

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

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

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Councilperson Langham introduced 6-year-old borough resident Declan Cox. She read aloud a letter detailing how Declan has taken the initiative to prepare care packages for folks suffering from the Corona virus. He would leave packages on folks' porches that included items such as chicken noodle soup, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc. He has also been known to pick up trash in the community. Council and the police and the audience all thanked Declan for his acts of kindness. Officer Pitzer presented Declan with a plaque thanking and honoring him for his service. Councilperson Langham also gave Declan a bag of goodies including a police wristband, a WKFD hat and shirt, a sand bucket, pens, gloves and a trash grabber. Declan also has a YouTube channel called "Daily Declan".

Public Comment:

None

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

Mayor's Report:

The police report for April was read aloud by Mayor Kline. There were 2 traffic citations. There were non-traffic summary offenses and no criminal offenses. If any West Kittanning borough business is interested in conducting an active shooter class, the West Kittanning police will conduct one for free. Please call the station at (724) 543-1118 for more details or to schedule a class.

Mayor Kline said Mr. Seyler will be putting a new roof on his building and asked permission to store a dumpster during the project. Mayor Kline said it would be fine as long as he keeps it as far off the road as possible.

Councilperson Venesky had purchased a non-lethal gun/weapon that uses pepper ball-type ammunition. It reaches up to 60 feet, whereas something like a taser gun only reaches 20 feet. Officer Pitzer showed the gun to council and the audience. Councilperson Venesky said he has no use for the gun so he donated it to the police department. Officer Pitzer said it will save on potential liability and provide an extra layer of protection and thanked Councilperson Venesky for the donation.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: President Mores reported that Councilperson Cappel was unable to attend the meeting as he is home recovering from surgery. Council wished him well.

Finance/Insurance: Councilperson Langham said the finances are ok.

Unfinished Business:

Councilperson Venesky has been looking into a new time clock. He found a model by Compumatic with cards that each employee would swipe to punch in and out. The cost is \$288.50 and there are no recurring charges or fees. He gave the information to Secretary Hileman to review and give her input for the next meeting.

New Business:

Secretary Hileman presented the resolution for local match for state operating funds for the fixed-route bus service for FY 2021-2022. The borough annually commits funding in order to have the fixed-route bus service in the neighborhood. The amount increases by 5% each year, as is mandated by PennDOT, and this year's amount - \$5,234 – has been included in the 2021 general fund budget. There was a motion by Councilperson Henry to accept the resolution committing \$5,234 to Town & Country Transit for fixed-route bus service for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. There was a 2nd by Vice President Bowser. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Hileman said the West Kittanning Grace Brethren church would like to hold a prayer walk on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00am – 12:00pm and they asked council's permission. Council gave their permission.

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

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Vice President Bowser, seconded by Councilperson Henry and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Hileman
Secretary/Treasurer/RTKO