

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held June 3, 2019 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

Present: Paula Henry, President  
Bob Venesky  
Nancy Capone  
Mickey Langham  
Bob Bower  
Clyde Kline, Mayor  
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

Absent: Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President  
Henry Mores

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was audiotaped by the Leader Times.

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 Langham. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mayor's Report:

The police report for May was read aloud by Officer Pitzer.

Traffic – 3 warnings

Non-Traffic – 1 overdose on prescription pills

Criminal – 1 felony arrest for forgery, assisted Kittanning police with a man with a gun

Officer Pitzer has been checking for street lights that are out. Notify the police department if you notice one that is out so he can have it fixed.

If any local business(es) is/are interested in conducting an active shooter class, please contact the police department for additional details. They will conduct a class for free.

Mayor Kline said the police department has been addressing high grass situations and abandoned vehicles. In particular, they are trying to get the grass cut at 505 Arthur Street.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Langham said no one can get in touch with Jason Hufhand about starting work. Mayor Kline suggested moving on so Councilperson Langham will work on finding someone else. President Henry said residents can always call 911 in the event of an emergency if there is no officer on duty.

Councilperson Capone said Chris Dias, owner of Mel's Pizzeria along Butler Road, called about having trees behind the restaurant removed. She and Rick Cogley inspected the trees in the past so she thinks maybe he didn't have anything done at that time. Councilperson Capone will call Mr. Dias to find out what he would like to do. Mr. Dias also reported that people dump garbage over the hillside at the vacant lot beside his restaurant. Councilperson Capone will get more information to see if we need to look into it further.

Councilperson Langham said the next crime watch committee meeting is Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Unfinished Business:

From Councilperson Mores, it would cost around \$2,000 to have Stuart Frazier carve animals in the tree trunk at the playground. President Henry said she knows someone who could do it, as well.

Councilperson Bower said the necessary repairs have been made to the playground.

Vice President Bowser looked into having the basketball court resurfaced and Councilperson Bower reported the information in his absence. For approximately \$12,000, Spangler Brothers from Butler would lay the base and finishing coat and repair the curb. Painting the lines will be an additional cost. Secretary Cowan checked with the director of the Armstrong Community Foundation who said this would be an allowable expense under the special projects fund. Councilperson Bower made a motion to proceed with the project, on behalf of Vice President Bowser. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion carried. The work should begin around the end of June or beginning of July.

President Henry asked about the Pine Hill Road storm sewer replacement project. Councilperson Venesky said the engineering work has been done so we can reapply in the future if we have the funding. Councilperson Bower will talk to Ken Howard more about it.

New Business:

John Poproch from PennDOT prepared the specs for the annual paving project. President Henry asked why there were so many alleys on the list to be paved. Councilperson Bower said most of our streets are in fairly good shape but the street department spends a lot of time and money repairing alleys that continually wash out. They have tried using coal patch but that washes out and winds up clogging the sewer drains. Councilperson Bower said a few alleys have been paved in the past and it's been successful so he would like to pave a few more and see if it helps. Councilperson Venesky asked who does the prep work on the alleys and Councilperson Bower said the paving company does. Councilperson Bower thanked the Grace Brethren Church who committed to paying 50% of the cost of paving the alley in front of the Grace Christian School. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to advertise for bids with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilperson Langham asked about the \$240 payment for the Schrecengost lien satisfaction. Secretary Cowan said a mortgage company had paid the \$240 to satisfy the lien put on the property at 228 Garfield Street for costs incurred by the Borough to mow the grass. There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to pay May's bills with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Capone. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Councilperson Bower, seconded by Councilperson Langham and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carly J. Cowan  
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO