

# COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie PA 16510

August 11, 2021 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:** Mrs. Roseberry, BOS/S/T
  - a. Present: Mr. Bills, Mayor; Mr. Lombardozzi, Council President; Mrs. Julius, Council Vice President; Solicitor, Mr. Betza; Councilors: Mrs. Lijewski, Mr. Petrini, Mr. Pitonyak. Mrs. Roseberry
  - b. Absent: Mr. Briggs, Mr. Silbaugh, Mr. Gross
5. **PD Code Enforcement/PD Activity Report:** Officer Hawyrliw stated that he has been unable to attend meetings due to certain circumstances but has still been doing Code Enforcement. Has been maintaining grass notifications. Would like to remind anyone who has a Code compliant that they come to the Police Department and complete a Code form and it will be given to Officer Hawyrliw to follow up with. Unfortunately, some forms have been forwarded to Mr. Dyne and then Officer Hawyrliw has no knowledge of the compliant. If it a Code Enforcement issue that it goes to the Police Department, which covers anything exterior. Any Code Enforcement compliant filled out at the office it should have a copy made and given to the Police Department/Code Enforcement. Explained the citation process. Recycling Center: Once recycling bins have helped out with any Recycling Center issues, have only had one issue as he can recall. Mr. Petrini asked about the business at Buffalo and Station Road – The Corvette shop – what is the status of that? Has been in contact with the individual that has been transferred by a will and are attempting to keep the grass and to clear out the space and are not renting out any of the apartments.

Mrs. Lijewski wanted to thank the Police Department for the excellent job they did on Saturday.
6. **Citizens to Address Council: (5-minute time limit per signed-in citizen)** All signed up citizens have been allotted 5 minutes to address Council, when the timer goes off, please be seated so that the next citizen can speak. Council will take all issues under advisement
  - a. Craig Askins: 2123 Parker Avenue – Representative and Trustee of Wesleyville Baptist Church – On July 9<sup>th</sup> came that meeting to see if the Borough would be interested in resealing the parking lot adjacent to the Borough building. Mr. Petrini contacted him by phone, discussed some ideas an idea for a vendor. The only thing that he is here for is to obtain permission from the Borough for the Church to seal the whole back lot, regardless of the any compensation that may come from the Borough at a later time any agreement that could be worked out. The Church does not want to have the work started without the Borough’s knowledge and permission to be working there. They understand that there may not be any compensation as a result of the job but dropped off a packet to the attention to Mr. Petrini today just advising did obtain one quote and received a second quote today and will have to make an amendment to that proposal just discussing some options down the road for any type of payment reimbursement for the job. The Church will resurface the entire parking lot regardless of if the Borough is able to assist in the compensation. The vendors that we contacted are not interested in resealing the west lot or the front lot because there is extensive damage to those areas that would need to be fixed before they could be resealed. Mr. Bills asked if there was some issue with where the garbage truck sits? Mr. Petrini was looking at it and he did not see a real big issue with it. His question is when does the Church propose to have this done. Mr. Askins said the Trustee Board has a meeting on the upcoming Tuesday night and they would approve any funds to get to have the job done and after the Trustee Board approves the amount for the entire job, he would begin getting the contractor to come at their scheduling ability to resurface it. Mr. Petrini continued discussion.
  - b. Michael Nesgoda: 3321 Fremont Street – On 5/13 sent a letter regarding Wesleyville Community Foundation’s address here at the Wesleyville Borough Hall. It was sent to everyone by email. On 6/14/21 a Right to Know request was sent out for Wesleyville Community Foundation and has gone unanswered and numbers don’t seem to be adding up. There are some criminal charges that continue to come about and at this point I ask this honorable gathering of people here to consider that there is no personal agenda or vendetta against Mrs. Lijewski but that her own conduct and herself has put her in this position and I with the small group of people from Wesleyville to ask for Mrs. Lijewski to retire and ask that some of you support this cause. Enough is enough and this is unhealthy.

# COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie PA 16510

August 11, 2021 at 6:00pm

\*\*\* APPROVED MINUTES \*\*\*

7. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve 8/11/2021 agenda. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
8. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mrs. Lijewski to approve 7/14/2021 draft meeting minutes. Correction of Fire Hydrant. Unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - a. Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mrs. Julius to approve 7/28/2021 draft meeting minutes. Correction of Mrs. Julius, Council Vice President with no corresponding discussion. Was a no comment. Unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
9. **New Business:**
  - a. Fire Hydrant markers – Mr. Silbaugh – TABLED – Mr. Lombardoizzi discussed the type of markers. Mr. Pitonyak mentioned to the Fire Chief at the last meeting that he would pay for the markers.
  - b. Review of ARPA Zoom Meeting – Mrs. Roseberry was unable to understand the meeting as the internet would make the Zoom meeting freeze. Mr. Petrini was in attendance and Mr. Bills was also on Zoom without any difficulties. The major point was that if there was a 4.1% loss of income from 2019 to 2020, which it would appear we do have, that we may be able to use the funds unrestricted, meaning that some of the things on the initial list of projects/purchases may allow the restricted items to become unrestricted. Additional information is going to be provided. Additional discussion regarding the 4.1% loss and restriction vs non-restriction. Meeting was to discussion what the restricted funds would be.
  - c. Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to order/purchase the 2022 Police Interceptor.
10. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve Check Detail for July 2021. Discussion regarding what specific checks were for. Unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - b. Activity report
11. **PWGS:** No report given
12. **Sewer/Zoning/Permit:** Activity report
13. **Wesleyville Hose Company** – No report given – Mr. Lombardoizzi stated that 2 months ago he and Mr. Silbaugh had a discussion about East Erie County taking daytime calls and the department would go out of service. Darlene Alfieri addressed the Council and conveyed that the department had not discussed that and that there is another EMT who has joined the department and has more daytime availability as well as herself. In talks with Lawrence Park to share resources and personnel, not merging, does not have a lot of details as they are meeting tomorrow. But they have offered to share their people for the Wesleyville calls, using the Wesleyville equipment and in turn when Wesleyville has an excess amount of people they will share their people for their calls. So that both Hose Company's have better coverage. Having much better drills but there are stumbling blocks they are trying to get over, they are attempting to move forward.
14. **Borough Council Department Chairs:**
  - a. Mr. Petrini – Nothing to report regarding about Finances. Mr. Silbaugh, Mr. Petrini and Mr. Dyne with Duke when they are going to be starting the study to find out where the I and I problems are, will be starting to install the meters on August 23<sup>rd</sup> which will go through the 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 7am going until 5pm for installation. Maybe some overtime for Mr. Dyne as Mr. Gross will be on vacation that week. Requested from the Mayor that there will be a few meters on the 25<sup>th</sup> will need traffic control from the Police depending from 20 to 45 minutes to install. Unable to give specific time and the Chief can speak to Craig to coordinate. Pre-Construction meeting will be on 8/13 at 11am for Center Street and South Street Sewer Project.
  - b. Mrs. Lijewski – Wanted to report that Wesleyville Community Day appeared to have been very very successful day. There is one complaint on her part but will table that at this point. Also, wanted to state that anyone that has a question about her instead of listening or reading things on Facebook to please contact her, because she has a stalker. Getting to work on because some citizens were interested in getting to work on faces of the buildings here, going to work on grants because there are businesses that are interested. Asked the Mayor, Leader of Men, with short notice, can they get Wesley Street closed down from Buffalo to North Street on Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bills replied that is up to Council not him. Mr. Lombardoizzi stated that it is handled by Chief/Police. So they are to go to the Chief. Mrs.

# COUNCIL MEETING OF WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie PA 16510

August 11, 2021 at 6:00pm

**\*\*\* APPROVED MINUTES \*\*\***

Lijewski has a call in to McCormick about it. Lastly, she would like everyone to remember that Wesleyville Community Foundation is not Wesleyville Borough. The address will be changed shortly.

## 15. Borough Officers:

- a. Mayor – Mr. Bills – nothing to add
- b. Council Vice President – Mrs. Julius – Reported that we are very close to starting Memorial Park Playground Project. Setting up meeting with Mr. Corey to get set up. There is an Eagle Scout that he is looking into a project to complete. Mr. Petrini asked a question that there seems to be a lot of water run off down from the hill and floods the area. Mrs. Julius has seen Kunco dumping water down that hill. Mr. Petrini stated it may be natural drainage or a line coming out of the hillside. Will investigate with Rick. Last thing, has been talking about a vendor that does the cement bathrooms that are for parks and recreations. Looked at bathrooms in Union City. Price looks to be about \$67,000 plus a grinder system. Will be bringing that up once money from the Fish and Game Commission.
- c. Council President – Mr. Lombardozi – Would like to entertain a motion to beginning wearing masks in our Public Buildings, Motion made by Mrs. Julius. Mr. Bills asked what if you are vaccinated, Mr. Lombardozi stated that the CDC recommendation is that everyone wears a mask. A second to the motion is needed. No one made a second to the motion. Motion failed.
- d. Mrs. Lijewski – It came to her attention at Memorial Park around the circle there are 2 trees, a maple and a yew plant which is deadly, seriously poisonous. Mrs. Julius stated that it will be taken out.
- e. Mr. Pitonyak – Received numbers for garbage costs. Going over the numbers based off the information given to him by the Bayfront Glass typically 30% of municipal waste is solid glass which equals a savings of \$10,416.42, data reported from January to June. They are willing to bring in 3 bins receptacles – white – green – brown, potentially in the Recycling Center with a cost of \$75.00/month. Mr. Bills asked what if people do not separate the glass. Mr. Pitonyak stated that there is not going to be any additional fee. The glass is prescreened before crushed. Willing to do initially at \$50.00. Motion made by Mrs. Julius, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak, to 6 months and revisit it again to determine if there is Darlene Alfieri stated that if you were going to revisit this in 6 months but if there is no great push to let the residents know that you are now going to do this, it will take 6 months to a year to get them in the loop. Unfortunately a lot of things fall apart because people don't know it is happening. Mrs. Lijewski asked Mrs. Roseberry if we still had the grant that Mr. Bello did that had the newsletter in it and could we do another one in it, maybe a mini one. Mrs. Roseberry replied that No there are no more funds available from that grant.

## 16. Good of the Order:

- a. Next Work Session Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 6:00pm, at the Borough Hall
- b. Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:00pm, at the Borough Hall

## 17. Meeting Adjournment: 7:37pm

Meeting Minutes Approved:

Ina Roseberry  
Borough Secretary

Date:

8/25/2021