

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held January 2, 2018 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

Present: Paula Henry, President
Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President
Nancy Capone
Bob Venesky
Bob Bower
Clyde Kline, Mayor
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

Absent: None

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was audiotaped by Council.

Mayor Kline swore in newly reelected Councilperson Robert Venesky.

Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Mayor Kline accepted nominations for Council President, Vice President and President Pro Tem. Bernie Bowser, Jr. nominated Paula Henry for President. All voted in favor and the nomination carried. Bob Bower nominated Bernie Bowser, Jr. for Vice President. All voted in favor and the nomination carried. Vice President Bowser nominated Nancy Capone as President Pro Tem. All voted in favor and the nomination carried.

President Henry presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Public Comment:

None

There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to approve the previous month's minutes with a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. Vice President Bowser abstained from the vote. All the rest were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mayor's Report:

The police report for December was read aloud by Officer Gahagan. There were 11 traffic citations and 10 written warnings. The following non-traffic incidents occurred: 2 disorderly conducts and 2 public drunkenness. The following criminal incidents also occurred: 4 thefts, 2 warrant arrests, 2 drug paraphernalia, 2 possessions of narcotics, 2 DUIs and 1 possession of narcotics with intent to deliver. Mayor Kline reported that Officer Airgood wrecked the Ford Explorer by backing into the garage door. There was no damage to the garage door, but repairs to damages on the vehicle are estimated at \$568.00. It is the consensus of Council to just pay for the repairs rather than turn a claim in to the insurance company. Mayor Kline received calls from John Pivetta regarding balls going over the fence at the hockey court. The Borough employees have already removed one net, making one-directional play (in the opposite direction from Mr. Pivetta's house). Someone brought in another net. Vice President Bowser made a motion for the public works committee to order a sign saying "half-court play only, no playing after 9:00pm and no profanity". There was a 2nd by Councilperson Bower. All were in favor and the motion carried.

President Henry said Stefanie Bures, who was elected to the 2-year Council term, has declined the position, thus creating a vacancy. There was a motion by Vice President Bowser to appoint Henry Mores to the vacant 2-year term with a 2nd by Councilperson Bower. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Kline performed the swearing in of Councilperson Mores.

Committee Reports:

Mickey Langham said there will not be a crime watch committee meeting until spring.

Unfinished Business:

Vice President Bowser asked about the reinstatement of the Borough website. President Henry said we would talk to Michele Cogley about moving forward with it.

New Business:

Council needed to appoint a representative to the Armstrong UCC group for 2018. Previously, Bob Venesky had held this position. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to reappoint Bob Venesky as the Borough's representative on the Armstrong UCC group. There was a 2nd by Vice President Bowser. All were in favor and the motion carried. The next meeting of the group is Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00pm in the Armstrong County Commissioners' conference room.

There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to pay December's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Mores. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

NONE

On a motion by Vice President Bowser, seconded by Councilperson Mores and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO