

MINUTES

WHEATLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Wheatland Borough Council was held on Wednesday January 6, 2016 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, Herald Reporter, Mike & Jill Niddell, Gary Longwell, Bob Taylor, Ron Viglio, Duane McFarland, Mark Selby, Stephanie Kreibel, and Cindy Jennings.

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 Council Meeting and the December 23, 2015 Special Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Taylor asked why the borough did not provide for fire protection. Bob said council took away from the fire department budget. Council President said we did not do that. We are still funding the fire department, just in a different way. Council President stated that the borough is not paying for trucks they do not own. Mrs. Lewis stated that when we ask for information we have a hard time getting it and we should not pay for something we don't own. Council is very upset with the letter that was posted at the Post Office, no one ever called council to state that they were not happy with the budget.

Council authorized Sharon Stinedurf to transfer \$40,000.00 from the Income Tax Suspense Account into the General Fund Account as per budgeted on a motion from Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ashby and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the Ordinance to abolish the Southwest Mercer County Regional Police Department. This was tabled to contact COG for more information.

Council authorized paying the Southwest Mercer County Regional Police bill (\$11,935.94) for sick time, vacation time, etc. on a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Ashby and approved by unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Jones voting No.

Council discussed the Mercer County Boroughs Association Winter Meeting in Fredonia on January 28, 2016. Ms. Marchant made a motion to authorize those interested in attending to attend, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous roll call vote. Pat, Art, Terry, Dave and Darla will attend.

Council discussed the Property Rental Ordinance and Application. Ms. Marchant made a motion to send these letters, applications, and Ordinances out to the landlords by the end of January, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote. The postage should not exceed \$100.00.

The Committee Appointments were tabled until the February meeting.

Dave Moyer stated that he did a follow up on the fence issue on Laird Avenue, he addressed the issue and will work on this. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Department Reports, seconded by Mr. Ashby and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Safety Committee Reports that the Fire Chief stated that didn't know if he is going to attend the Safety Meetings. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the Committee Reports, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Mayor reports that he attended the COG Meeting and will serve on the Board for two (2) years.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Mrs. Lewis and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Ashby asked if any monies came in yet.

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

The Mayor stated that MCRP is going to start with a clean slate in the spring to update our ordinances.

Mr. Morsillo said he spoke with Mr. Winslow regarding the pump house and he wants to get the ball rolling on the repairs. Mr. Winslow said that Penn Vest stated the amount is too low and will check with DCED regarding finances and funding for the repairs

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

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Stinedurf
Secretary-Treasurer