

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held October 1, 2018 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

Present: Nancy Capone, President Pro Tem  
Bob Bower  
Bob Venesky  
Mickey Langham  
Henry Mores  
Clyde Kline, Mayor

Absent: Paula Henry, President  
Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President  
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was audiotaped by Secretary Cowan and the Leader Times.

Public Comment:

Pastor Larry Edwards (Grace Brethren Church) passed out a flyer for CHRISTSTOCK, to be held in the Riverfront Park on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00pm. It is a free community event and will include vendors, inflatables for kids, games for everyone and free food.

Carol Augustine (Cleveland Street) asked where in the budget there were funds to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> police officer. Mayor Kline said he would address that issue later in the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to approve the previous month's minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Mores. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mayor's Report:

Officer Gahagan read aloud the police report for September. There were 11 traffic citations and 5 written warnings. The following non-traffic incidents occurred: 2 disorderly conducts, 1 scattering rubbish and 1 violation of the solid waste ordinance. The following criminal incidents also occurred: 1 theft, 4 warrant arrests, 2 drug paraphernalia, 2 possessions of narcotics, 1 DUI and 1 possession of narcotics with intent to deliver. There were also investigations for violations of the junk vehicle, trash and high grass ordinances. Letters were sent to the property owners.

Mayor Kline said one of our police officers recently resigned so that is why we are looking to hire another officer. There was an individual soliciting in the Borough without a permit last Thursday. Officer Gahagan found the individual and informed him he needed a permit.

Michael Kunselman said people are receiving phone calls from local numbers claiming to be the electric company saying your bill is past due and asking for payment.

Mayor Kline said a lot of letters were mailed out to property owners for not keeping the grass mowed.

Mayor Kline and Councilperson Langham talked to residents of Lincoln Avenue about the new ordinance and where they can and cannot park.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Mores said the floors in the municipal building are scheduled to be buffed and waxed. He also said street paving should begin tomorrow, weather permitting. Councilperson Capone said the paving company will not have extra time to pave for individual residents. If you would like paving done, you will need to contact a paving company on your own.

Councilperson Mores said there was new mulch laid at the playground.

Larry Anthony reported to Councilperson Langham that the alley between Southern and Central Avenues and Arthur and Garfield Streets is washing out pretty badly. Councilperson Mores said the street department will look at it.

Councilperson Langham made a motion to hire Frank Pitzer as a part-time police officer, working up to 32 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Bower. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilperson Langham said the next crime watch committee meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Unfinished Business:

Secretary Cowan said the new code books were received and she will distribute them to Council members. Councilperson Mores will contact Waste Management regarding a new contract. Councilperson Capone asked if the culvert situation behind Michael Kunselman's property was addressed. Councilperson Bower will make a note to have the street department check it out and make sure the water is flowing properly and there are no blockages.

New Business:

Council will wait to set a date for trick-or-treat until they find out when other municipalities will hold theirs.

There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to pay September's bills with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Mores. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Councilperson Bower, seconded by Councilperson Mores and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carly J. Cowan  
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO