

# COUNCIL MEETING WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510

March 8, 2023 at 6:00PM

\*\*Approved 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:**
  - a. **Present:** Mr. Johnson, Mayor; Mrs. Julius, President; Councilors: Mr. Alfieri, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Silbaugh; Mr. Betza, Solicitor, Mr. Dyne, Borough Manager; Mrs. Foley, Office Clerk; Mrs. Horanic, Secretary/Treasurer; Chief Buzanowski, Police Department.
  - b. **Not in attendance:** Mr. Petrini, Vice President; Mr. Pitonyak, Council Member; Mr. Wilder, Council Member
5. Mr. Wilder arrived at 6:01 PM
6. **Citizens to address Council: No citizens to address council**
7. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve the March 8, 2023 agenda, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
8. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve February 8, 2023 meeting minutes, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
9. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve February 22, 2023 meeting minutes, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
10. **Old Business:**
  - a. Charter Spectrum Franchise Renewal Project: After some discussion the council came to the decision to not join at this time. Will reevaluate after researching the other municipality's reaction to joining this program.
11. **New Business:**
  - a. 2021 Audit- Ryan: Because Mr. Petrini was unable to attend Ryan was rescheduled for the next meeting on March 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM
  - b. Tar and Chip: Due to not having a quorum at the February 22, 2023 meeting Mrs. Julius told Mr. Corey to proceed with the consortium so tonight we need an official vote. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to go into the consortium with other surrounding communities for 25,000 square yard to tar and chip, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
  - c. State Ethics Form: Missing a few council members due by May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - d. Loader/Backhoe: They will not decide on this Grant for the loader until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Morrow stated at the safety meeting that Mr. Ball expressed concerns that our backhoe loader is not safe. Hydraulic oil needs to be added to it continuously and its not safe to be used. There is a safety concern and a budget concern. Mr. Dyne informed the council that we will hopefully know more by the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of March. We are continuing to use this because we have no other way to load salt.
  - e. In kind services for Community Day: The Borough needs list of what we will be providing for services so Mr. Ball can plan ahead. Mr. Johnson will provide him with a list after the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Harborcreek Fuel Contract

- i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to renew the three-year Fuel Contract with Harborcreek, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

**12. Executive Session:** No need for an executive session

**13. Reconvene:**

**14. Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mrs. Morrow to approve the money transfers for the month of February 2023, unanimous voice vote, motion carries

**15. Borough Manager**

- a. Status of Grant Applications: Still not update at this time. Mrs. Foley helped with the Wesleyville Community Days Grant. Mrs. Morrow asked for an update on the kitchen because she had to buy coffee for a meeting that she had. Mrs. Foley informed her that she applied for the grant she's just waiting to hear back to see if we received the grant or not. Mrs. Morrow questioned "So we don't know if we have the \$30,000 for the kitchen?" Mrs. Foley informed the council that this was a grant that she has to apply for. She had to go on to DCED and apply for a single application grant for the \$30,000 this wasn't guaranteed money; this was a grant. Mrs. Julius said that according to Emily at Mr. Merski's office we do have the money its just a matter of get it through all the red tape.
- b. Euclid house that burnt- The owner informed Mr. Dyne that he plans on to start working on repairing the property shortly.
- c. CJ's- Spoke with BIU March 8, 2023. We can pay BIU to do a formal written walk through. They are not going to condemn the building but we can pay BIU the \$380.00 to do the walk through to have it on paper. Its up to the council. Mr. Johnsons concern is the bricks on the sidewalk side are all falling. Also, if you look up top some of the bricks are about ready to fall, his concern is someone walking down the sidewalk and getting hit in the head. Mr. Johnson feels that the Borough needs to block off the sidewalk before someone gets hurt. Ms. Julius asked who is going to pay for blocking off the sidewalk? Mr. Johnson stated that since they are not going to do it the borough needs to step in and do it and put a lien against the property. Chief Buzanowski is following the process of their code of what they have to do. Mr. Johnson feels we need to be looking at chapter 10 of our ordinance and the borough needs to be doing more. Motion made by Mr. Alfieri, seconded by Mr. Silbaugh that the borough manager contact BIU to come in and do an evaluation on the building to find out what needs to be done to make it safe for the public, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

**16. Borough Council Department Chairs:**

- a. Mr. Alfieri- Phones for the fire department. Mr. Dyne informed Mr. Alfieri that we have the phones it's a matter of coordinating it with the phone company.
- b. Mr. Pitonyak – Not in attendance
- c. Mr. Silbaugh – Nothing to report
- d. Mr. Wilder- A gentleman was asking about Airbnb. Mr. Wilder stated he did not see anything about short term rentals, vacation rentals, or Airbnb's. Mr. Dyne informed the council that it was voted on and adopted and the borough does have one on Riverside Drive. Wesleyville Community Days is this still where they only let one vendor of one certain thing participate? Mr. Johnson said that there will be a meeting on the 20th of March.
- e. Mrs. Morrow- Has our meeting with the stakeholders March 7, 2023 for the study. Will be putting cameras in probably in April. The data they collect will be put into a

computer program and it will generate a number of different options to improve that turn and that will be presented and the council will decide.

**17. Borough Officers:**

- a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson
  - i. Hometown Hero Banners- Cut off date is March 24, 2023. Still working on the contract with Verizon. The contract with Penelec is completed.
  - ii. Wesleyville Community Day- Next meeting March 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm
  - iii. Buffalo Road Revitalization
- b. Council President Mrs. Julius-. Savvy Citizen we've had for over a year and concerned about renewing the contract because of how little its been used. Mrs. Julius has asked Mr. Pitonyak to give the information to Mrs. Foley so she can get onboard with it and update the account. Mr. Wilder informed Mrs. Julius that he has access to the account. Mrs, Julius asked Mr. Wilder if he could provide Mrs. Foley with the information she need to get the Savvy Citizens up and running.
- c. Council Vice President Mr. Petrini-. Not in attendance

**18. Good of the Order:**

- a. Next Work Session Meeting March 22, 2023 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
- b. Next Council Meeting April 12, 2023 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.

**Meeting Adjournment: 7:29 PM**