

COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

HELD BY ZOOM

February 10, 2021 at 6:00pm

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

1. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Julius, Vice President
2. **Invocation:** Mrs. Julius, Vice President
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Julius, Vice President
4. **Roll Call: This meeting is held by Zoom and is audio and Video recorded** Mrs. Roseberry, BOS/S/T
Present: Mrs. Julius, Vice President; Mr. Betza, Solicitor; Councilors: Mr. Briggs; Mrs. Lijewski; Mr. Petrini; Mr. Pitonyak; Mr. Silbaugh. Mayor Bills, joined at approximately 6:10. Mr. Lombardozzi, Council President arrived approximately 6:40pm
Absent:
5. **Citizens to Address Council:** (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen) N/A
6. **PD Code Enforcement/PD Activity Report:** Activity report was turned in approximately 3pm on 2/10/2021
7. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve 2/10/2021 agenda, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
8. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve 1/13/2021 draft meeting minutes, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Mr. Briggs – Tabled Zoning permits
 - b. Mr. Briggs – Tabled IPMC vehicles amendment to IPMS would like it to state “the vehicle does not display a current license plate or a valid inspection decal” – will distribute to Council members for the next meeting.
 - c. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Silbaugh to sell the Crown Vic, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries. Mr. Gross should prepare the vehicle for auction.
10. **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - a. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve Check Detail for January 2021. Questions regarding checks for NSB Commercial loan it looks like 2 identical payments. Explained that the payments made are by ACH from the Bank account to the loan account. That bill is for the roll off truck and duplicate payments have been made since the beginning of the loan. Mr. Petrini asked question regarding 2 different checks with identical amounts, invoice given by Mr. Gross, the 1st was for all of the Public works for safety vests and gloves and the second check was for Mr. Gross’s clothing allowance. Mr. Silbaugh questioned about the duplicate payment is this something that is done every month, which the answer is yes – it has been duplicated since the beginning of the loan to pay the loan down quicker. Mr. Silbaugh had asked how long this has been going on, and it was determined to be 2 to 3 years. How many years loan was this, which was responded that Mrs. Roseberry thought that it was 5 and that for information like this, respectfully asked if this type of information is needed to please ask before the meeting to the accurate information can be presented. Mr. Petrini stated that in doing the payment this way the Borough ends up saving money. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
 - b. Activity report – Questioned the Grant Account which has 22,046.79 in it and what was it for. It was explained that it is the match amount for Memorial Park which is required for the DCNR grant.
11. **PWGS:** Activity report – Mr. Petrini brought up that Mr. Gross has been receiving calls from residents complaining about the trucks snow plowing their driveways and that they are putting the snow back onto the street. Mr. Petrini stated the Police Department should be notified because that is in violation of the traffic code. If the resident continues to do that they could be subjected to a fine if they continue.
 - a. Questioned if the full-time position in Public Works and if the position profiles have been updated. Mr. Julius stated that the Personnel Committee has met and the updated the position profiles. Mrs. Lijewski stated that there are issues.
 - b. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Briggs not to fill the full-time temporary position until the position profiles have been reviewed by council. Unanimous voice vote, no further discussion, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Silbaugh to sell the Crown Vic at auction as soon as possible.
12. **Sewer/Zoning/Permit:** Activity report

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13. **Wesleyville Hose Company** – Activity report – email received by the Hose Company Chief. There is still an issue with the Hose Company is not responding to calls. Review of 90-day probationary period is upcoming.
14. **Borough Council Department Chairs:**
- a. Mrs. Lijewski requested that everyone should mute.
 - Erie County Association of Boroughs is requesting that it is tried again for Wesleyville to attempt to host the annual picnic at Hinkler Park in July or August and is that something that would be able to be done this year. Mrs. Julius stated that the new picnic tables should arrive sometime in March or April should hopefully be open as long as COVID allows it. Mrs. Lijewski stated that she would give them a go for it.
 - Wesleyville Community Day still weighing if there would be an actual activity and it would be scaled back for evening and for the fireworks display not all day. Mr. Lombardoizzi stated that it would be dependent on the COVID situation. Mrs. Lijewski stated that it could be late afternoon for dinner time and music and then the fireworks.
 - b. Mr. Petrini brought up the request by Mrs. Roseberry to bring in her pet that is being registered as an ESA with 3 separate options. #1 bring the pet in, #2 work from home until approximately 1 to 1:30 then come into office or #3 take time off. Mr. Petrini felt that options #2 and 3 would put a strain on having Craig in the office by himself. The request would be for 4 to 6 weeks. Discussion by Council and Mr. Betza was requested his opinion, which was that there is no legal prohibition for having the pet come in. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Lijewski to bring in pet on March 1st and will be revisited at the March 10th meeting to see if there are any issues. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
 - c. Mr. Petrini brought up that his neighbor had a burglary in his garage and he believed that there was a Neighborhood Watch and wondered if there was anything posted about crimes within the Borough and if it was posted and that someone could see it and report it. Mrs. Lijewski stated that the Neighborhood Watch Facebook page that is updated regularly. Mr. Petrini wanted to make others aware and thought that perhaps the Police Department could have a Facebook page to let people be aware. Mr. Betza stated that as private individuals can post whatever they want and the Neighborhood Watch also has the ability to post what they want within the scope of the Neighborhood Watch Council, however having the Police Department posting information Mr. Betza suggested that Mr. Petrini would raise the issue with the Police Chief and the Mayor. There is no legal prohibition of Police Department of announcing reports of theft or pending investigations of criminal activity and typically that is the decision of the Police Chief and the Mayor.
15. **Borough Officers:**
- a. Mayor – Mr. Bills – Brought up that the Police have replaced a car every 5 years and that the information will be given to Council members. Mr. Lombardoizzi stated that the standard has been that once a vehicle has been paid off then there would be a new car purchased.
 - b. Council President – Mr. Lombardoizzi – nothing to report
 - c. Council Vice President – Mrs. Julius – nothing to report.
16. Mr. Silbaugh asked if Mrs Roseberry has received any calls or complaints regarding a fallen tree on Euclid blocking the sidewalk, which was responded no and would verify with Mr. Gross and Mr. Dyne. Mr. Silbaugh asked if anyone on Council has seen the tree he is referencing; Mr. Bills has seen it every day. Mr. Silbaugh is concerned that 3 of the large limbs are blocking the sidewalk and the main trunk of the tree is rotted out and leaning not towards the yard not the sidewalk. Would appreciate finding out whose tree it belongs too and if there is any plan in order to remove the remainder. Has been this way for 3 weeks. Mr. Bills will bring it up to the Chief and see if it is a Code Enforcement issue.

Mr. Silbaugh stated that with the amount of snowfall this area gets, he noticed that a lot of the fire hydrants were not attended too and not shoveled out and were pretty much covered up. Mr. Silbaugh knows that it is the

resident's responsibility (similar to Mr. Briggs takes care of his) the majority of the people and can understand that they may be elderly or they are landlords they are not being taken care of and feels that it could be a disaster so he is suggesting that the Borough would put markers on the hydrants, which are spring loaded and reflective and go up about 5 foot and

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tamper proof. In looking on the internet he was able to find them for \$40 to \$50 per piece. When he drove through Harborcreek he noticed the markers on all of their hydrants. Believes it is a good idea to invest in something like that. Mr. Lombardoizzi stated that if we plan on going forward with this, we would have to get approval from the Water Authority. Received a map of all of the hydrants and it could be possibly for under \$3,000. Mrs. Julius asked Mr. Petrini if there was money available to purchase the which he explained the process of using Liquid Fuels money to do items instead of paving streets. He also agrees that the resident should be made aware of their responsibility of keeping the hydrants open, and identify who is responsible to keeping the hydrants clear, agrees with putting up markers, but concerned about the expenses. – Table the discussion until additional information is distributed. Mrs. Lijewski was concerned that there are not enough hydrants especially in the lower mobile home park that has 2 or 3 hydrants. Mr. Lombardoizzi reported that ISO has inspected at least 4 times and the # and placement of the hydrants are adequate, one every 300 or 600 feet is the national standard. Mr. Petrini asked if there is a way that letters could go out to the residents who are responsible for the hydrant, whoever is maintaining the sidewalk should also maintain the clearing out of the hydrant. Mr. Briggs stated that the sidewalks are not the same as the hydrants, with the hydrant you are clearing all of the snow that the Public Works employees have plowed off the street onto they hydrant, that snow is not on your sidewalk and shoveling the snow can be done much easier than clearing out the hydrant sometimes.

17. Good of the Order:

- a. Next Work Session Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Meeting held by Zoom 6:00pm - Canceled
- b. Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:00pm, Meeting held by Zoom 6:00pm.

18. Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Silbaugh

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Lina Roseberry
Borough Secretary

Date: 3/10/2021