

COUNCIL MEETING WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510

July 12, 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:** Mrs. Julius, President; Mr. Petrini, Vice President, Councilors: Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Pitonyak, Mr. Wilder; Mr. Betza, Solicitor; Mrs. Foley, Office Clerk; Mrs. Horanic, Secretary/Treasurer; Chief Buzanowski, Police Department.
 - b. **Not in attendance:** Mr. Johnson, Mayor; Mr. Alfieri, Council Member; Mr. Silbaugh, Council Member.
5. Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve July 12, 2023 agenda, Mrs. Julius to move executive session to be before old business. Mr. Wilder requested to amend the agenda by adding National Night Out under Chief of Police, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
6. **Citizens to address Council: (5- minute time limit per signed-in citizen)**
 - a. **Michael Nesgoda:** I ask the council to please consider this, I ask this please be entered in the record as possible. There is something to be said for words like butter, smooth, but will warm your heart and I think some council members are getting to, I need you to understand something as a council please. This is again leaving out several other concerns I wish to bring your attention when you feel it is necessary or right. So as per my last request please, and I humbly ask this. I please ask for as a follow up to what both council members were not in attendance for, I believe. So please except this as a writing request which I will give to each council member. I please ask for the attendance records for council members Jake Wilder, Paul Pitonyak, specifically since 2022 to date. Also, the non-personal identifiable information reflecting subscribership here in the community by the borough tool instituted by Mr. Wilder the connector to Savvy citizen. I ask for a written response to this or an update as to what Mr. Wilder was saying as a way to update our community. I also request anything that could be considered misconstrued, lets put it this way. I please request that the follow defamation of character of all individuals in our community which are several of them. I ask that any social media ran by a council member please be ran with the upmost discretion. Last but not least I wish to make note that Wesleyville news is titled Wesleyville News Facebook page operated by council member Paul Pitonyak. All that I have mentioned here is available upon your request as evidence that will submitted of growing community alarm, division, and online abuses enforceable by criminal and civil state law please and thank you humbly. Respectfully, I am not a crazy narcissist nor am I a convicted felon. You cannot accuse someone of something while they are doing it. Thank you all.
 - b. **D.L Fiscus:** Representing the Garden Hill Gospel Club. We've been working on putting up a fence on the West end of the park. This was originally going to be a vinyl fence but than we moved to a wooden fence to match the gazebo. The Borough Coe requires the finished side be facing the neighbor property. I talked with the neighbor

and she has giving me a letter. "To whom it may concern, I am happy for the community to have a fence placed by my property for the park next door. It does not matter to me how it is done. I'm sure it will fine. Thank you for making improvements." I have asked her to say she had no problem with the fencing facing the park side rather than her side. So, if the council could grant a variance to the code and then we will work things out with the contractor and have Mrs. Duskas pay him for the fence.

7. **Approve Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve June 28, 2023 meeting minutes, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

8. Mr. Johnson arrived at 6:13 PM

9. **Executive Session:** convened at 6:14 PM regarding unknown.

10. **Reconvene:** 6:43 PM. Following the reconvening of the regular meeting, Mrs. Morrow motioned to hire Marcus Jacobs as borough manager at a salary of \$55,000 starting August 1, 2023, Mr. Petrini seconded. Mr. Wilder abstained, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

11. Old Business:

- a. Quality of Life Ordinance- Still working on it.
- b. Fire/EMS Issue- TABLED
- c. Status of a new front loader- The contract has been fully executed. Mrs. Julius just signed the paperwork today. Will send in the rest of the paperwork that is needed tomorrow. Takes two to three weeks to receive the money. Once the money has been received, we can pay the invoice for the tractor. The tractor is ready and available just awaiting payment.
- d. Status of outstanding grant applications- No update.
 - i. Mrs. Morrow questions Mrs. Foley about a sideway grant. Mrs. Foley informed council Mr. Corey is coming in on Friday to help with the grant because it is due on the 21st.

12. New Business:

- a. Police Pension
 - i. Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to advertise the ordinance for the amendment to the Wesleyville Borough Police Pension, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
- b. Chief Of Police
 - i. National Night Out: **Mr. Wilder:** Due to the failure of applying for a grant, I have figured out a way how we can still have National Night Out. It will be a joint National Night Out with Iroquois as long as everyone is okay with having a couple of police officers over there during the event. **Mrs. Morrow:** When you say Iroquois, you mean the police will be at the school? **Mr. Wilder:** At the elementary school, yes. **Mrs. Julius:** Do we need to advertise anything on our website? **Mr. Wilder:** If Mrs. Foley could please post something on Savvy Citizen once I get confirmation once everything is good to go.
- c. Permit Fee for replacement of Driveway/sidewalk
 - i. Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Wilder to temporarily remove permit fee for the repairs or replacement of a driveway or sidewalk, Further discussion, **Mrs. Morrow:** The problem I see with a temporarily is that in five years is going to know that it's going to run out. **Mr. Petrini:** They will still need to get the permit. In fact, we can put that on our next fee schedule. Mr. Pitonyak

amended the motion to having no time restriction, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

- d. Insurance Renewal
 - i. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to go with Trident for \$41,359 for our Liability insurance, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
 - ii. Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Wilder to go with Encova in the amount of \$55,027 for our Workers Compensation, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
- e. Merski Lease
 - i. Mr. Betza: I worked with Craig on this. The form its self is fine, my concerns are, we're responsible for renovations that are identified in Exhibit A. We better confirm what we are doing and what we are not doing. We do not want to sign a blank Exhibit A. Second, they are responsible for fees for utilities and for rent but the amount of the utilities and rent are not identified. Again, they are only asking us to approve the form. We would need to agree on a price for the rent and the utilities. There is no escalation provision in this for rent which is fine but, you need to understand this for the term of the lease. My last comment is if they breach the lease then our right is to kick them out. Most lease agreements are if the tenant breaches the lease, you can pursue them for lost rent.

13. Executive Session:

14. Reconvene:

15. Treasurers Report:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve check detail, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.
- b. Motion made by Mr. Mr. Pitonyak, seconded by Mr. Wilder to approve June 2023 bank transfers, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

16. Borough Council Department Chairs:

- a. Mr. Alfieri- Not in attendance
- b. Mr. Pitonyak – Nothing to report. **Mrs. Julius:** I do have a question for you. Did you get the picture for Savvy Citizen? **Mr. Pitonyak:** I completely forgot. **Mrs. Foley:** They already have a picture on Savvy Citizen. **Mr. Wilder:** We uploaded just a general picture. **Mrs. Julius:** There is supposed to be a mailing for everyone, has that been taking care of? **Mr. Pitonyak:** No that has completely slipped my mind. I will get in contact and get this taking care of.
- c. Mr. Silbaugh – Not in attendance
- d. Mr. Wilder- Nothing to report
- e. Mrs. Morrow- Reminder that on the 25th will be the public meeting for the Buffalo Station Road study from 6-8 PM

17. Borough Officers:

- a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson
 - i. Hometown Hero Banners: This can be removed now.
 - ii. Wesleyville Community Day: This can be removed now.
 - iii. Buffalo Road Revitalization
- b. Council President Mrs. Julius-
- c. Council Vice President Mr. Petrini- Motion made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Wilder to permit the garden club to put up the fence in the manner that would show the better side fence toward the park, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.

18. Good of the Order:

- a. Next Work Session Meeting July 26, 2023 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.
- b. Next Council Meeting August 9, 2023 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Wilder, seconded by Mr. Pitonyak to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM, unanimous voice vote, motion carries.