

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

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| Present: Henry Mores, President | Jim Sobiski | Bernie Bowser, Jr. |
| Vince Cappo, Vice President | Bob Venesky | |
| Mickey Langham, Mayor | Kevin Hetrick | |

Absent: Jake Martin

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

None

There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to approve October's minutes with a 2nd by Councilperson Hetrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Langham swore in newly hired police officer, Robert Yough. Lieutenant Pitzer read aloud the police report for October. There were 2 traffic citations and 3 warnings. The police are investigating an incident of vandalism at the old school on Pine Hill Road. They assisted several other departments in the month of October. Chuck Rupp's junk vehicles have been removed from his property. Councilperson Sobiski asked if Officer Lewis still works for the borough. Lieutenant Pitzer said yes, but he can only work one shift a week due to his other work schedules.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: Vice President Cappo reported that the gutter on the front of the building was clogged up, it was not leaking. It has been cleaned out.

Public Works: Vice President Cappo said we are waiting for Reesman's Body Shop to get the 2014 Ford truck in for repair. The red truck needs brakes. We recently received the first shipment of rock salt for the winter season. The historical marker that was damaged has been repaired and put back up. Vice President Cappo recently met with Joe Woodside from Sure Shot Excavating. The Pine Hill Road storm sewer project is now complete and the contractor is submitting all the necessary paperwork to the county for payment.

Finance/Insurance: The committee met and reviewed the bills and everything looks good.

Special Projects: Councilperson Sobiski said the mess at the house on Harrison Street has been cleaned up and the sidewalk has been fixed. Councilpersons Sobiski and Hetrick attended the Commissioners' regional meeting on 10/17. Councilperson Sobiski inquired about the playground project and was directed to Allie Pence at the County Department of Planning & Development. She explained that we are waiting on new drawings from the engineer. Secretary Hileman said they just came in the mail and she will get a copy to the committee to review.

Eric Kunkle (EMC) said the fire department had 7 calls since the last meeting and has 100 calls year to date.

Unfinished Business:

Secretary Hileman presented the proposed 2023 general fund budget. It includes a tax increase of one mill, a 3% salary increase and increases for utilities, insurances, etc. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to advertise the 2023 proposed general fund budget. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Hileman read aloud the proposed ordinance to increase the tax millage from 8.25 to 9.25. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to advertise the proposed ordinance with a 2nd by Councilperson Venesky. Councilperson Sobiski opposed the motion. All the rest were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo discussed the invoice from Shields Paving. Council accepted options 1 and 3 of their original bid, which totaled \$29,298. Their invoice came in at \$34,274.22, which is \$4,976.22 more than their original bid. They used more asphalt because they had to mill deeper and go wider on the streets than planned. Vice President Cappo, Rick Cogley and PennDOT Rep, JP Breggenti, met with the folks from Shields Paving to discuss the overage. They agreed to absorb half of the overage and charge us only half - \$2,488.11. That would make the revised total of the invoice \$31,786.11. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to pay the revised invoice (\$31,786.11) to Shields Paving. There was a 2nd by Councilperson Bowser. All were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

None

There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to pay October's bills. Councilperson Sobiski asked about the invoice from Lockhart's. Vice President Cappo explained that Lockhart's repaired the 2014 Ford truck after a failed attempt by Creel's Truck Repair. There was a 2nd by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

None

Mayor Langham and council expressed their condolences to Councilperson Venesky for the loss of his mother and to Secretary Hileman for the loss of her husband.

On a motion by Councilperson Bowser, seconded by Councilperson Hetrick and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly J. Hileman

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