

Minutes for the West Kittanning Borough Council meeting held Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:30pm at the municipal building at 229 Arthur Street.

**Present:** Henry Mores, President  
Jake Martin  
Bernie Bowser, Jr.  
Greta Kiser, Solicitor

Jim Sobiski  
Bob Venesky  
Kevin Hetrick

**Absent:** Vince Cappelletti, Vice Pres  
Mickey Langham, Mayor

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

Cliff Neal (Arthur Street) is seeking permission to run a water line along his property back to the garage apartment behind his house. Currently, there is one water line for both dwellings. Mr. Neal attended the recent water authority meeting and was instructed to attend a council meeting to get permission from council. President Mores checked out the area and said, yes, it is ok for Mr. Neal to dig there to run a water line from Arthur Street back to the garage apartment behind Mr. Neal's house. The water authority installed a curb stop and now the resident will hire a contractor to dig and run a water line. Mr. Neal asked for documentation of the permission granted and President Mores said he wouldn't need anything. For the record, the solicitor was not informed of this matter prior to the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilperson Venesky to approve the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sobiski. All were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Councilperson Hetrick to approve the minutes from the July 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sobiski. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Lieutenant Pitzer read aloud the police report for the month of July. There 4 traffic citations, 5 medical assists and 4 assists to local departments. Jason Hufhand submitted a resignation letter and his uniform items today.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Cappelletti called in via telephone for Committee Reports and New Business.

Public Works: Vice President Cappelletti said the parking lot at the borough building had recently been sealed, as was approved at last month's meeting.

Finance/Insurance: Councilperson Venesky said the committee reviewed the bills list and everything looks good.

Shade Tree:

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Vice President Cappelletti is requesting the borough make a \$1,500 donation from the ARPA funds to the local chapter of the PA Preparedness Education Network (PPEN). It is a volunteer organization that holds monthly meetings at the WKFD to educate folks on emergency preparedness and how to survive a disaster. They've held classes teaching CPR, self-defense, active shooter training, how to can foods, etc. They've been in operation for almost 2 years and are led (and mainly funded personally) by husband and wife, Steve & Ruth Wible. Councilperson Bowser asked what they would use the money for and Vice President Cappelletti said supplies like postage, internet costs, light refreshments for meetings, etc. Councilperson Venesky asked if other municipalities are donating and

Vice President Cappo said not that he is aware of but he thought if West Kittanning did, others might follow suit. Eric Kunkle (EMC) works with them on occasion and said they are always willing to help him with any Emergency Management things he might need help with. The conversation was tabled and Vice President Cappo said he would get more information for the next meeting.

Lieutenant Pitzer said the department's laptop is very old and slow. He is checking with the Armstrong County IT department for recommendations and price quotes for a new one.

Secretary Hileman presented the request from the Kittanning Public Library for the annual amount of \$3,177 for borough resident library privileges. The amount is budgeted and has remained the same for the past several years. There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to remit \$3,177 to the Kittanning Library for borough resident library privileges. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Councilperson Bowser to pay July'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 Sobiski, seconded by Councilperson Venesky and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carly J. Hileman*

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