

MINUTES

WHEATLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Wheatland Borough Council was held on Wednesday November 4, 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, Herald Reporter, Mike & Jill Niddel, Samatha Gutshall, and Mike Wilson.

The minutes of the October 7, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

There were no Spectator remarks.

Council authorized Sharon Stinedurf to transfer \$8,758.50 from the Pension Sinking Fund Account into the General Fund Account as reimbursement for the 2015 MMO for the pension plan on a motion from Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the date and time for trick or treat. Mrs. Lewis made a motion to set trick or treat date for October 31, 2015 from 4 – 6 pm, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Council discussed flowers for Helen Duby's funeral. Mrs. Duby is a former Mayor of Wheatland. Mrs. Lewis made a motion to send flowers from the Borough Council, Mayor and employees, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the Hospitalization renewal. Mr. Thompson made a motion to renew the Hospitalization as is for 2016, seconded by Mrs. Lewis and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Ashby made a motion to work with West Middlesex Borough Council to dissolve the Southwest Mercer County Regional Police Department, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Police Services and the Intergovernmental Agreement were both tabled until we meet with West Middlesex Borough and the Police Commission Committee on a motion by Ms. Marchant, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The street department had a sewer issue on Emerson Avenue today. The City of Sharon Sewer Authority has confirmed (with a video) the issue is from the property at 44 Emerson Avenue, there are tree roots in the property line causing problems in the borough lines. The property owner will be notified of the issue and asked to remedy the problem. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Department Reports, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous voice vote.

There are no Committee Reports.

The Mayor reports that the Halloween Party was very nice and there were no problems.

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 Mrs. Lewis and approved by unanimous roll call vote. The secretary will call Line Systems and has the garage phone disconnected and calls forwarded to the Borough cell phones for the garage.

Council discussed the 240 line the Fire Dept. has requested be installed for the air compressor for the fire trucks. The Fire Dept. will pay for the installation of the line. The demolition of 60 Vaughn Avenue has been tabled for further information. Council has reappointed Mr. Dave Jones to the Wheatland Planning Commission Committee until 2019. The Wheatland Planning Commission Committee will pick a date to meet, advertise the date and meet to work on updating the ordinances. The people participating in the Veteran's Day Parade will meet at the borough at 5:30 pm on November 11, 2015.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was recessed until November 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm to work on the proposed 2016 budget and address any other business that may come before council on a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous voice vote.

CONTINUATION OF RECESSED NOVEMBER 4, 2015 MEETING

Wheatland Borough Council met on November 4, 2015 to work on the proposed 2016 budget and address any other business that may come before council.

Council President, Dan Morsillo, called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call determined the following:

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

Absent: Myron Jones

Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Jones, Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Stinedurf.

Council worked on the proposed 2016 budget.

Council will meet with Bob Taylor, Fire Chief, to discuss the fire department budget items. The fire department will pay for the auto insurance and vehicle maintenance, the borough will pay for the hydrants, siren, and keep the Firemen's Relief line items pending a decrease in insurance premium. The borough will also increase the contribution line item to \$7,000.00. This was done on a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Marchant and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was recessed until November 23, 2015 to work on the proposed 2016 budget and address any other business that may come before council on a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

CONTINUATION OF RECESSED NOVEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING

Wheatland Borough Council met on November 23, 2015 to work on the proposed 2016 Budget and address any other business that may come before council.

Council President, Dan Morsillo, called the meeting to order by leading 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, Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Stinedurf, Jill Niddel, Mr. Lark and Mr. Preston (from West Middlesex Borough) and the Herald reporter.

Council discussed the contribution to the Fire Department for the budget. Mr. Ashby made a motion to increase the contribution to \$7,500.00, seconded by Ms. Marchant and passed by unanimous roll call vote with Mrs. Lewis voting NO.

Council discussed the Ordinance to dissolve the Southwest Mercer County Regional Police Department. Mr. Ashby made a motion to authorize Mr. Madden to advertise this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the police services for the borough. Mr. Ashby made a motion to contract police services from the City of Hermitage, seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to authorize Mr. Madden to do the Ordinance for police services through the City of Hermitage and to advertise this, seconded by Mr. Ashby and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Marchant made a motion to have Mr. Madden do an Intergovernmental Agreement for police services with the City of Hermitage, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to authorize Mr. Madden to advertise the 2016 Tax Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to pay all expenses for advertising these ordinances, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Council worked on the proposed 2016 budget.

Council President called an executive session.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to authorize a \$1.00 per hour raise for the street foreman, a .25 per hour raise for the equipment operator and the secretary, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to advertise the proposed 2016 budget, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the Borough Christmas luncheon. The luncheon will be December 23, 2015.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Stinedurf
Secretary-Treasurer