

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

Present: Vince Cappelletti, Vice President      Bernie Bowser, Jr.      Jim Sobiski  
          Kevin Hetrick                                      Bob Venesky                      Jake Martin  
          Mickey Langham, Mayor                      Greta Kiser, Solicitor

Absent: Henry Mores, President

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

Chris Beck (WKFD) reported that they have responded to 35 calls, year to date. The agreement to provide fire service to Applewold Borough has been in effect since 2/7/2023. He thanked council and the solicitor for getting this approved.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Langham gave an update on that the lady from Summit Avenue who was reported at last month's meeting to be found living with no utilities on in her home. She is now in the Kittanning Care Center and has since lost a few toes.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: Councilperson Venesky will stop down at Shafer's HVAC and ask about getting our A/C units serviced before summer.

Public Works: Vice President Cappelletti said because we've had a mild winter, we are still good on salt.

Finance/Insurance: Vice President Cappelletti said the committee met and reviewed the bills and everything looks ok. Erick Kunkle, EMC, recently obtained his Basic Level certification through PEMA.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Councilperson Bowser asked who is on the Memorial Wall committee and how does a person get their name added to the wall. Mayor Langham said she and Councilperson Venesky are the only ones left from the original committee and she can be contacted about adding a name. The cost is \$35/name.

Vice President Cappelletti obtained a quote from Phill It Up Disposal for dumpster rental for spring clean up days. The cost is \$300 per 10-yard dumpster and he will leave a dumpster for scrap at no charge. Councilperson Hetrick made a motion to rent up to 3 dumpsters from Phill It Up Disposal for spring clean up days. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Bowser. All were in favor and the motion carried. The dates will be determined at a future meeting.

Vice President Cappelletti said some of our "road work" signs are very worn out and he feels they might be a liability. He obtained price quotes from Stephenson Equipment Inc, where we regularly purchase signs from. There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to purchase 2 "Road Closed" signs, 2 "Work Area Ahead" signs and 4 stands for \$808.36 from SEI using the ARPA Funds. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo reported that the pump went out on the hydraulic floor jack. He got a quote for \$416.98 from Napa for a new 3.5 ton floor jack and 2 – 6 ton jack stands. Councilperson Bowser made a motion to purchase the jack and jack stands from Napa Auto Parts for \$416.98. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo reported that the WKFD is in the process of becoming an American Red Cross approved shelter. One requirement is a backup generator, which they do not have. He is meeting with the county commissioners to ask for \$15,000 of Marcellus Shale Legacy funds to put toward the cost. The lowest priced generator he found is \$33,730 so that would leave a balance of \$18,730. There was discussion about the allowable uses of the ARPA funds and it was determined that this would be an allowable expense. The deadline to spend the funds has been extended to December 2026 and the borough still has \$63,916 of ARPA funds remaining. There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to allocate \$18,730 of ARPA funds toward the purchase of a backup generator for the fire department. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried. Pastor Lundgren spoke up and said the church has a backup generator and would be willing to help out in any time of need.

By March 15<sup>th</sup>, the borough has to submit their request for rock salt for the 23/24 winter season. This will enable us to purchase from the state's costars program. We are required to purchase 60% of the requested tonnage and can purchase up to 150% of the tons requested. Over the past several years, the borough has requested 175 tons but has used an average of 120 tons. There was a motion by Councilperson Hetrick to request 150 tons of rock salt for the 23/24 winter season. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Langham asked if the Leader Times could print information about the 911 address signs. There have been about 300 applications passed out, thus far, and approx. 100 signs have been made. The cost is \$15/sign.

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

Letters to be Read:

Secretary Hileman read aloud a thank you note from the Kittanning Library. The books "Grace Under Fire" and "The Amish Christmas Star" were dedicated in Nancy Capone's name.

On a motion by Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Hetrick and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carly J. Hileman*

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