

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

Present: Henry Mores, President	Vince Cappel	Absent: Paula Henry
Mickey Langham	Jim Sobiski	Bernie Bowser, Jr., Vice President
Jim Sobiski	Bob Venesky	
Clyde Kline, Mayor		

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

None

There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to approve the minutes from March's meeting with a 2nd by Councilperson Sobiski. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Council entered executive session at 6:32pm to discuss legal matters. The meeting reconvened at 6:59pm.

Mayor's Report:

The police report for March was read aloud by Officer Pitzer. There were 5 traffic citations and 3 written warnings. There were 2 bad check charges for a local business. One incident has been cleared up and the other is still pending. The officers investigated 2 individuals for Megan's Law registration and compliance complaints. One of the individuals is already out of the neighborhood and the other is registered in the system.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Councilperson Cappel said the curb sweeping along Butler Road has been done and we will be getting the bill. He explained that, according to PennDOT regulations, the borough is responsible for the portions of Butler Road where there is a curb. President Mores said we're also responsible for the sewer drains and catch basins along that section. Councilperson Venesky said once there is a new state representative elected, it wouldn't hurt to meet with them and see about getting some of these regulations changed.

Finance/Insurance: Councilperson Langham got 3 blinds to replace ones that are broken in the borough building. There is one blind that will be replaced now and the other 2 will be kept as backups. Councilperson Venesky is still exploring time clock options. He doesn't think a biometric time clock is necessary so he's looking at ones where employees have a card to swipe. They range between \$299 - \$400. There are models that work with wi-fi but they're a little more expensive. He will have figures for the next meeting. Mayor Kline expressed his opinion that a new time clock is not necessary, things are working fine as is. He thinks it would be a waste of taxpayer dollars. Councilperson Langham asked if someone could check into getting the Waste Management bill lowered. She said the fire department recently called and had their monthly bill lowered. Secretary Hileman will inquire about it. Councilperson Cappel said make sure it doesn't extend the length of the current contract. Councilperson Cappel said the AT&T FirstNet contract will be expiring soon and he's going to look into cancelling the jet packs because the police have no need for them.

Special Projects: Councilperson Sobiski said the keystone markers have been repaired and re-installed. Council agreed that they look great.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Secretary Hileman read aloud and explained the resolution needed for the grant application to DCED for playground equipment. There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to adopt the resolution with a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

Secretary Hileman said the folks from Cima Network were asking for final approval for the signs that were replaced at Rite Aid. Only the sign faces were changed, there were no changes to the size of the signs or the illumination. There was a motion by Councilperson Cappelletto to approve the signs at Rite Aid with a 2nd by Councilperson Sobiski. All were in favor and the motion carried. Secretary Hileman will send them an approval letter.

President Mores said Chuck Rupp is going to be getting a new tenant at his office building at the intersection of Arthur Street and Butler Road. Mr. Rupp asked about changing the signage there and said they wouldn't be changing the size or structure of the signs. President Mores said that would be ok.

The County planning department asked if the borough would be agreeable to sharing in the cost of new lights for along the West Kittanning Hill. The county public works director is recommending replacing the existing lights with LED ones. There is an agreement in which the county, West Kittanning Borough, Applewold Borough and East Franklin Township share in the cost of the electricity for those lights. Secretary Hileman requested a copy of the agreement but has not yet received it. The total cost of the new lights is \$4,960. The borough's share is 18% and would be \$892.80. There was a motion by Councilperson Cappelletto to agree to share in the cost of the new lights, contingent upon the other parties paying their share. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Langham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilperson Sobiski asked why there is a purchase from Shop 'n Save if the borough workers were given a debit card from the petty cash. Councilperson Cappelletto said the debit card is for use at places where the borough doesn't have an account.

Councilperson Sobiski asked about the invoice from Armstrong County for the borough's share of lighting costs for the West Kittanning bridge. Secretary Hileman said there is an agreement in which the borough is responsible for 18% of the annual electric costs for the lighting along the West Kittanning hill (that runs from the bridge up to Butler Road). There was a motion by Councilperson Langham to pay March's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Cappelletto. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Councilperson Langham, seconded by Councilperson Sobiski and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Hileman
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO