

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held March 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
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

Absent: Mickey Langham

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was audiotaped by Council and the Leader Times.

Public Comment:

Ted Willis (Garfield Street) presented pictures taken from his back window of garbage piled up at his neighbor's house. As the house is a rental, Mr. Willis spoke to the landlord who said he would take care of it, but nothing has been done. They did start trash pickup service started last week, but they only take 3 bags a week so there are still bags lying around. There is also loose trash and bags piled up with a tarp over them. Councilperson Bower said we need to start enforcing the garbage can ordinance. Vice President Bowser asked the Mayor to have the police address the issue immediately.

Allyson Morris (McKinley Street) is planning to have a diabetes walk in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association in memory of her father, long-time Council member Ed Morris. She spoke briefly with President Henry about her plans. President Henry suggested she talk with Councilmember Langham to work with the fire department, as well. Ms. Morris has a tentative date of August 11th for the walk.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kline reported that both officers were attending training. The police report for February is as follows: there were 10 traffic citations and 10 written warnings. The following non-traffic incidents occurred: 2 disorderly conducts and 1 public drunkenness. The following criminal incidents also occurred: 3 thefts, 3 warrant arrest, 2 drug paraphernalia, 2 possessions of narcotics, 2 DUIs and 1 possession of narcotics with intent to deliver.

Councilperson Capone her neighbor's son was approaching surrounding neighbors, asking if they minded if he shot his pellet gun in his back yard. Mayor Kline said there is an ordinance that prohibits the use of pellet guns in the Borough.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Mores reported on a collapsed sewer drain underneath Harrison Street. The street had to be excavated so 32 feet of terra cotta sewer drain could be replaced. It had been in place since 1917 and was replaced with corrugated pipe. The drain line along Nixon Avenue is the next issue to be addressed when the weather improves. Carl Masters brought up the issue at February's council meeting. He has been notified that the situation will be addressed as soon as possible. After that, Councilperson Mores said the street department guys will work on the area of Northern Avenue where water comes up through cracks in the road. They will test it to see if it is spring water.

Councilperson Capone received a phone call from Scott Hetrick about a property on Pine Hill Road that is currently for sale. His daughter is interested in buying the home, but only if she can remove the existing pine trees. Councilperson Capone said yes, they can be removed because they are on personal property, not Borough property.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Councilperson Bower addressed the parking issue on Lincoln Street. People are parking on both sides of the street, which is narrow and "one-way". There is a resident that parks 3 feet from his retaining wall, which makes it nearly impossible to get a plow truck by. Bankson Engineers have assessed the situation. The existing ordinance pertaining to the direction of traffic says it is one way going north and the street is currently marked as one way going south. He suggests drafting an ordinance to officially make it one-way going south. He would also like to ask residents on which side they would prefer to park and have the Solicitor draft an ordinance to that effect. Councilperson Mores said the triangular-shaped property at the entrance to Lincoln Street by the Buhite residence actually belongs to Chuck Rupp. Councilperson Mores said the signs for the hockey court were lost by the company making them. They are being re-made and will be delivered by the end of the week.

President Henry said skunks have already resurfaced throughout the Borough. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to have High Quality Pest Management set traps. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Mores. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilperson Mores will call the company.

Councilperson Venesky asked if the police have a violation sticker for residents that don't have a garbage can. Mayor Kline had one on hand and it does not list anything about garbage cans. Councilperson Venesky proposed getting door hangers made. President Henry asked if there is an ordinance mandating residents have trash pick-up and Councilperson Mores said no. Councilperson Bower will check with local print companies for a sample door hanger. Councilperson Bower said there is a blight task force meeting at the Belmont on March 7th. He and Councilperson Mores will be attending.

Councilperson Mores said the County is beginning the process of updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan, something that is done every 5 years. Municipal representatives are invited to attend the planning meetings. The first will be March 14th from 6-8pm at the Belmont. Councilperson Mores will be attending and will speak to Rick Cogley about possibly attending, as well.

Councilperson Mores said by the end of March, the street department guys will be working their regular hours.

There was a motion by Vice President Bowser to pay February'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 Councilperson Bower, seconded by Vice President Bowser and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO