

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

Present: Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President
Bob Venesky
Nancy Capone
Mickey Langham
Bob Bower
Clyde Kline, Mayor
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

Absent: Paula Henry, President
Henry Mores

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

Mayor's Report:

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

Traffic – 2 citations

Non-Traffic – summary offences

Criminal – 1 felony arrest for forgery, assisted South Buffalo Township police with a domestic assault

Mayor Kline reminded residents that, per state law, you must be 150 feet away from any and all structures when discharging fireworks. That essentially prohibits large fireworks from being discharged anywhere within the Borough. Vince Cappo mentioned there was a bear spotted in the Borough over the weekend so please exercise caution.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Langham said the last crime watch committee meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be July 9th at 7:00pm

Councilperson Langham said the Jack house on Garfield Street has been vacant for quite some time and the retaining wall in the back yard is collapsing. Solicitor Sacco will send a letter requesting the property owner remedy the issues. There is a vacant house on Byers Avenue with an abandoned swimming pool. Officer Pitzer will check out the property and Secretary Cowan will give Solicitor Sacco the name of the property owner.

Councilperson Langham has been getting names of new residents from tax collector Linda Olinger and giving them copies of the most recent Borough newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Solicitor Sacco opened the 2 bids received for the paving project.

The first bid was from Holbein, Inc. from Sarver, PA in the amount of \$38,445.00. The second bid was from East American, Inc. from Indiana, PA in the amount of \$30,944.73. Both bids included a bid bond. There was a motion by Councilperson Venesky to accept the bid from East American, Inc. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ken Howard of Bankson Engineers was in attendance to discuss a couple items. The Borough must sign a letter officially declining the funding offer from PENNVEST. There was a motion by Councilperson Venesky to decline the loan offer from PENNVEST because the debt service amount is unaffordable at this time. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Bower. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Council entered into executive session at 6:47pm. The meeting reconvened at 6:52pm.

Councilpersons Bower, Venesky and Langham met with Carmen Johnson from the County's planning department about a potential funding opportunity for the Pine Hill Road storm sewer replacement project. The Commonwealth

Financing Authority's Multimodal Transportation Fund program is currently accepting grant applications. Local municipalities are usually required to provide a local match in the amount of 30%, but the Borough can proceed with a match amount of approximately 10%. There was a motion by Councilperson Bower to commit matching funds for the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Multimodal Transportation Fund Program grant application. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilperson Bower reported the basketball court has been repaved. The paving company recommends waiting at least 2 months before having the lines painted on it. Councilperson Bower will contact some companies about painting the lines when it's time.

Councilperson Bower would like to have HQ Pest Management set skunk traps as they did last year because the skunks are prevalent. A big part of the problem is residents leaving dog/cat food out and setting out bags of trash that are not in cans. He said we really need the police to enforce that ordinance because it creates so many issues.

New Business:

Vice President Bowser said the Kittanning Concert band will be performing at the fire hall on July 11th at 7:00pm. The event is free to the public and hot dogs and drinks will be provided, as well.

There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to pay June's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Bower. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

None

Councilperson Bower reported that Councilperson Mores is recovering from a recent surgery. On behalf of Council, he wished him well.

On a motion by Councilperson Bower, seconded by Councilperson Langham and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO