

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

Present: Henry Mores
Vince Cappo
Kevin Hetrick

Bernie Bowser, Jr.
Bob Venesky
Jake Martin

Absent: Jim Sobiski
Mickey Langham, Mayor

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

Pat Ritrosky (Pine Hill Road) recently purchased the property at 145 & 147 Pine Hill Road and asked permission to open the alley that runs down from Orchard Lane between the properties. President Mores said we will look into it and get back to him.

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

Mayor's Report:

The police report for March was read aloud by Lieutenant Pitzer. There were 4 traffic citations and 6 written warnings.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Vice President Cappo said the new truck is being built. We are 4 weeks into the process and we were originally told the truck would be ready in about 8 weeks. The add-ons for the truck that were approved at the last meeting have been purchased. We are working with the PennDOT representative to develop the list of streets to be paved this summer. Jeffrey Livengood is back to working normal hours and no longer working on weekend days.

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

Shade Tree: The solicitor sent a letter to Pat Scanlon regarding the trees he spoke about at last month's meeting.

There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to enter executive session at 6:37pm to discuss personnel matters.

There was a 2nd by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to resume the regular meeting at 6:46pm. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

The 2005 Ford Explorer was listed on the municibid site. The Kelly Blue Book value of the vehicle is between \$2,200-2,300. The highest bid was for \$5,605. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to accept the bid for \$5,605 and complete the sale of the 2005 Ford Explorer. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Hileman presented the revised lease with the fire department, to exclude the softball field from the premises leased by the borough. The lease has been reviewed by the solicitor. There was a motion by Councilperson Martin to approve the lease with the West Kittanning Fire Department. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Hetrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

Secretary Hileman presented the Bereavement policy. Vice President Cappo drafted the policy and it was reviewed by the Personnel committee. It was also reviewed by the solicitor. There was a motion by Councilperson Martin to adopt the Bereavement policy and for it to be effective 1/1/2021. There was a 2nd by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo got 2 quotes for dumpster rentals for trash days. McCutcheon Enterprises quoted \$525 per 30-yard dumpster. PHILL It Up Disposal quoted \$350 per 15-yard dumpster and offered to provide a 15-yard dumpster for recyclable household items at no cost. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to accept the quote from McCutcheon Enterprises to rent a max of three 30-yard dumpsters on the days of Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th, 2022. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Hetrick. All were in favor and the motion carried. Anyone bringing trash will need to provide proof of residency in the form of a driver's license, utility bill, etc. Jeffrey Livengood will work on Saturday, the 7th, between the hours of 8:00am – 4:30pm. There will be another trash day event held in the fall, possibly in October.

Vice President Cappo said the 1997 Ford dump truck is becoming very costly to maintain and repair. He made a motion to list it for sale on the municibid site. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo discussed the use of the ARPA funds for "Hero Pay" for the employees who worked during the COVID pandemic. This would be an allowable use of the money. President Mores commended the employees and would like council to show their appreciation. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to award \$500 as taxable income to each of the 5 employees who worked during the pandemic. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo spoke with Williams and Willman about street sweeping. The cost would be \$150/hour with a \$600 minimum. There was \$1,000 included in the 2022 budget for this service. He also spoke to them about repainting the road lines and stop bars. They quoted a price of \$2,595.24 for yellow & white lines, stop bars and 2 sets of arrows.

Councilperson Venesky would like an itemized bill from Bankson Engineers for the cost of redoing the drawings for the Pine Hill Road storm sewer project. There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to pay all of March's bills except the \$1,250 invoice from Bankson Engineers. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

On a motion by Councilperson Bowser, seconded by Councilperson Martin and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Hileman

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