

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held February 4, 2019 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

Present: Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President  
Bob Bower  
Bob Venesky  
Mickey Langham  
Henry Mores  
Nancy Capone  
Clyde Kline, Mayor

Absent: Paula Henry, President  
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and was recorded by Secretary Cowan and the Leader Times.

Ken Howard, from Bankson Engineers, was present to discuss the Pennvest proposal. Pennvest offered the borough a 20 year loan for the total cost of the project, \$470,000. The interest rate for the first 5 years would be 1% with a monthly payment of \$2,161.50. The interest rate for years 6 through maturity would be 1.731% with a monthly payment of \$2,279.61. We are under no obligation to accept the offer but if the borough would choose to accept, the next step would be to put the project out to bid. The project is completely designed and permitted and Bankson obtained the easement that was part of the area. Mr. Howard said Pennvest is not awarding as much grant money for storm sewer infrastructure projects. He said they will be contacting us in the near future to see what we've decided.

Public Comment:

None

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 January. There were 8 traffic citations and 4 written warnings. There were 3 disorderly conduct offenses. The following criminal incidents occurred: 1 theft, 3 warrant arrests, 1 drug paraphernalia, 1 possession of narcotics, 1 DUI, 2 bad checks, 4 sexual assaults and 4 corruption of minors. There were notices sent out for violations of the nuisance vehicle, trash and high grass ordinances.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Mores said the street department is keeping up with the snow. One of the trucks is down but is being repaired.

Councilperson Capone said when the paving was done, the company did not put a curb adjacent to her property along Southern Avenue, as there had been in the past. She said water runs through her yard onto her patio since there is no curb to divert it down the hill. She contacted the street department and they used coal patch to construct a makeshift curb. They will put in a permanent fix this spring. Councilperson Capone expressed her gratitude.

Councilperson Langham received a few resumes for the police officer position. She will call the individuals to see if they can work daylight hours before proceeding any farther.

Councilperson Capone asked how President Henry's son was doing after surgery. Vice President Bowser said there was a picture of him on Facebook giving a "thumbs up" so hopefully that means he is doing well.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Capone asked about the bill Officer Airgood received when he had to be treated for a dog bite this past July. Council decided to pay the bill and try to seek restitution from the homeowner's insurance.

Vice President Bowser suggested tabling the decision on the Pennvest loan proposal. Ken Howard recommended recording the easement in the event the Borough decides to proceed with the project at any time in the future.

Vice President Bowser said he checked the Borough website and Jim Sobiski is still listed as Mayor. He apologized for saying it had been updated. He will contact Michele Cogley about the future of the website.

New Business:

Secretary Cowan mentioned that West Kittanning Borough is scheduled to be the first vice president of the Armstrong County Association of Boroughs for 2019. Councilperson Mores volunteered to be hold the position on our behalf. The borough will be President of the association for 2020.

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

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Councilperson Mores, seconded by Councilperson Venesky and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carly J. Cowan  
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO