

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

Present: Henry Mores
Vince Cappo
Kevin Hetrick

Jim Sobiski
Bob Venesky
Mickey Langham, Mayor

Absent: Bernie Bowser, Jr.
Jake Martin

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

Jeff Fox (Arthur Street) apologized for inappropriate political banners that were recently hung in front of his house. As soon as he became aware of the situation, he had them taken down and he said it won't happen again. President Mores thanked him for handling the situation.

There was a motion by Councilperson Hetrick to approve February's minutes with a 2nd by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Langham introduced newly hired police officer, Kyle Lewis. He will be working approximately 18-24 hours per week. The police report for February was read aloud by Lieutenant Pitzer. There were 2 traffic citations and 4 warnings issued. They also assisted other municipalities on several calls. A few more unemployment fraud cases were reported.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: Councilperson Venesky got the codes changed with 2Krew and had the building committee members added to the contact list. Councilperson Hetrick obtained 2 quotes for HVAC maintenance; they will be discussed under new business.

Finance/Insurance: Vice President Cappo said the committee met and reviewed the bills and everything looks good.

Shade Tree: Mayor Langham and Councilpersons Venesky and Hetrick looked at the trees that Pat Scanlon discussed at last month's meeting. They measured and feel that the trees are on private property and are, therefore, Mr. Scanlon's responsibility. Councilperson Venesky would like the solicitor to send Mr. Scanlon a letter to this effect.

Special Projects: Mayor Langham said Secretary Hileman will be participating in a conference call with folks from the County's Planning department, Bankson Engineers and DCNR about the playground grant.

Police: Mayor Langham said that in the course of duty, Lieutenant Pitzer's phone was broken. He purchased a replacement phone from AT&T for \$199.99 and needs reimbursed.

Public Works: Vice President Cappo met with folks from PennDOT and the County's Planning department about the Pine Hill Road storm sewer project and it is ready to go to bid. The specs were prepared by the planning department and they will handle the publishing and awarding of the bid. They hope to have the work completed by October. Bankson Engineers presented us with an opportunity to apply for Statewide Local Share Assessment grant money through the Commonwealth Financing Agency. They prepared resolutions for 2 grant applications, which will be discussed under new business. Their cost for the grant applications should be around \$1,000. The new truck is currently at SEI in Somerset being upfitted. Vice President Cappo gave a breakdown of the \$52,370 upfitting cost. There is no backup camera on it but it is wired for one so he is going to look into purchasing one. The total of the loan for the truck is \$72,500 for 60 months at 4% interest; the monthly payment should be around \$1,336.90.

Unfinished Business:

There was no new information on the 911 addressing sign ordinance or the lease with the WKFD so those items were tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Secretary Hileman was asked about owning chickens in the borough. Council will check the ordinances and come up with an answer.

Councilperson Hetrick obtained 2 quotes for annual maintenance of the furnaces and AC units. Shafer's HVAC (Kittanning, PA) quoted \$497 and Armstrong Comfort Solutions (Renfrew, PA) quoted \$495. Both quotes were to clean and check the 2 A/C units in the spring and the 4 furnaces in the fall. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to accept the quote from Shafer's HVAC. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Hetrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo presented resolutions to apply for 2 Statewide Local Share Assessment grants. The resolutions were prepared by Bankson Engineers and they would handle the application process. The lease on the current backhoe expires in August 2022, at which time, the borough will have to surrender it, refinance it or buy it out. Vice President Cappo got a quote from JCB for a new backhoe for \$145,000. The first resolution was for a \$152,300 grant, which included 145,000 for the backhoe and a 7,300 contingency. The second resolution was for a \$474,600 grant for paving on Pine Hill Road, Northern Avenue and Carter Street. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to adopt both resolutions. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Hetrick. Councilperson Sobiski opposed the motion. All the rest were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo presented pricing and details on an extended warranty and accessories for the new truck. A warranty through GM for 84 months or 75,000 miles would be \$2,621. The standard powertrain warranty is 5 years or 60,000 miles and the extended warranty would run concurrent to the standard one. The accessories he is requesting would total 1,300 and would include front mud flaps, front floor mats, running boards, vent visors and vinyl lettering. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to purchase the extended warranty and the accessories detailed. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Hetrick. Councilperson Sobiski opposed the motion. All the rest were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to pay February's bills with a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

On a motion by Vice President Cappo, seconded by Councilperson Venesky and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Hileman

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