

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held August 5, 2019 at 6:30pm at the West Kittanning Municipal Building.

Present: Paula Henry, President
Bob Venesky
Nancy Capone
Mickey Langham
Henry Mores
Clyde Kline, Mayor

Absent: Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President
Bob Bower
Andrew Sacco, Solicitor

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

Public Comment:

Pastor Larry Edwards (Grace Brethren Church) thanked Council and the police department for their cooperation with past Run to Remember 5k races. They are asking permission to hold this year's race on September 8th. President Henry granted permission and promised support on behalf of Council.

Mia McMillen (McKinley Street) asked for clarification about whether or not motorized bicycles (mini bikes) are permitted in the borough. Her son has been riding one through the borough and the local and state police have been called about it a few times. Officer Pitzer explained that anything above 50 cc's requires the driver to be licensed and the bike to be registered, etc. Ms. McMillen's son's bicycle is 186 cc's. She said the state police were ok with her son riding the bike but she would comply with local law enforcement. Ms. McMillen asked if folks could address her directly if there is an issue with her son and not approach him, as he is a minor.

Robert Toy (Harding Street) passed around pictures of the house next to him, which is dilapidated. There is trash accumulated around the property, the grass is overgrown and the house has been vacant for quite some time. He believes the owner lives in North Carolina. The address is 106 Harding Street. Solicitor Sacco will send a letter to the property owner regarding the situation. Mr. Toy asked if the weeds at the entrance to the Ruffner plan near the monument business could be cut. He said the state said it was Borough property. Councilperson Venesky will speak with Solicitor Sacco to find out who owns that property.

There was a motion by Councilperson Capone 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 July was read aloud by Officer Pitzer.

Traffic – 2 citations, 3 warnings

Non-Traffic – summary offences

Criminal – a resident had her car vandalized in front of her Arthur Street residence between 7:00pm July 11th and 7:00am July 12th. Residents are encouraged to lock vehicles, residences and out buildings.

Ordinance – 2 grass violations and 1 trash violation were issued

The PA Juvenile Court Judges Commission conducted an inspection of the police department on July 25th. They passed with flying colors and received a letter of completion. Officer Pitzer recently attended a 3-day class regarding updates on Juvenile crimes and procedures. There have been a few incidents involving juveniles in the Borough in recent months alone.

If any local business is interested in conducting an Active Shooter class, please contact the police department. They will conduct a class for free.

Committee Reports:

Councilperson Mores reported the street light at the intersection of Arthur Street and Butler Road has finally been replaced by PennDot. He has been working to get it fixed or replaced for over a year. The street department replaced a section of sewer line along Bluff Street/Central Avenue where a sink hole had developed. There is a sink hole in front of Mrs. Gould's house on Northern Avenue that has had to be filled in a couple times. If it develops again, we will have the sewage authority run a camera through the line to try to determine the issue. Jeff Livengood recently came back to work with the Borough part-time and is working out very well. Jeff Rugh retired.

The paving is scheduled for mid-September.

Council entered into executive session at 6:50pm for personnel matters.

The meeting reconvened at 6:58pm.

Councilperson Capone received a call from Tilly Anderson at 304 Harrison Street. There is a tree in front of her residence that is lifting up the sidewalk and she asked if the Borough could do anything about it. The tree is on Borough right of way and according to Borough code it is, therefore, her responsibility. Councilperson Venesky will run this by Solicitor Sacco and will give Ms. Anderson our final decision.

Unfinished Business:

President Henry would like to check with Solicitor Sacco whether the cement barriers that Michael Kunselman put on the sidewalk of his rental property on Arthur Street are permissible. Councilperson Venesky will ask him when they meet to discuss other items.

New Business:

Secretary Cowan presented a letter from the West Kittanning Municipal Authority asking Council to appoint David Hiles to complete the term of Robert LaSitis that will expire 12/31/2020. There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to appoint David Hiles to the WKMA board to the term that will expire 12/31/2020. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Mores. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Cowan presented a letter from the Kittanning Public Library asking for continued financial support. Our annual contribution of \$3,177 will afford library privileges for all Borough residents and is crucial to keeping the library open to serve the educational, informational and recreational needs of the community. There was a motion by Councilperson Mores to make the \$3,177 donation to the library with a 2nd by Councilperson Capone. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilperson Mores said the 2006 GMC dump truck needs body work and will not pass inspection in its current condition. Rick Cogley obtained 3 cost estimates. Steve's Auto quoted \$2,865.08 but did not include all the necessary work. Zambotti's quoted \$3,668.85 but also did not include all the necessary work. Reeseman's Auto Body quoted \$3,958.63 for all the required work. Councilperson Mores made a motion to accept the bid from Reeseman's Auto Body. President Henry would like the finance committee to determine whether this is a feasible expense at this time. The issue was tabled for further review.

President Henry read aloud a text from Councilperson Bower thanking Career Track for painting all the fire hydrants in the Borough as well as the back boards at the basketball court and the road barrier at the corner of Central Avenue and Bluff Street. We are making arrangements to have them paint all the sign posts in the Borough at a later date.

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

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Councilperson Langham, seconded by Councilperson Capone and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Cowan
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO