

## MINUTES

### WHEATLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Wheatland Borough Council was held on Wednesday August 5, 2015 at the Wheatland Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Council President Dan Morsillo who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call determined the following:

Present: George Ashby, Art Hunyadi, Myron Jones, Pat Lewis, Darla Marchant, Terry Thompson, and Dan Morsillo.

Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Jones, Solicitor William Madden, Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Stinedurf, Sharon Wright, Edd & Nita Buczo, Jason & Ann Montgomery, and Dave Moyer.

The minutes of the July 1, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sharon Wright asked about the rental property inspection. She asked if they are being done and by whom. She also asked who reports the tenants that are living in these rental properties. She was informed that the landlord is to report the tenants. She was also informed that we are in the process of updating our Non-owner Occupied Rental Ordinance. She said her main concern is the property at 121 Broadway Avenue due to it being very unsafe.

Sharon also had some complaints regarding burning of trash, mattresses, carpets, and couches and asked who is to take care of this problem. She was advised to call 911 and report it when it is happening.

She also expressed some concerns about the speeding in the alley now that it is paved. She asked if we could put up “No Thru Traffic” signs, “Slow Children at Play” signs or speed bumps to help control this problem. She was informed that we could not use speed bumps due to the plows and could not do a “No Thru Traffic” sign due to this being an alley not private property. She then asked about having the alley closed and was informed that this could not happen either due to emergency vehicles using the alley also. Council will look into speed limit signs for the alleys.

Jason Montgomery expressed some concerns about Waste Management leaving trash on the ground due to using the claw on the truck to pick up trash, if you have a toter. He was told that we would have to contact Waste Management to try and get this problem fixed. Jason also asked who is responsible for the pole in his yard, it has been there for over a year and is not being used. He was informed that it is a Penn Power pole so he would need to contact them and give them the pole number that is on the pole.

Edd Buczo stated that he needs the phone number for Waste Management. He also asked about the fees on the new Non-owner Occupied Rental Ordinance, are they pro-rated if rented after the inspection fee due date? He was informed that you pay the fees when it is rented not if you are working on the property to get it ready to rent, so yes the fees would be pro-rated.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Marc Buskirk to serve on the Shenango Valley Enterprise Zone Committee for a four year term, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous voice vote. The term will expire in June 2019.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the PSAB Resolution to Support the Legalization of Medicinal Cannabis in PA (Senate Bill 3), seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Council discussed the PSAB Fall Conference in Seven Springs (Oct.16-18, 2015). Mr. Thompson expressed interest in attending. Mrs. Lewis made a motion to authorize Mr. Thompson to attend and pay the expenses, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the NAACP Annual Banquet (Oct.2, 2015 at the Park Inn). Ms. Marchant made a motion to purchase two tickets, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote. The tickets are \$35.00 each. Mayor Jones and Mr. Thompson will be attending.

Ms. Marchant made a motion to satisfy the 3 Housing Rehabilitation Liens from the 2004 Grant, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The cost to satisfy these liens is \$162.00.

Council discussed doing a traffic study for the Borough alleys to get a weight limit on them. This was tabled to wait for more information.

Council discussed the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Thompson made a motion to request a review of all the Fire Department finances (via letter) by August 31, 2015, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Jones stated that he received a phone call from DEP regarding the property at 121 Broadway Avenue. There was a complaint of sewage being drained into the yard. He stated that this is not a Borough issue but a landlord issue. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Department Reports, seconded by Ms. Marchant and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Safety Committee had a meeting on July 31, 2015. Due to scheduling issues the meeting are being changed to the third Thursday of the month. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the Committee Reports, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Non-owner Property Rental Ordinance will be addressed at the September Council Meeting.

Council President called an executive session.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Stinedurf  
Secretary-Treasurer