



**May 2024 Council Work Session Meeting
Wesleyville Borough, Erie County, Pennsylvania**

*****Approved Meeting Minutes*****

Public Meeting Information

May 22th, 2024, at 6:00PM

In-Person – Borough Hall located at 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510.

Live Virtual Option - *Coming Soon*

Archive of Recordings - *Coming Soon*

- 1) **Call to Order** – By: Mrs. Julius, President
- 2) **Invocation** - By: Mrs. Julius, President
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance** - By: Mrs. Julius, President
- 4) **Roll Call:** (Present) (Not Present)
 - a) Council President, Regina Julius; (Present)
 - b) Council Vice President, Fred Petrini; (Present) Arrived at 7:28 PM
 - c) Council President Pro Tem, Paul Bills (Present)
 - d) Councilperson, Steve Alfieri; (Present)
 - e) Councilperson, Jake Wilder; (Present)

- f) Councilperson, Sandy Morrow; (Present)
- g) Councilperson, Cassandra Kolesar; (Present)
- h) Mayor, E Paul Johnson; (Not Present)
- i) Tax Collector, Marlene Silbaugh (Not Present)
- j) Solicitor, Ed Betza (Present)
- k) Engineer, Mark Corey (Not Present)
- l) Police Chief, Robert Buzanowski (Not Present)
- m) Borough Manager/Secretary, Marcus Jacobs (Present)
- n) Public Works Supervisor, Joseph Ball (Present)

5) Guest Presentation:

- a) Recognizing Joe Scott from the PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust to give an overview of the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

6) Citizens to address Council:

- a) Guy Lombardozi-2111 Willow St, Gave an update on the WAM Museum. Hopes to move it to a bigger building sometime next year. Asked that the lease be renewed for another year.
- b) Darlene Alfieri - 2529 Station Rd, Addressed council about all the fighting about chickens. She doesn't care about what neighbors do, so why are we wasting time over chickens.
- c) Eric Stanton - 2144 Union Ave, Recently joined the planning commission. Came to address council about chickens. There is nothing about them being a nuisance to neighbors. Feels that there is more work to be done to beef up the ordinance because right now a lot is missing.
- d) Adam Phillips - 2913 E 28th, Addressed council on the chicken ordinance. He doesn't care if neighbors have chickens.

7) Approve Agenda:

- a) A motion to approve of the agenda for tonight's meeting, May 8th, 2024 made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar. Unanimous voice vote.

8) Approve Minutes:

- a) A motion to approve the minutes from the May 8th , 2024 Council meeting made by Mr. Wilde and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar. Unanimous voice vote.

9) Old Business:

- a) A motion to approve of the advertisement and public display of Ordinance 2024 – 008 - Amending Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Borough's Codified Ordinances to permit and regulate the non-commercial keeping of chickens in the Borough. The Mayor was not in attendance to break the previous tie so this motion fails. There was discussion on advertising this as they were not sure if they mayor would veto it or not.

i) This motion was initiated at the May 8th Council Meeting and the Council was tied 3-3.

YEAs: Mr. Wilder, Mrs. Kolesar, Mr. Alfieri. NAYs: Mrs. Julius, Mr. Petrini, Mrs. Morrow.

ii) Councilmember Bills was not in attendance to participate in the vote and Mayor Johnson was not in attendance to break the tie.

iii) Therefore, the Council moved to complete this motion at the May 22nd meeting wherein Mayor Johnson can choose to participate in this vote and break the tie yea or nay, or he can decline to break the tie and the motion would remain tied and it would therefore not pass.

- b) A motion to approve of the advertisement and public display of Ordinance 2024 – 008 - Amending Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Borough's Codified Ordinances to permit and regulate the non-commercial keeping of chickens in the Borough made by Mr. Wilder and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar.

i) Mrs. Julius motioned table and Mrs. Morrow seconded the motion. Roll call vote for tabling this, AYE; Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Morrow, NAY; Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Bills, Mrs. Kolesar, Mr. Wilder. Motion passes to not table this motion.

ii) Discussion on the motion to advertise the Ordinance.

(1) Julius expressed that taxpayer money should not be spent on advertising if the Mayor expressed veto.

(2) Kolesar says that the mayor should be forced to veto it if he wants to.

(3) Alfieri is voting in favor of the motion to advertise because he feels that the residents should not be punished for the bad acts of others. Most people probably wouldn't

choose to get chickens and there are specifications in the ordinance to follow. If someone invests in chickens then they will likely keep them well.

(4) Sandy discussed that other municipalities require larger lot sizes. Concerned about the additional burden on code enforcement.

iii) Roll Call vote: AYE: Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Bills, Mrs. Kolesar, Mr. Wilder, NAY; Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Morrow. Motion passed and the Ordinance will be advertised.

10) New Business:

- a) A motion to accept the rent check of \$1 with the Wesleyville Area Museum of Armed Forces Small Boats. to automatically renew the lease for another year for the section of the North Street parking lot to be used to host the museum's collection made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Wilder. Mrs. Morrow had a question on if the letters that the borough sent them about cleaning up have been taken care of. Mr. Jacobs said that everything has been cleaned up. Roll Call vote; AYE; Mrs. Julius, Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Bills, Mrs. Kolesar, Mr. Wilder. NAY: Mrs. Morrow
- b) A motion to approve of moving forward with Burgess & Niple to prepare an application to the DCED Multimodal Grant for the reconstruction and upgrade of North Street from Bird Drive to Water Street with an estimated total cost of the engineering estimates being \$6,000 billed as a percent of the total services are incurred made by Mr. Wilder and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar. Unanimous voice vote.
- c) A motion to approve of beginning the bid process for the milling and repaving of three Borough streets with the bid opening scheduled for the June 12th Council Meeting made by Mr. Wilder and seconded by Mr. Bills. Unanimous voice vote.
 - i) *Idlewood Dr., Gray Ave., and Willow St. from Fremont St. to Buffalo Rd.*
 - ii) *View the attachment 2024 Pavement Management Plan. We should have over \$100,000 that could be put towards the roads.*
- d) A motion to approve of beginning the bid process for the Borough intersection corner and catch basin upgrades with the bid opening scheduled for the June 12th Council Meeting made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mr. Wilder. Unanimous voice vote.
 - i) *Included in the bid is;*

(1) All four corners being upgraded to be ADA compliant at the intersection of Eastern Ave & Edison Ave.

(2) Two catchbasins are being replaced on the east side of the intersection of Eastern Ave & Edison Ave.

(3) Two corners being upgraded to be ADA compliant at the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue.

- e) A motion to accept the contract with Joseph McCormick Construction for the installation of a paved parking lot (\$10,800) and the addition of a sloped wedge at the edge of the pavilions (\$934.29) at Hinkler Park for a total cost of \$11,734.29 made by Mr. Wilder and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Petrini showed up at 7:28 Pm.

- f) A motion to approve of the transfer of up to \$750,000 from the General Fund Checking Account ending in x4953 at Northwest Bank to the General Fund Reserve Account ending in x3112 at PLGIT where it earns a 5% interest rate made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar. Unanimous voice vote. (Amended from \$500,000 to up to \$750,000)

i) Current balance in the NWB account ending x4953 is \$1,091,655.10 as of 05-22-24. There is not a need for this much in the account at one time.

ii) This move is to leverage interest revenue that could be earned while this money is not needed for the next ~4-6months. PLGIT can make these transactions within 1 to 2 business days for the most part so if needed money can be moved from the Reserve account at PLGIT to the Checking at Northwest rather quickly.

- g) A motion to approve of the disbursement of up to \$2,500 to the Wesleyville Volunteer Hose Company for the purpose of hosting the 2024 Wesleyville Community Days event after we receive their budget/expenses made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Mr. Bills asked for a itemized list of cost. We currently don't have one will need to get one from Mayor or WFD. Roll Call vote AYE; Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Morrow, Mr.Petrini, NAY: Mr. Alfieri, Mr. Bills. Abstain; Mrs. Kolesar and Mr. Wilder. Motion passes.

i) The 2024 Budget has line item 457.000 - Civil and Military Celebrations in the amount of \$500.

- h) A motion to approve of the registration of Chief Buzanowski and Master Patrolman Garner to the Narcotics Investigations seminar for a total cost of \$1,210 including registration fee and hotel made by Mrs. Kolesar and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.
- i) This fits into the 2024 approved budget line item for training, Chief wanted approval because it is a higher cost item.*
- i) A motion to approve of the Borough providing a \$250 match as part of the \$500 total National Night Out grant made by Mr. Bills and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.
- i) Mrs. Morrow asked if she was able to go to local business to ask for donations for NNO. Mr. Betza advises not to. Mrs. Julius suggested to ask local churches.*
- j) A motion to approve of the reimbursement of a one-night hotel stay for Mayor Johnson to attend the PSAB conference to receive his 25 Years of Service award with a total cost of \$178.71 made by Mr. Bills and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
- i) Suggested line item: 401.460 - Mayor's Expense.*
- k) A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-009 a Resolution of the Borough of Wesleyville authorizing the submission of the STMP Phase 2 grant proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Bills. Unanimous voice vote.
- i) Estimated grant size of \$50,000-\$60,000 with a 10% match being \$5,000-\$6,000.*
- l) A motion to approve of the signing of the hardship letter to be sent to DCED that would be requesting a reduction in the local match funds requirement to the level of 10% for the STMP Phase 2 made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.
- m) A motion to approve of the advertisement and public display of Ordinance 2024 – 008 - Amending Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Borough's Codified Ordinances to permit and regulate the non-commercial keeping of chickens in the Borough.
- i) By Wilder, Kolesar seconded.*
- ii) Julius motioned to table. Morrow e seconded to table. Motion to table failed a roll call vote.*
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- (5) 4 Ayes, 2 Nays Motion passed

11) Executive Session: No Need for Executive Session.

12) Borough Administration:

- a) Borough Manager – Marcus Jacobs
 - i) Borough Hall usage, ensuring that the space has been reserved.
- b) Police Department – Chief Buzanowski
- c) Fire Department
- d) Treasurer's Report (*Council Meetings Only*) - Marcus Jacobs

13) Borough Boards & Commissions

- a) Planning Commission – Mr. Wilder
 - i) Next meeting is on June 19th, at 5pm at the Borough Hall.
- b) Safety Committee – Mrs. Morrow- Approved hazard report after things were adjusted. One incident had happened but the form was not filled out. Retraining was taught so this would not happen again.
 - i) *****Next meeting is on June 19th at 1pm at the Borough Hall. (Juneteeth Holiday)

14) Council - Committee Reports:

- a) Public Works/Streets - Mr. Bills- Neighbors came out to tell him that they were happy about Eastern Ave being redone.
- b) Sanitary and Storm Sewers - Mr. Wilder- Asked if Mr. Jacobs reach out to Jan Cabaday at Harborcreek about the Pink Slime. He has not done that yet.
- c) Public Safety - Mr. Alfieri- Fire chief concerns. 13 new firefighters joined WHC, still waiting for key fobs to get access to building. They are locked in a desk within the building by the president. Mrs. Julius had just talked to Chief Pete and someone was coming in tomorrow 5/23/24 to get new fobs. They can't get in to respond to calls. Belle Valley firefighters are responding in belle valley gear/vehicles to WHC calls. Who covers them when an accident happens? They are WHC firefighters not BV. Need to resolve people showing up in own vehicles to scenes as emergency vehicles can't get through. Jeremy- BV chief responds to WHC calls he is a firefighter not a fire chief and can't run red lights.
- d) Refuse and Recycling - Mrs. Kolesar- Nothing to report.
- e) Community Engagement - Mrs. Morrow- Wesleyville clean up day will be postponed.

15) Council – Members:

- a) Councilmember – Mr. Alfieri
- b) Councilmember - Mr. Bills
- c) Councilmember – Mrs. Kolesar
- d) Councilmember – Mrs. Morrow
- e) Councilmember – Mr. Wilder

16) Council - Officers:

- a) Mayor – Mr. Johnson- Not in attendance
- b) Council Vice President - Mr. Petrini – Nothing to report.
- c) Council President - Mrs. Julius- Restroom of Hinkler Park, we are not spending extra \$43,000. We got \$70,000 from DCNR and \$70,000 from fish and game. \$139,000 is still the ending cost.

17) Good of the Order:

a) Next Council Meeting is June 12th, 2024, 6PM in the Borough Hall.

b) Next Work Session Meeting is on June 26th, 2024, 6PM, in the Borough Hall.

18) Meeting Adjournment:

a) A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Wilder, passed unanimous.

Adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted to the public record of the Borough of Wesleyville after the meeting minutes were approved by the Borough Council at the public Council Meeting on the 12 day of June, 2024.



Marcus A Jacobs, Borough Manager/Secretary

Official Raised Seal of the Borough of Wesleyville



