

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held February 5, 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
Henry Mores
Clyde Kline, Mayor

Absent: Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was audiotaped by Council and the Leader Times.

Public Comment:

Joe Mores (Harrison Street) said Borough ordinance states curfew is at 10:00pm and he asked why the siren blows at 9:00pm. He said state law says it is a nuisance. President Henry said the Borough does not have a noise ordinance. Vice President Bowser said Murray Electric fixed the timing on the siren - it had been blowing a few minutes before 9:00pm – and it only rings for 7.8 seconds. Mr. Mores said the siren is not structurally sound. Councilperson Bower said Mr. Mores needs to take up his issues with the fire chief.

Carl Masters (Nixon Street) said there is a water drainage issue in the Roofner plan. There is water that runs down the hill behind his house and gathers on the south side of the street where there are no storm drains. Bernie Bowser, Sr. and the Borough maintenance guys have all checked out the situation. Mr. Masters said the water is chlorinated, which would mean there is a leak somewhere. It is also a violation of DEP rules if it is emptying into the nearby creek. The water authority folks have checked all connections to and from his house and there are no leaks. Mr. Masters is asking Council to look into the problem. Councilperson Bower is familiar with the situation. He said the water has been tested and is not chlorinated. Once the weather clears up, the Borough guys are planning on digging up both sides of the street to look for a drain that may need cleaned out. If there is no drain, they will install one. It may be a matter of the existing pipes being too small to handle the amount of water. Councilperson Bower said there is an issue on Harding Street that will also be addressed once the weather clears up. Mr. Masters thanked Council for hearing him out.

Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

Mayor's Report:

The police report for January was read aloud by Officer Gahagan. There were 10 traffic citations and 10 written warnings. The following non-traffic incidents occurred: 1 disorderly conduct and 3 public drunkenness. The following criminal incidents also occurred: 2 thefts, 1 warrant arrest, 2 drug paraphernalia, 2 possessions of narcotics, 2 DUIs and 1 possession of narcotics with intent to deliver.

President Henry said there is a vacancy on Council due to Bernie Bowser, Sr's declining of his nomination. Two letters of interest were received – one from Michelle Langham and one from Vince Cappel. Vice President Bowser said Michelle Langham did a good job when she served on Council in the past and is dedicated to serving the Borough. He made a motion to appoint Ms. Langham to the vacant position. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Kline performed the swearing in of Michelle (Mickey) Langham. Councilperson Langham joined the rest of Council for the remainder of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

The crime watch committee will not meet again until spring.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Mores said the signs for the hockey court are currently being made by Walsh Equipment.

New Business:

NONE

There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to pay January's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Mores. All were in favor and the motion carried. An invoice from Bankson Engineers was presented. The cost is \$493.37 and is the first for work done on the PennVest application. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to pay the bill 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 at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO