Petrini asked if there was information in the newspaper, Mrs. Lijewski said that the Erie County website could be accessed for the information at no charge. Motion withdrawn TABLED for October 14th meeting.
- d. There is a scheduled planned outage from Penelec to made improvements to the Wesleyville substation on Monday, September 14th from 8am to 1pm and an alternate date of September 15th same time frame. This notification is only for the Borough properties. The main issue is the Police Department is the internet, fax, phone and computer. Mr. Gross has 2 generator and Mr. Lombardozzi said that there should be enough to generate the power. Mr. Gross will look into what and how it is powered. May have to have an electrician. Mr. Wittenberg spoke from the audience and stated that there is a process called call forwarding and normally the user of the phone can do this. Stated that the PD could forward the fax number to Lawrence Park fax, who will have power, and then Lawrence PD could call our PD and tell them that they have a fax come and get it, and that is seems to be the least intrusive way of doing it. Mr. Lombardozzi requested that Mrs. Roseberry to contact an electrician and Mr.

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Lombardozzi will contact Dale Robinson with the emergency call center and see if there is a generator that is available. Ms. Altimus spoke from the audience with a future suggestion and asked if the Borough owns the Municipal building in the office and have, we looked into solar paneling for the building.

11. **Sewer/Zoning/Permit:** Activity report
12. **Wesleyville Hose Company** – Activity report
13. **Executive Session:** 6:49pm
14. **Reconvene:** 7:50pm – Motions to address from Executive Session
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15. **PWGS:** Mr. Petrini stated that Mr. Lombardozzi skipped over Mr. Gross's section.
 - a. Stated that Sewer project is completed. Has not had time to look at street cuts and road work has put a damper on the Garbage services but things are improving. There has been wind damage this weekend some small trees limbs that have fallen by the Butler Building and hit someone's shed but it is on their property and will clean the area.
16. **Motions to be addressed from Executive Session:**
 - a. Motion made by Mrs. Lijewski to fill the full-time position at the rate of \$10.50/hour with Jason Bronson, seconded by Mrs. Julius, any discussion on the vote, roll call vote:
Aye: Mrs. Lijewski, Mrs. Julius, Mr. Lombardozzi, Mr. Petrini
Nay: Mr. Briggs
The Ayes have it, motion carries
 - b. Motion made by Mrs. Lijewski to hire Shawn Garver, Sr for PWGS at the rate of \$12.00/hour because he has his CDL class B up to 32 hours a week. Mr. Petrini, roll call vote:
Aye: Mrs. Lijewski, Mr. Petrini, Mr. Lombardozzi, Mrs. Julius, Mr. Briggs
The Ayes have it, motion carries.
17. **Borough Council Department Chairs:**
 - a. Mr. Briggs – Rick Gross has not been receiving a copy of the agenda prior to the meeting which is important he gets. It is import so that he can prepare for any information necessary for the meeting.
 - b. Mr. Briggs had called the Borough phone number and the phone message only lists Rick's cell phone number, not Tina or Craig's since the Borough purchased the phones, but there should have hours listed. Rick stated that he usually gets emergency calls but he is getting phone calls at 8 or 9pm and on Saturday and Sunday. The police department will contact Rick if there is an emergency. Mr. Bills stated that Rick's cell phone number should be removed and Rick stated that the office can hand out his business cards
 - c. Main message – if no extension is pressed then a new message will continue onto another old message. Will verify and correct.
18. Mr. Petrini - questioned if the Unreconciled Reports need to be approved at each meeting – they are for Informational purposes only
 - a. Will begin to work on the Budget – if anyone has any Budget requests it must be justified because of the current Budget/income vs expense for 2020
19. Mrs. Lijewski – Sidenote on sidewalk items – he (Mr. Fisk) is going to do it in chunks in pieces. Clarification – going to work up quotes for sidewalk items. Rick Gross will also look into obtaining RFP.
20. Mrs. Julius – Still working on Memorial Park, things are moving along.
21. **Borough Officers:**
 - a. Mayor – Mr. Bills – Recycling night – when they are dumping the cans are placed in the middle of the driveway. Rick Gross questioned if the recycling can is picked up from the middle of the driveway, Mr. Bills stated that they are put in the grass. Mr. Gross will correct it.
 - b. Council President – Mr. Lombardozzi – nothing to address
 - c. Council Vice President – Mrs. Julius – nothing to address
22. **Good of the Order:**
 - a. Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:00pm, Borough Hall - CANCELED
 - b. Next Work Session Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 6:00pm, Borough Hall.

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- c. Mrs. Julius questioned when will the Budget session will begin, Mr. Lombardozi stated that they will be on Wednesdays
- d. Mr. Betza confirmed that we do not adjust flag height unless there is a local municipal flag that can be adjusted. The Governor, Legislature, President and Congress decide if we raise or lower the flag State or Federal.

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Lina Roseberry
Borough Secretary

Date: 12/23/2020