

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held April 2, 2018 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

Present: Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President
Henry Mores
Bob Bower
Mickey Langham

Absent: Paula Henry, President
Bob Venesky
Nancy Capone
Clyde Kline, Mayor
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was audiotaped by Council and the Leader Times.

Public Comment:

Mia McMillen (McKinley Street) said she did not appreciate her underage son being discussed by name at last month's Council meeting regarding his airsoft gun. She feels she should've been contacted about the matter but was not. Ms. McMillen thanked Michael Kunselman for providing her a copy of the videotape from the March meeting so she could hear what was said. She explained that the gun her son shoots is an airsoft gun, not a pellet gun. She passed out to Council samples of the small "bullets" and showed an example of the paper target at which he shoots, explaining that the bullets do not even pierce the paper target. Their yard where he shoots is fenced in, as well. Since the last meeting, Ms. McMillen has spoken to both Council President Henry and Mayor Kline, who both gave her son permission to shoot the gun. Vice President Bowser apologized for using her son's name in a public meeting. Councilperson Bower understands the bullets are basically harmless, but he would like to check the ordinance to make sure the gun is permissible. Ms. McMillen spoke with the local police, the PA State Police and the Game Commission who all said the gun is ok. Vice President Bowser said Council will review the ordinance and get her an answer in a day or two.

There was a motion by Councilperson Langham 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:

Officer Gahagan read aloud the police report for March. There were 11 traffic citations and 5 written warnings. The following non-traffic incidents occurred: 1 disorderly conduct and 1 public drunkenness. The following criminal incidents also occurred: 2 thefts, 4 warrant arrest, 2 drug paraphernalia, 2 possessions of narcotics, 1 DUI and 1 possession of narcotics with intent to deliver.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Mores said the street crew is waiting for the weather to improve to move forward with sewer line repair work. Councilperson Bower commended the employees for a great job of snow removal. They work around the clock when necessary to keep the streets clean and safe.

Councilperson Langham said the next crime watch meeting will be April 10th at 7:00pm. She also said the senior citizens will resume their meetings with the next being the 3rd Thursday of the month – April 19th – at 12:30pm.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Bower obtained a sample door hanger to be used for ordinance violations that he passed around to Council. He reviewed it with Officer Gahagan. Vice President Bowser said we do not currently have an ordinance pertaining to garbage cans and we need to draft one. He also suggested listing the phone number for the police department and adding the word "brush" after "high grass". Councilperson Mores made a motion to obtain 500 door hangers with the changes mentioned by Vice President Bowser. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilperson Bower said the solicitor is working on an ordinance to address the parking and flow of traffic on Lincoln Avenue. Parking will be on the left side only and traffic will travel north to south. Parking next to the retaining wall

will be prohibited. We are still waiting on some information from Bankson Engineers regarding the exact beginning of Lincoln Avenue in order to finalize the ordinance.

Secretary Cowan provided Council with a quote from General Code Company for updating the existing code book. The code book has not been updated since 2010 and there are several ordinances that have been adopted since then, as well as ordinances that have surfaced that may/may not be contained in the codified version. The cost for 10 new, updated binders and shipping is not to exceed \$3,400. There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to proceed with ordering 10 updated code books along with the provision that Council members must turn in their copy when their term is up. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Mores. Jim Sobiski and Carol Augustine spoke from the audience. They stated that there was never a motion to accept the version of the code book obtained in 2010. Councilperson Langham rescinded her motion. The special projects committee will discuss this matter before the next meeting.

New Business:

Secretary Cowan discussed the resolution from Town and Country Transit for the Borough's share of the fixed route bus service cost for fiscal year 2018-2019. The amount increased by 5% from the previous fiscal year to \$4,522.00. That is the minimum amount of increase permitted by the state. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to approve the resolution with a 2nd by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Councilperson Mores serves on the Board of Directors for Town and Country Transit. He said they recently tore down a building adjacent to the current office building to make more parking. He said they are also going to be remodeling the office building.

Councilperson Bower said another sink hole is developing at the site of the old Citgo gas station along Butler Road. He said the water in the stream below is washing away the tunnel that was installed. He suggests sending the property owner, Butler Petroleum, a letter as soon as possible saying the issue needs addressed.

There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to pay March's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Bower. 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 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO