



July 2024 Council Meeting
Wesleyville Borough, Erie County, Pennsylvania

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

Public Meeting Information

July 10th, 2024, at 6:00PM

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

Live Virtual Option - *Coming Soon*

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- 1) **Call to Order** – By: Mrs. Julius, President 6:00 PM
 - 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)
 - c) Council President Pro Tem, Paul Bills (Not Present)
 - d) Councilperson, Steve Alfieri; (Present)

- e) Councilperson, Jake Wilder; (Not Present)
- f) Councilperson, Sandy Morrow; (Present)
- g) Councilperson, Cassandra Kolesar; (Present)
- h) Mayor, E Paul Johnson; (Not Present)
- i) Tax Collector, Lisa Huff (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 (Not Present)

5) Top of Agenda – Reserved Time:

a) Fire Department

- i) A motion to approve of the Council Statement made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote. Mr. Jacobs then read the Council Statement to the Fire Department.

6) Citizens to address Council:

- a) Erick- We are trying. The key fobs are done. As far as training no one is showing up, so how can I hand out key fobs/train them. Stated that the new members refuse to train with Lawrence Park. If they aren't trained, we are not sending them into a burning building. They signed on but not showing up. This is not a list of recommendations, it's a list of demands. We don't even get a text to do a walk around an engine or station. The appreciation is nice but it's not getting the engines out the door.
- b) Pete- We are not going to be dictated on what to do. We are a private, free entity. You don't get access to the department until you are off probation period. Those new members aren't showing up. Flat out said they won't train with Crotty (LP). Brought up the post on face book and said they have

been ignoring them but can start responding. Also mentioned they could just sell all the equipment and be done as a department. It's not appreciation whatsoever. Ask what you can do to help.

7) Approve Agenda:

- a) A motion to approve of the agenda for tonight's meeting, July 10th, 2024 made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.

8) Approve Minutes:

- a) A motion to approve the minutes from the June 26th, 2024, Council meeting made by Mrs. Kolesar and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.

9) Borough Administration:

- a) Borough Manager – Marcus Jacobs
 - i) Managers' Report- Wasn't able to get completed. Did update on ongoing projects. Started milling on the 3 roads (Gray Ave, Willow St and Idlewood Dr). Still haven't finished, waiting on ADA curbs on Idlewood to be completed. Mrs. Morrow asked about Center St. Its also on a standstill, waiting for the concrete company to come in and place sidewalks and ADA curbs. Questions on the telephone poles on that street and if they were going to be moved off the road. They will not be moved as it was not in the plans. A resident also asked since the no parking signs are not there anymore are we allowed to park on the street. Yes you can as long as the signs are no longer there. Waiting on the hood to be finished in the kitchen to be able to proceed with that project. Alfieri asked if the recent tar and chip roads will be cleaned with the street sweeper. Once Mr. Ball comes back from vacation they will be.
- b) Police Department – Chief Buzanowski- Not in Attendance
- c) Fire Department- Alfieri- We've had discussions with Belle Valley members to show up. Show up to drill and get the key fob. Mrs. Julius said last drill there was Belle Valley members there. They said they have no access so why show up. Would like to get a committee together on both sides to work together.
- d) Treasurer's Report (*Council Meetings Only*) - Marcus Jacobs

- i) A motion to acknowledge receipt of the June 2024 Depository Log and the Transfer Log made by Mr. Alfieri and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar. Unanimous voice vote.
- ii) A motion to acknowledge receipt of the June 2024 Profit & Loss Reports for the General, Sewer, Garbage, and Liquid Fuels funds made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.
- iii) A motion to acknowledge receipt of the June 2024 Check Details from the General, Sewer, and Garbage funds made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.

10) Old Business:

- a) **Council's Final Chance** – A motion to override the Mayor's veto and to approve of the adoption 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. Alfieri and seconded by Mrs. Kolesar. After discussion there was a roll call vote AYE: Mr. Alfieri and Mrs. Kolesar, NAY; Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Morrow and Mr. Petrini. NAY's have it and the motion doesn't pass.
 - i) Alfieri- I know this motion is going to fail but wanted to talk about it. This would only be able to apply to very few residents with the restrictions. People will find ways around it. Don't see an issue with having this ordinance. If they are investing time and money in chickens they will be taken care of.
 - ii) Kolesar- Was happy to have a discussion on this topic.
 - iii) Petrini- Sometimes actions from one person ruin it for everyone. Concerns for neighbors.

11) New Business:

- a) A motion to accept the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal quote accumulated by USI Insurance (our broker) with Trident as the supplier of Property, Crime, Liability, Inland Marine, Auto, and Umbrella policies for an annual total of \$51,241 (Amending that Marcus will discuss with our insurance agent about deductibles) made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.
 - i) *This is 23% higher than last year because Manager Jacobs went through the policy and identified a lot of Borough property that was not previously covered.*
 - ii) *2024 Budget – Line Item 486.100 - \$51,000 budgeted between all the funds.*

b) A motion to accept the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal Quote accumulated by USI Insurance (our broker) with Encova Insurance as the supplier of our Workers Compensation coverage for a total of \$68,952 made by Mrs. Kolesar and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

i) Manager Jacobs – Explanation of how the Worker's Comp is calculated.

ii) Overall payroll estimate increased by 45% and the premium increased 25%.

iii) 2024 Budget – Line item 484.000 - \$56,000 budgeted between all the funds. We will go over budget in this category.

c) A motion to approve of the opening of a new bank account at PLGIT titled “Police Donations” with the President, Vice President, and Manager as authorized users. And to further approve of the transfer of \$3,841.39 made by Mrs. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Petrini. Unanimous voice vote.

i) Historically, the donations received by the Police Department for the K9 unit and/or other initiatives have not been segregated from the Borough's General Fund.

ii) Having a separate bank account will make it easier to track the donations received, the expenses incurred, and the remaining balance.

d) A motion to approve and adopt the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations made by Mrs. Kolesar and seconded by Mr. Alfieri. Unanimous voice vote.

i) These were adopted by the Commission at their 7-10-24 meeting.

e) A motion to pick up recliner located at 2723 Shannon Road with out paying fee as its been sitting out of the home for over a month made by Mr. Petrini and seconded by Mrs. Morrow. Unanimous voice vote.

12) Executive Session: None Anticipated

a) Recessed:

i) Borough Council recessed public session at _____ for an executive session regarding ...

b) Reconvened:

i) Borough Council reconvened the public session at _____.

13) Borough Boards & Commissions

a) Planning Commission – Manager Jacobs- Nothing to report.

i) Next meeting is on July 17th, at 5pm at the Borough Hall.

b) Safety Committee – Mrs. Morrow- Nothing to report.

i) Next meeting is on July 17th at 1pm at the Borough Hall.

14) Council - Committee Reports:

a) Public Works/Streets - Mr. Bills- Not in attendance.

b) Sanitary and Storm Sewers - Mr. Wilder – Not in attendance.

c) Public Safety - Mr. Alfieri- Nothing to report.

d) Refuse and Recycling - Mrs. Kolesar- Nothing to report.

e) Community Engagement - Mrs. Morrow- Still working on NNO stuff. Need volunteers August 6th.

15) Council – Members:

a) Councilmember – Mr. Alfieri- Asked Mr. Jacobs to get a report on the interest we are getting from transferring funds to PLGIT.

b) Councilmember - Mr. Bills- Not in attendance.

c) Councilmember – Mrs. Kolesar- Nothing to report.

d) Councilmember – Mrs. Morrow- Nothing to report.

e) Councilmember – Mr. Wilder- Not in attendance.

16) Council - Officers:

a) Mayor – Mr. Johnson- Not in attendance.

b) Council Vice President - Mr. Petrini- Brought up the recliner on Shannon rd.

c) Council President - Mrs. Julius- Have we heard from the landbank. Mr. Jacobs said no we haven't. Bathrooms for Hinkler park we are just waiting on plans from the company we ordered from.

17) Good of the Order:

a) Next Work Session Meeting is on July 24th, 2024, 6PM, in the Borough Hall.

b) Next Council Meeting is on August 14th, 2024, 6PM in the Borough Hall.

18) Meeting Adjournment:

a) A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Alfieri seconded by Mr. Petrini, passed unanimously.
Adjourned at 7:18.

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 24 day of July, 2024.



Marcus A Jacobs, Borough Manager/Secretary

Official Raised Seal of the Borough of Wesleyville



