

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

Present: Henry Mores, President                      Bernie Bowser, Jr.                      Kevin Hetrick  
            Vince Cappo, Vice President              Bob Venesky                      Mickey Langham, Mayor  
            Greta Kiser, Solicitor

Absent: Jim Sobiski  
            Jake Martin

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

None

There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to approve March's minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Lieutenant Pitzer said there were 3 traffic citations issued in March. The WKPD is working with another agency and watching 2 houses for drug activity.

Mayor Langham said EMC Eric Kunkle called her on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> when there were high winds for assistance making some phone calls, etc. He also drove through the borough to make sure there was no damage or downed trees. She said he is going a great job.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Vice President Cappo worked with Rick Cogley to develop a list of streets to be paved. They will meet with the PennDOT rep who will prepare the bid specs.

Finance/Insurance: Vice President Cappo said the committee met and reviewed the bills and everything looks ok. Vice President Cappo had a report from the WKFD fire chief. There have been 50 calls, year to date. They are preparing for a rapid intervention training at a house on Spruce Lane. They will also do a live burn sometime in June once all the paperwork goes through.

Unfinished Business:

Vice President Cappo suggested either May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> for the clean up days. Council decided on Friday and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The set up will be the same as before where residents will bring their trash to the dumpsters at the borough garage and will have to show proof of residency.

Councilperson Venesky asked when brush and grass pickup would begin and Vice President Cappo said it already has.

Councilperson Venesky got 2 quotes for the annual servicing of the 4 furnaces and 2 A/C units. The quote from Shafer's was for \$554 and the quote from One Stop Cooling & Heating was \$538. Neither quote includes the cost of filters. Vice President Cappo said One Stop had done work at the fire hall and they were pleased with it. There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to accept the quote from One Stop Cooling & Heating with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hetrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Greta Kiser gave an update on the playground project. She has been in contact with the engineer, Ken Howard, and got some clarification on the drainage trench. They feel it is necessary to properly deal with rain and run off water. Council agreed to proceed with the drawings they proposed.

New Business:

Mayor Langham talked with the personnel committee about hiring Francis Williamson as a part-time police officer. He currently works for Worthington and will be able to work a shift in West Kittanning either before or after his shifts in Worthington. We aren't getting many hours out of the new part-time officers we've hired. There was discussion about requiring a certain amount of hours each week and possibly deducting the cost of their uniform from their paycheck. There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to hire Francis Williamson as a part-time police officer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice President Cappo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Robert Bower recently resigned from the board of the West Kittanning Municipal Authority and they are asking that Greta Kiser be appointed to fill the vacancy. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to appoint Greta Kiser to the WKMA Board to fill a vacant term that runs through 12/31/2027. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Venesky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo passed out maps highlighting the streets/areas proposed for pavement. It is split into 2 options so companies can bid on each separately. Option #1 includes the 200 block of Harrison Street and the intersection of Central Avenue and Harrison Street. Option #2 includes the intersection of Garfield Street and First Avenue, 50' of Bluff Street (on the 200 block) and a South Harrison Street from Justice Lane out to Butler Road. Councilperson Hetrick asked which option needed done the most and Vice President Cappo said option #1. There was a motion by Vice President Cappo to have PennDOT rep, JP Breggenti, prepare the bids for advertising. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hetrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Cappo asked about the vacant house on Jackson Street that was to be torn down. He will meet with Greta Kiser to fill her in on the situation and figure out what action the borough can take.

Mayor Langham said Anthony Shea sent a copy of the article he wrote for the Leader Times about West Kittanning and Applewold boroughs.

Mayor Langham said to let her know if anyone needs an application for an address sign.

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

Letters to be Read:

Secretary Hileman said some folks from the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church will hold a prayer walk on 4/29/2023 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Carly J. Hileman*

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