**WORK SESSION MEETNG WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH**

**Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510**

**February 23, 2022 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:** Mrs. Roseberry, BOS/S/T
   1. **Present:** Mr. Johnson, Mayor; Mrs. Julius, Council President; Mr. Petrini, Council Vice President; Mr. Betza, Solicitor; Councilors: Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Pitonyak, Mr. Wilder, Chief Buzanowski, Police; Mrs. Roseberry.
   2. **Absent:** Mr. Briggs, Mr. Silbaugh.
5. **Citizens to address Council: (5- minute time limit per signed-in citizen)**

Darlene Alfieri- 2529 Station Rd- 814-602-7811- Addressed concerns regarding negative social media usage.

1. **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve 2/23/2022 agenda, Mr. Petrini addition to have Zoning Activity report under New Business, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve 1/26/2022 meeting minutes, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
3. **Old Business:** 
   1. Mr. Briggs – Euclid Blvd issue- Tabled
   2. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve to place a legal ad to advertise the ordinance for the parking lot. Discussion (extensive discussion included on separate page). Roll Call Vote:
      1. Aye: Mr. Petrini, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Julius
      2. Nay: Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Pitoyak

Ayes have it, Motion to advertise carries.

* 1. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve the Borough of Wesleyville take back the Wesleyville Community Day financial tasks of receiving funds in and deposited into event account and write check for bills presented. Mr. Betza clarified that fundraising/ donation guidelines. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

D. Mr. Wilder- Meeting presented with Facebook live. Mr. Wilder requested have item removed.

e. Civil Service Commission –

i. Motion by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve Mr. Turner’s resignation from the Civil Service Commission, no further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

ii. Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve Cassandra Kolesar to the civil service commission. Not further discussion, Mr. Wilder abstains from vote, motion carries.

iii. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to appoint Cassandra Kolesar to the Planning Commission. No further discussion. Mr. Wilder abstains from vote, motion carries.

iv. Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to approve Tammy Jo Rodgers as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

v. Ms. Stewart requested direction as to moving forward with the Civil Service Commission process of hiring the position of Police Officer and requested to be told if it is a full time or part time position. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Alfieri to approve the hiring of a full-time officer. Discussion continues. Chief Buzanowski presented statistical data as to the initial cost of hiring an Officer, Full or Part time. Provided the information that is it not feasible to have a part time Officer. Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Mr. Wilder, Mr. Alfieri, Mrs. Julius, Mr. Petrini, Mr. Pitonyak motion carries.

f. Safety Committee- Request Council member to be a member. Mr. Johnson will service as the Council representative for the safety committee.

1. **New Business:**
   1. Mr. Petrini- Zoning activity report. Mortion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to in order to bring the residential rental up to date skip the third inspections for a list provided and to get the rental in compliance with inspection cycle. Discussion regarding the cost of the inspection from BIU. Mr. Johnson wants to know why the Borough cannot hire someone to do the inspections. Mr. Petrini explained that it would bot be cost effective to hire an inspector as the qualifications of that person would exceed the amount that is being charged by BIU. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
   2. Mr. Johnson- Comprehensive plan- deferred to Mr. Petrini- the Planning commission is working to come up with a plan and have a meeting tomorrow morning and will keep you posted.
   3. Mr Johnson- Assistant Secretary/ Mr. Johnson- Grant writer- Mr. Johnson wants to combine these two items. Will they be looking for a grant writer? Discussion continues. Continue to look into the grant writer position. Chief Buzanowski explained that he met with Mr. Owen McCormick about like to privately pay for a grant writer for the Borough.
      1. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to proceed with the application for the grant for the tractor and the $100.00 application fee. No further discussion, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
   4. Mr. Johnson- Buffalo Rd revitalization meeting- Meeting on March 24th at 6 pm
   5. Mr. Johnson- Meet the Police night- Meeting on 2/24/2022 at 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Mr. Petrini asked if this will require any OT hours from the Police Department and Mr. Johnson stated that they are well within there budget. Mr. Pitonyak said that Mt. Johnson is saying no but chief is saying yes. Chief Buzanowski stated that all of the officers will be here ad Mr. Johnson stated that they are well within there budget. Mr. Petrini stated that according to Tina that the OT wages will is going to be eaten up if another officer is not hired. Mr. Johnson said that at this time they are well within. Mrs. Julius stated at this time you are in your budget but come June will you be in your budget? Mr. Johnson said that we will have to do be. Mrs. Julius asked that it would have been beneficial to know about the event prior to it being advertised on social media.
   6. Mr. Johnson- Clean up in Wesleyville- A lot of people have been asking what s going on with the clean up on the calendar. Mr. Wilder stated that he and Mr. Pitonyak discussed clean up. The discussion or the previously stated Spring Clean-up Day. Mr. Johnson said that it was because of Covid, which it was not. Discussion continues regarding a clean up in Wesleyville. Mr. Pitonyak stated that he has been working on the clean-up day.
2. **Borough Council Department Chairs:**
   1. Mr. Alfieri- Nothing to report
   2. Mr. Briggs- Absent
   3. Mr. Pitonyak- Savvy Citizen- passed out packs on the Savvy Citizen program. Requested Council to review and will reach out to the representative from Savvy Citizen program.
   4. Mr. Silbaugh- Absent
   5. Mr. Wilder- Street Clean Up- discussion regarding the ability to have trash pick up around the Borough.
3. **Borough Officers:** 
   1. Mayor- Mr. Johnson- Wesleyville days meeting on March 2nd at 6Pm.
   2. Council President- Mrs. Julius- Requested that everyone signed for the Roberts Rules of Order book. Listed provided for Council Contract Information sheet. Working with a Boy Scout redoing the volleyball courts at Hinkler Park and both of the horseshoe pits to be done this year. Will be talking to Mr. Corey to have the bathrooms put in this year. Will be discussing with Mr. Corey to apply for a grant for Morrison Park to get ADA accessible playground equipment.
   3. Council Vice President- Mr. Petrini- talked to Craig- Charges being filed about a sewer lateral inspection. Officer Hawyrliw stated that he has been sworn n as the Code Enforcement Officer and he has been sworn in.
4. **Good of the Order:**
5. Next Regular Council Meeting March 9, 2022, 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
6. Next Work Session Council Meeting: March 23, 2022, 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
7. **Meeting Adjournment: 8:00 pm**

Discussion Regarding motion to approve advertising for parking lot ordinance:

PP- stated that as he recalls he does not remember any of us being in agreement about it.

JW- asked that the price would be $15.00 per quarter, and that they can park there from 2 to 6am with that permit.

RJ- clarified that from 2:30 to 6:00 you have the permit to park there.

JW- stated that technically there is still free parking in the parking lot for the business purposes, was there any idea of possibly doing it just during the winter months between September to April for plowing.

RJ- stated that it was not discussed.

PP- Stated that part of the problem with that is living on North Street its odd/even parking during the winter but in the summer time he can park his vehicle on the street. So, in the time where there is already limited parking due to plowing, then you are forcing people to pay for a permit so to Mr. Pitonyak it is a penalty based on the geographical location of where he lives in the Borough in his opinion that is very unfair to other people that live in that area that have no other choice but to park in that parking lot.

RJ- stated that they can still park in that parking lot but they would just need a permit to park there from 2:30am to 6:00am,

PP- I’m not saying that they can’t park in that parking lot but you specifically let’s call it what it is, it’s a tax, not a fee a tax, because you live in an area where you need to use the parking lot that is public parking. Personally, I do not agree with this and I am not going to vote for it, it’s ridiculous.

JW- We have a problem with people not moving their stuff so the problem was addressed with we need a permit so how do we pay for the regulation.

PP- There was a reason why the permits in the parking lot before were rescinded

JW- What specific law did you say that, I remember that you said that there is a specific law that says

PP- there is a specific code that already covers parked cars parked in the parking lot not necessarily over a specific time but if the car is not registered or insured or up to date inspection stickers on it, it is already illegal to park in the Borough if I am not mistaken you are not allowed to even park cars that are not inspected on your own property. This is something that was discussed with the previous Mayor having an issue with it being enforced because he was mentioning people having race cars that live here in the Borough and not being able to have their cars in their own yard.

RJ- Mr. Betza is that the case.

Mr. Betza- We do regulate the number of cars that are unlicensed and unregistered in your yard.

FP- as far as the inspection goes

Mr. Betza- the inspection becomes a very difficult thing to see from the road and the registration becomes impossible because there are not stickers anymore.

PP- My point is that should be enforced in the parking lot as well.

JW- that’s not problem, the problem is that people parking there when we need to plow

PP- Right if you live there do you want me to move my car in the middle of the night so that they can plow.

EPJ- how are they going to plow if they are leaving their cars there.

PP- the parking lot has been getting plowed it’s not like there has been 2 feet of snow in it all winter.

EPJ- Like any other municipality you have a public parking that is basically for business is what it is for. You can go into any municipality they have parking for people that come into your city basically a lot of them charge outrageous amounts for you to park in those parking lots, we don’t charge anything we have free parking for anybody that comes into our town which is good and we have always had that, we took out the parking meters in order to help the businesses out we put I these parking lots and that is what these parking lots were put in for to help our businesses out. And then we had a little bit extra ok there are issues, like yourself down on North Street, and a couple the other areas that needed someplace to park their cars so we put in that they could get a parking permit so that they could park their vehicles down there. Up on Buffalo Rd, and some of our Council members are probably turning in their grave, with what is going on up there because back in the day I was getting chastised as Mayor if you look up there are signs that say 2- hour parking, you remember Fred, Terry and all of them guys would come to these meetings and say how come your Police aren’t enforcing that, they should be parking there for 2 hours. Them cars are for businesses how are they not being ticketed. We have had one white car that had been parked up there all winter long, it has moved once, you drive by it’s been parked there all winter long. There is another sign that says that there is no back in parking, there is a truck that is constantly backing in parking, those signs mean nothing to them people up there. So basically, all we are asking people to do is don’t park there from 2 to 6 and if you want to park there from 2 to 6 come down and get a permit.

PP- So then how does people paying for permits change the issue with there being cars in the parking lot that need to be plowed around.

RJ- We also talked about having an area where all those cars can park so that it makes it easier for the trucks to get through and plow the area.

PP- so it’s not possible to designate an area for overnight parking and not have to have them pay a fe for them to do it.

JW- so how do you regulate the overnight parking issue (multiple voices talking over each other). Wouldn’t it be easier for Buzz (Buzanowski) and everybody else there is a permit in the overnight parking spot or does he have to sit there and write it down every night.

PP- IF you have the area for overnight parking that is highlighted in a different color- green instead of yellow- I’m not going to speak for Chief but perhaps this will be easier for him to just see the cars that are in the area designated for parking opposed to trying to look into the cars for the parking permit, what if the people don’t put up that parking permit that they have but s not displayed in their vehicle. Either if he is driving through the parking lot and looking and seeing that these 4 cars have permits or don’t and have to get out of his vehicle and look inside the vehicle to try and find the parking pass.

EPJ- There is also an issue that there is a rental and the Chief could probably speak on this that have been bringing cars in from auction and parking them down there, I don’t know if you want to speak to speak on this Chief, but he tried to enforce it but we can’t enforce it because we have no ordinance (voices speaking over each other). Chief Buzanowski noticed that some cars have come in with auction numbers on them. They have been moved; Officer Hawryliw quoted the current Ordinance Section 15.305.

RJ-Motion that has been made is for us to advertise we are not voting tonight on approving the ordinance, just approving the advertise.

SA- How much is the cost to advertise this which I have been coming to the Council meetings for the past year and collectively there have been numerous hours of discussion about nothing but parking lots so for everyone sitting in the audience that have been listening about parking lot stuff for hours and hours and hours the majority there is a lot of people that are against it and a lot of people for it. My concern is that I have talked to some of the police officers I have looked I have seen how the parking lot is it’s been plowed even when there was 2 feet of snow it was perfectly plowed to be able to get in and out how much money do, we have to spend to advertise this to most likely have the motion fail.

Mr. Betza- It’s about $100 SA – That’s it? I was informed it was like $400 or $500 dollars.

PP- When you keep advertising things that don’t pass it adds up over time.

Mr. Betza- If you are not in favor of it you should not be voting to advertise, if you are in favor of it, I would think you would.

RJ- Call for a Roll Call vote.

AYE: Mr. Petrini, Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Julius

NAY: Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Pitonyak

Ayes have it motion approved.