

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

Present: Henry Mores, President      Vince Cappo, Vice President      Jim Sobiski  
          Kevin Hetrick                      Bob Venesky                      Jake Martin  
          Mickey Langham, Mayor

Absent: Bernie Bowser, Jr.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. There was a moment of silence for the McKeesport police officer recently killed in the line of duty.

Public Comment:

Larry Edwards (Grace Brethren Church) was present to introduce the new pastor, Weston Lundgren. He was welcomed by council.

Chris Beck (WKFD) said there have been 19 calls, year to date.

There was a motion by Councilperson Martin to approve January's minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Langham swore in the new part-time police officer, Jason Hufhand.

Lieutenant Pitzer read aloud the police report for January. The WKPD helped neighboring municipalities on 4 incidents. He thanked the WKFD for performing a welfare check on an elderly woman they received a report about. She had no utilities on in her home but she is ok and receiving assistance. Mayor Langham asked the water authority to let her know the properties that have had their water shut off and there are 5 that are now being looked into. She said if you know anyone that needs checked on, please let her or council know.

Lieutenant Pitzer said the Sheriff Department's fundraiser did well. They served almost 400 spaghetti dinners. Blak is out of surgery and doing well.

Committee Reports:

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

Unfinished Business:

The agreement for WKFD providing coverage to Applewold Borough was presented. It was drafted by Applewold's solicitor, Tyler Heller, and approved at their most recent council meeting. There will be no increase in the borough's workers comp policy by adding Applewold until the policy renews in September. At that time, Applewold will pay their share of the premium based on their percentage of the population covered. They will also turn over their Volunteer Fire Relief money to the WKFD. West Kittanning Borough solicitor, Greta Kiser, had not been provided the agreement prior to the meeting for review so there was a motion by Councilperson Venesky to table the approval until March's meeting. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the motion carried. There was some discussion about not wanting to hold up the agreement for another month. Councilperson Venesky rescinded his previous motion. Councilperson Martin made a motion to accept the agreement, contingent upon solicitor review and approval. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The street roller has been posted on the municibid website and highest bid is \$1,155.00. The 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid is \$1,110.00. Councilperson Venesky made a motion to accept the high bid of \$1,155.00 and to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid if we cannot reach the highest bidder. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

Vice President Cappo obtained a quote from BS Outfitters for lettering on the new truck/salt spreader and the 2014 truck that was damaged. The previous gentleman who was to do the lettering on the new truck backed out. The quote is for \$650.00. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to accept the price quote from BS Outfitters with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Councilperson Martin to pay January's bills with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letters to be Read:

None

On a motion by Councilperson Martin, seconded by Vice President Cappo and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carly J. Hileman*

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