

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held April 1, 2019 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

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

None

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

Mayor's Report:

The police report for March was read aloud by Mayor Kline.

Traffic – 9 citations, 4 warnings

Non-Traffic – 2 disorderly conduct

Criminal – 2 thefts, 4 warrant arrests, 1 drug paraphernalia, 1 possession of narcotics, 1 DUI, 1 bad check, 2 business frauds, 2 receiving stolen property

Ordinance – nuisance vehicles, large item trash, brush clean-up

April is the month to remove studded tires. The street department will begin cleaning and repairing roads and potholes. Please allow sufficient room when approaching or passing the work crews.

The Bud Floyd memorial golf outing will be held June 7th at 9:00am at Lenape Heights golf resort. The cost is \$80/person and it benefits the Armstrong County K-9 unit.

There was discussion about how the borough receives money from fines and citations issued by our police department. There was also discussion about the orange door hanger warnings for ordinance violations. Vice President Bowser asked the Mayor to have the police include that information on the monthly report.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Venesky asked what would be done about the leaking garage roof. Vice President Bowser will be having the Amish do some work on his house and will ask them about the garage roof.

Councilperson Mores said we need a new push mower because the one we have is beyond repair. He obtained 3 prices and the best was from Unique Lawn care in Kittanning. There was a motion by Vice President Bowser to purchase a Columbia P21HW lawnmower from Unique Lawn Care for \$189.99. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Bower. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A resident on Allison Drive is asking for the road to be tarred and chipped. Councilperson Mores reviewed the deeds of the properties on Allison Drive and they all say maintenance of the road is the residents' responsibility. The borough plows the street as a courtesy. The solicitor is also of the opinion that maintenance belongs to the homeowner(s). Councilperson Mores will have Solicitor Sacco send a letter to the property owners explaining this. Councilperson Bowser has 2 trees he would like to remove; one is on personal property and one is on Borough right-of-way. He will get the stump removed from the one on Borough right-of-way and replant. Councilperson Capone gave him permission to do this.

Council entered executive session at 6:51p for personnel and finance matters. The meeting resumed at 7:02pm.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Langham said the senior citizens group will start meeting again on April 25th. They meet the 4th Thursday of every month at 12:30pm at the borough building.

John Pivetta reported to Holly Heighley that the net at the hockey court needs tightened. President Henry asked Councilperson to have the street department address this.

Councilperson Langham got new flags for the memorial wall from State Representative Jeff Pyle. There will be some work done on the bricks and landscaping at the wall.

Councilperson Langham said the basketball court needs some serious repairs. President Henry said funds from the special projects account could be used. Councilperson Langham and Vice President Bowser will get some cost estimates for the repairs.

Councilperson Langham asked what was going on with the website. President Henry said Michele Cogley will be working with Secretary Cowan on it.

New Business:

Joe Mores, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to discuss the Emergency Operations Plan. The borough is required to maintain a plan and review it every year for updates. A resolution must be adopted annually to state this. There were no necessary changes this year. There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to adopt resolution #2019-1, stating the borough prepares, maintains and keeps current an emergency operations plan. There was a 2nd by Vice President Bowser. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

Councilperson Mores presented the resolution certifying local match for fixed route bus service provided by Town and Country Transit for fiscal year 2019-2020. The borough's share for this service is \$4,748.00, which is a 5% increase over last fiscal year. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to adopt the resolution with a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

Secretary Cowan said the county is asking for a representative from the borough to serve on the UCC Appeals Board. The board only meets a few times a year when there is an appeal. The representative cannot be an elected official. There was discussion about how many members there are currently and how many are needed to hear the appeal. Secretary Cowan will find out if every municipality must have a board member.

President Henry brought up the Pine Hill Road storm sewer replacement project. The borough received an offer for a low interest loan from PENNVEST. Councilperson Bower said the street department could possibly do the work, sections at a time, but Councilperson Mores said we would need to purchase a camera to do so. It would also be a liability to have our guys digging so deep and around gas lines. Council will need to discuss it further. We have 120 days from the date of the proposal to give PENNVEST an answer.

There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to pay March's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Langham. 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 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO