

MINUTES

WHEATLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Wheatland Borough Council was held on Wednesday February 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, Edd & Nita Buczo, and Dave Moyer.

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

There were no spectator remarks.

Council discussed the PSAB Annual Conference in Lancaster, April 26-29, 2015. Ms. Marchant expressed interest in attending for 1 day. Mr. Thompson made a motion to allow her to attend the conference and pay her expenses, seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to continue with the Rodent Control Program for \$224.40 (budgeted item), seconded by Mr. Ashby and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Council discussed the Tax Collecting Program software (\$300.00). Mrs. Lewis made a motion to purchase this software, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to donate \$100.00 for Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Council discussed the Holiday (Christmas) Decorations. Mr. Thompson made a motion to order 6 Wreath w/Bows (4 ½') and 6 Stocking (4 ½' x 8') for \$3,149.00 from Rileighs Outdoor Decorations, seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved by unanimous roll call vote with Ms. Marchant voting No. The decorations will come with the hardware for installation.

Council discussed purchasing two programmable thermostats for the borough building to help save on heating cost. Mr. Ashby made a motion to purchase two programmable thermostats for the borough building at a cost not to exceed \$300.00, seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by unanimous roll call vote. Dan Morsillo will purchase the thermostats and install them.

Council discussed the purchase of a new mower for the street department. The cost of the mower is approximately \$6,700.00. Ms. Marchant made a motion to purchase the new mower with a delivery date after April 1, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Lewis and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Thompson stated that we are not putting any money into the cab cadet but will put oil in it and use it. A purchase order will be done with the delivery date on it.

Council discussed the Property Rental Ordinance. This ordinance will be tabled until we can get more information on defining a vacant property as well as other language and a draft of the new ordinance is reviewed by council and the solicitor. Mr. Buczo questioned the changes and asked if he would be able to see the ordinance before it is adopted. He was informed that there will be several meeting regarding this ordinance and he is welcome to attend these meetings.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Department Reports, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council was made aware of the fact that council persons cannot serve on the Zoning Hearing Board Committee. We need a resident of Wheatland to serve on this committee. A notice of interest will be placed at the post office.

The Mayor reported that Penn Dot is doing a paving project on Swamp Road. He will ask about Morton Street and Canal Street approaches, to see if they can do something with them (these approaches have big dips). Mayor Jones also stated that Wheatland Borough is scheduled to host the Mercer County Boroughs Association meeting in April.

Mr. Ashby asked why there is a balance for the playground account, if the project is now complete. He was informed that we need to keep a balance to keep the account opened until we receive the final grant monies then will close out the grant

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

Ms. Marchant asked where the bill was for the workers compensation insurance premium. She was informed that it was on last month's list of bills. Ms. Marchant was shown the bill from last month as well as the proof of payment. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Mr. Hunyadi and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

There is no unfinished business at this time.

Mr. Morsillo made council aware of the letter he received regarding the police towing rotation services.

Council was informed that the insurance check from Integrated Risk Management for the repairs to the fire department building has come in and the Income Tax Suspense Account will be reimbursed the \$7,000.00 for the bricks for the building. Mr. Jones asked about the sign on the borough property being changed. He stated that he would be responsible for changing the sign for the seasons/holidays, etc. Mr. Jones expressed some concerns about the survey being done by the person that purchased Mrs. Patrick's property. He asked if the borough needs to have the alleys surveyed since the new owner thinks he also owns the alleys due to owning property on both sides of the alley ways. Mr. Jones was informed that Mercer County Assessment Office has maps of the property/alley ways so if someone wanted to use the alley after it is developed they can.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Stinedurf
Secretary-Treasurer