

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

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

Absent: Paula Henry, President
Nancy Capone

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was audiotaped by Council and the Leader Times.

Public Comment:

Carly Cowan (Arthur Street) said a lot of drivers do not stop at the intersection of Arthur Street and First Avenue and drive very fast up and down Arthur Street. Vice President Bowser asked Mayor Kline to talk to the officers about monitoring the situation.

Kathy Fahlor (Garfield Street) said a resident behind her sets off fireworks in the street. They are being discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure which makes it against state law. Michael Kunselman (Butler Road) said the resident sets off the fireworks in a bucket with some sort of accelerant. Vice President Bowser asked Officer Airgood to get the address of the individual and speak to him. Holly Heighley said people set off fireworks in the football field, as well. Officer Airgood will inform Officer Gahagan of the situation and they will address it.

Pastor Larry Edwards (Grace Brethren Church) asked about holding an Easter egg hunt in the football field the Saturday before Easter in 2019. It would be an event open to the whole community. Vice President Bowser said it was ok with Council and with the fire department.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kline read aloud the police report for June. There were 28 traffic citations and 5 written warnings. The following non-traffic incidents occurred: 1 disorderly conduct. The following criminal incidents also occurred: 1 theft, 2 warrant arrests, 5 drug paraphernalia, 3 possessions of narcotics, 1 DUI, 3 possessions of narcotics with intent to deliver and 2 endangering the welfare of children. There were also investigations for violations of the junk vehicle ordinance and the trash ordinance. Parents are reminded there is a 10:00pm curfew for minors. Underage children must be accompanied by an adult if out past curfew time.

Officer Airgood said they recently conducted a very successful traffic detail on Pine Hill Road. They are planning to hold another one soon.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Mores said the sink hole at Arthur Street and North Crescent Avenue was excavated 13' down and nothing was found. It is not a sewage authority issue because there are no breaks in their lines. The hole was filled in with heavy aggregate material and he will continue to monitor it.

Councilperson Mores said we had to buy a couple new weed eaters because the old ones were no good. We will also need a new riding mower soon, too, because the current one is experiencing a lot of issues.

Councilperson Langham said the new employee, Gary Good, is working out very well.

Councilperson Langham thanked Council for their donation toward the memorial wall for the purchase of new flags. She said the next Crime Watch committee meeting is next Tuesday, July 10th, at 7:00pm.

Unfinished Business:

Two ordinances were presented for discussion; one for parking and stop signs and one for the discharge of firearms. Councilperson Mores will get information to Solicitor Sacco to update the parking and stop signs ordinance. Councilperson Bower said the sticking point on the firearm ordinance is the description of a gun. He does not want it to be too restrictive. Secretary Cowan will give Council the current firearm ordinance to review for the next meeting. Councilperson Bower spoke about the County's land bank. They will accept 6 or 7 municipalities to start so we probably won't be included in that round because we don't have a huge problem with blighted properties. We will still have the opportunity to join at a later date.

New Business:

Secretary Cowan read the streets to be paved, which include portions of Arthur Street, Southern Avenue, Lincoln Street, Hill Avenue, Sioux Avenue and portions of several alleys. Solicitor Sacco opened the 3 bids received for the paving project. The results were as follows:

Holbein, Inc. – Sarver, PA - \$41,250.68

Sharp Paving – Shelocta, PA - \$29,874.00

Force, Inc. – Indiana, PA - \$27,321.62

All bids included a 10% bid bond. There was a motion by Councilperson Mores to accept the bid from Force, Inc. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Bower with the condition that the bid be reviewed and approved by the Solicitor. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilperson Mores said Town and Country Transit is cutting back on their evening service. Their new schedule was released and he will put a copy in the bulletin board.

Councilperson Bower brought up a recent newspaper article regarding the Grace Christian School. They had 3 graduates in 2018. They have a 12:1 student to teacher ratio, bussing service, financial aid and many other good things to offer. He commended them for the work they do and thanked Pastor Edwards for his service.

There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to pay June'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 Langham, seconded by Councilperson Mores and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO