

# COUNCIL MEETING WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH

Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510

December 13th, 2023 at 6:00PM

\*\*Approved Meeting Minutes\*\*

- 1) **Call to Order:** 6:00PM Mrs. Julius, President
- 2) **Invocation:** Mrs. Julius, President
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Julius, President
- 4) **Roll Call:** Present: Mr. Johnson; Mayor Mrs. Julius; President, Mr. Petrini; Vice President, Council Member: Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Bills, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Pitoyak. Mr. Jacobs; Borough Manager, Chief Buzanowski, Mr. Ball  
Not in attendance: Mr. Wilder; Council member.
- 5) **Citizens to address Council: (5- minute time limit per signed-in citizen)**
- 6) **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Bills. Unanimous voice vote.
- 7) **Approve Minutes:**
  - a) A motion to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Julius. Unanimous voice vote.
  - b) A motion to approve the October 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
  - c) A motion to approve the November 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.
  - d) A motion to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
  - e) A motion to approve the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session Minutes as submitted made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.
  - f) A motion to approve the November 29<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting Minutes as submitted made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
- 8) **Executive Session:** 6:09Pm
- 9) **Reconvene:** 6:24 PM
- 10) **Old Business:**

- a) (Tabled) Quality of Life Ordinance
  - i) *Note: After meeting with the Mayor and the Police Dept. We understand what small adjustments must be made to make it function well. Mr. Jacobs will make those adjustments, and this will be ready to pass in January/February.*
- b) (Tabled) Street Cut Ordinance – Review
  - i) *Note: Mr. Jacobs needs to work with Mark to finalize the verbiage and then pass that information along to the solicitor for the drafting of the amended ordinance. Est. January/February.*
- c) (Tabled) Tobacco Use in Recreation Areas
  - i) *Note: This was tabled at the request of the PYD One Family Group from the Iroquois School District. Mr. Jacobs has not had contact with them within the last few weeks, so the status is unknown.*
- d) (Tabled) Bond Increase – Mr. Jacobs
  - i) *Note: Still waiting on more quotes from USI for Mr. Jacobs’ bond. The Insurance rep said that the soonest we could make a change is in early January.*
- e) Fire/EMS Issue: No updates and this will be placed under Mr. Alfieri for future meetings.
  - i) *Note: In future, should this be removed from the Old Business section and be placed under Mr. Alfieri’s section?*

**11) New Business:**

- a) A motion to approve of the 2024 Borough Calendar: TABLED
  - i) *Note: Same as 2023 Calendar with the exception of the addition of a Grass and Yard Debris collection day on Wednesdays from the beginning of March to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.*
- b) A motion to offer employment to Jason Chapman for the Full-Time Public Works position at the negotiated hourly rate of \$17/hour made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
  - i) *Note: previously the council opened the position up at \$15/hour. However, Mr. Chapman has a CDL. Start date 01/02/2024*

- c) A motion to offer employment to Lou Heynoski for the Part-Time Public Works position at the rate of \$15/hour made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.
  - i) *Note: Start date 12/18/2023*
- d) A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-008, a Resolution relative to the exoneration of Borough property taxes as requested by the County of Erie made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.
- e) A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-009, a Resolution relative to the establishment and maintenance of employees' pensions. Amending certain provisions of the pension plan applicable to the Police Employees made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Bills. Unanimous voice vote.
- f) A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-010, a Resolution approving the General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2024 and adopting the same made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Roll call vote AYE: Mr. Petrini, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Julius, Mr. Alfieri and Mr. Bills. NAY: Mr. Pitonyak.
  - i) *Note: Presented to the public at the November 29<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting and advertised for 10 days in the Erie Times newspaper from November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
- g) A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-010, an Ordinance of the Borough of Wesleyville, Erie, County, Pennsylvania, fixing the real property tax rates for 2024 made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Bills. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Mr. Petrini, Mr. Bills, Mrs. Julius, Mr. Alfieri, Mrs. Morrow. NAY: Mr. Pitonyak.
  - i) This sets the Borough's millage at 12.971. An increase of 3 mills. With 1 mill dedicated to road resurfacing in the fiscal year 2024.
- h) A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12/13/2023, amending Code 15-403, Parking Prohibited at Certain times in Certain Locations, an amendment to add two locations where parking will now be prohibited made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
  - i) 3600 Edison South side of street,
  - ii) West side of Center Street, North of 2024 Center St.
- i) A motion to offer conditional employment to Emma Mallie for the position of full-time police officer. On the condition that they graduate from the Police Academy and

pass the MPOETC test made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Pitonyak.  
Unanimous voice vote.

*i) Note: Anticipated start date in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week dependent on the time it takes for the MPOETC Test results to come back.*

j) A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-011, a Resolution to approve the application for Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Program made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

*i) Note: This is for the application being prepared by Mark Corey for the Euclid Blvd. Sewer Project. \$250,000 being requested.*

k) A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of the proposed 2024 Garbage Fund Budget made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Bills. Unanimous voice vote.

*i) Note: Adoption scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

l) A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of the proposed 2024 Sewer Fund Budget made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

*i) Note: Adoption scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

m) A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of the proposed 2024 Liquid Fuels Budget made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.

*i) Note: Adoption scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

n) A motion to authorize the disbursement of the remaining 2023 personal time and vacation time for the Public Works Supervisor Joseph Ball made by Mr. Bills and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

o) A motion to authorize the disbursement of the remaining 2023 personal time and vacation time for the Public Works Employee Gary Wensel made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Pitonyak. Unanimous voice vote.

p) A motion to authorize the disbursement of the remaining 2023 personal time and vacation time for the Public Works Employee Shawn Hess made by Mr. Pitonyak and seconded by Mr. Bills. Unanimous voice vote.

- q) A motion to authorize Mr. Jacobs to register the Borough for PSAB's virtual Newly Elected Municipal Officials (NEMO) Training held either March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> made by Mr. Pitonyak and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

**12) Treasures Report:**

- a) A motion to acknowledge receipt of the November 2023 Treasurer's report made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Pitonyak. Unanimous voice vote.
- b) A motion to approve the November 2023 Check Detail made by Mr. Pitonyak and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

**13) Borough Manager:** Nothing to report.

**14) Borough Council Department Chairs:**

- a) Mr. Alfieri- Nothing to report.
- b) Mr. Pitonyak – Nothing to report.
- c) Mr. Bills – Nothing to report.
- d) Mr. Wilder- Absent
- e) Mrs. Morrow- Will be getting a renewal contract with city of Erie to do vehicle maintenance. Intersection study on Buffalo and Station is over and they want to set up a final meeting date. Marcus suggested the first council meeting of February.

**15) Borough Officers:**

- a) Mayor – Mr. Johnson: Went to the MPO meeting with Mrs. Morrow. Had a meeting over at Lawrence Park for the joint comprehensive plan between Wesleyville and Lawrence Park. Looking for funding to get this going. Need to get the Planning Commission more involved. Filled out form with Marcus for McCormick for Water St project. In the early stages.
- b) Council President Mrs. Julius-. Nothing to report.
- c) Council Vice President Mr. Petrini-. Nothing to report.

**16) Good of the Order:**

- a) Next Work Session Meeting December 27, 2023, 6:00PM, to be held at the Borough Hall.

**Meeting Adjournment: 6:49 PM** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Pitonyak.

