

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING – COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2023 – 11:30 A.M.

The Borough of Wyomissing Council held their regular meeting in the Borough of Wyomissing Council Chambers on the above date and time. Council President William S. Jenckes called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with the following persons present: Stephen D. Brunner, Keith L. Derr, Frederick R. Mogel, Jana R. Barnett, Ronald C. Stanko, and David L. Reeser; Mayor Frederick C. Levering, Borough Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Borough Manager & Economic Development Coordinator Michele Bare, and Borough Secretary Melissa Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held prior to, or during the meeting.

VISITORS:

Adrian Jadic – 48 Cardinal Road

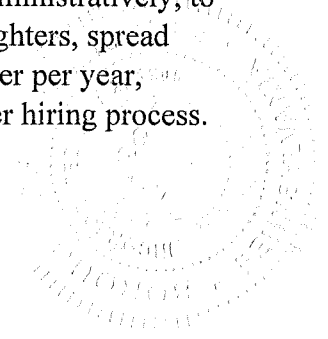
PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items):

No public comment was provided.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNION CONTRACT:

Borough Manager & Economic Development Coordinator Michele Bare shared with Council that the Fire Department Union, Union legal counsel, Borough administration, and Borough legal counsel met in a mediation session to continue negotiations of the Fire Department Union contract. Safety staffing levels was the negotiation topic, of which both parties amicably agreed to update the minimum staffing level language from reasonable effort to best effort. Best effort provides for management discretion to interpret the Fire Department staffing needs in a given situation.

Council further questioned what the status of the Safer grant was. Borough Manager Bare shared that the Safer grant is still in progress, but a recent call with the Borough lobbyists brought to the forefront, several other federal grant opportunities that are less cumbersome administratively, to apply for. The available grants would cover benefits and wages for three Firefighters, spread over a three year period to align with the Borough's desire to hire one Firefighter per year, beginning in 2024. Council lastly questioned the status of the current Firefighter hiring process.



Borough Manager Bare indicated that eight candidates advanced to the physical agility testing phase, with the final physical test occurring in May 2023.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to approve the Fire Department Union contract as presented with the minimal staffing level language changed from reasonable effort to best effort, with the contract taking effect April 2023 upon official signature, through December 31, 2026, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items):

Adrian Jadic, 48 Cardinal Road asked if the Fire Department Union contract was an available public record. Borough Solicitor Hartman indicated once the document is fully executed by all involved parties, it will be available through the Right to Know Law process.

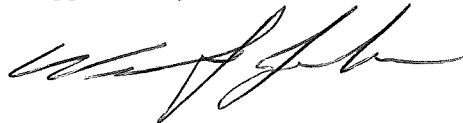
The Wyomissing Borough Council meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Miller
Borough Secretary

Approved by:



William S. Jenckes
President, Wyomissing Borough Council

