

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING – COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Wyomissing Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting at the Borough Hall on the above date. Council President Thomas M. Moll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons present: Council Members Thomas M. Bausher, John C. Woodward, Stephen D. Brunner, S. Jenckes, and Jody W. Menon; Mayor Frederick C. Levering, Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Consulting Engineer James C. McCarthy, and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Borough Secretary Michele E. Bare. Council Member Gregory L. Portner, Treasurer Paul W. Brass and Public Works Director James V. Babb were absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Moll announced that Council had met in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

VISITORS:

Anabella Galiyano, 1538 Penn Avenue  
Janine Galiyano, 1538 Penn Avenue  
Jim McHale, Boy Scout Troop 413  
Paul Mintz, 200 Reading Boulevard  
Chuck Sakmann, 1723 Reading Boulevard  
Mitch Shestok, 1869 Brandywine Road  
Angella Jones, 1881 Brandywine Road  
Carol Lubitz, 1830 Lincoln Avenue  
Benjamin Zobian, 212 Sturbridge Drive  
Sutton Derenedr, Boy Scout Troop 413  
MJ Galiyano, 1538 Penn Avenue  
John Serrano, 1512 Bern Street  
Bill Sweet, 1730 Reading Boulevard  
Dan Kaufmann, 1820 Lincoln Avenue  
Dave Becker, 1821 Lincoln Avenue  
Rick Weinoffer, 801 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mitch Shestok of 1869 Brandywine Road addressed the four Councilmembers that are members of the Infrastructure Committee, regarding the flooding that occurred in August 2018 and June 2019. He provided a packet of photographs, video and information documenting the flood damage and related cleanup that took place at the expense of private property owners. He will be attending the July 15, 2019 Infrastructure Committee meeting to discuss the issues further.

Dr. Bill Sweet expressed his concerns to Council about the June 2019 storm and subsequent property damage. Dr. Sweet said he and his neighbor observed evidence there had been sewage flowing in their yard. He has been aware of issues with the Spring Township sanitary sewer line during heavy rain events in the past and feels it's time to address the issue.

Paul Mintz of 200 Reading Boulevard said the storm sewer backed up in his basement during the storm on June 20, 2019. During heavy rain the intersection of Wayne Avenue and Reading Boulevard will flood and when the water reaches the curb it enters a vented pipe in his front yard.

Carol Lubitz of 1830 Lincoln Avenue said her basement has flooded with sewage several times in the many years she's lived at the property. It's cost her a considerable amount of money to repair the damage and install a check valve system to prevent it from happening. Her basement did not flood during the June 2019 storm but there was a small amount of water around the drain. She requested the Borough fix the problem with the storm and sewer lines.

Chuck Sakmann of 1723 Reading Boulevard questioned whom is responsible when roots from the Borough's street trees block storm or sanitary sewer pipes.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council received all reports submitted for consideration.

COUNCIL MINUTES: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2019.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council accepted the Consulting Engineers report dated July 2 2019.

POLICE CHIEF & MAYOR'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Police Chief & Mayor's report of July 1, 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire Dept. report for June 2019.

Councilmember Jenckes reviewed the report.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Infrastructure Committee report of June 17, 2019.

Councilmember Bausher reported on the meeting.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes, to approve the widening of the driveway curb cut at 41 Cheltenham Drive from 16' to 25', all in favor, 6-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner, to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$12,719.04 and Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$106,067.19, to Barrasso Excavation, Inc., all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes to approve Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$79,320.38, to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc., all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner, to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$17,576.00, to purchase two new controllers and upgrade a controller cabinet, to TELCO, all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes, to approve the submission of a time extension request for an additional ninety days to PennDOT for the Green Light Go Grant work, all in favor, 6-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner, to approve Payment Application No. 1, in the amount of \$10,512.36 to Dolan Construction, and for Borough Hall staff to remove the chestnut tree in the landscaping bed adjacent to the ADA parking space in the Borough Hall parking lot, all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Library Board report of June 17, 2019.

Councilmember Menon reported on the meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Personnel Committee report of June 18, 2019.

Councilmember Bausher reported on the meeting.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes, to approve the hiring of Melissa Wenzel Miller as the Senior Administrative Asst./Asst. Borough Secretary position, to begin employment on July 15, 2019, at a pay rate of \$19.24/hour, all in favor, 6-0.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Recreation Board report of June 18, 2019.

Councilmember Brunner reported on the meeting.

The Friday night concert and movie at the Wyomissing Hills playground was well attended. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was also well attended and over 6,000 flags were handed out. Councilmember Brunner expressed his thanks to Borough staff for their cleanup efforts at the pool and at other Borough recreation facilities.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire and Police Committee report of June 24, 2019 and July 2, 2019.

Councilmember Jenckes reported on the meeting.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bausher, to approve authorizing the Borough solicitor's office to finalize the sales agreement for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer PUC Ascendent 107' Aerial fire truck, at a cost of \$1,149,093.00, all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woodward, to approve the purchase of a new elliptical and treadmill for the fire station, from Fitness Superstores, at a cost of \$6,550.20, all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woodward, to approve the Reading Hospital Road Run, all in favor, 6-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Menon, to approve the Fitzzy's 5k Run, all in favor, 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE BY THE BOROUGH'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE EXAMINATION, SELECTION, EMPLOYMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE BOROUGH'S POLICE OFFICERS**

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bausher, to approve the adoption of Resolution # 2019-08, all in favor, 6-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner, to authorize conflict counsel Chris Gerber to perform an investigation into a personnel matter, all in favor, 6-0.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bausher, to authorize conditional approval for Chief Biehl to move forward with the hiring process if the Fire and Police Committee had previously approved the same, all in favor, 6-0.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, PLANNING**

**COMMISSION AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:** On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the joint meeting of the Economic Development Committee, Planning Commission and Borough Council report of June 26, 2019.

Councilmember Woodward reported on the meeting.

Councilmember Woodward said two stakeholder meetings were held with 4Ward Planning and Design on June 26, 2019. The first meeting was with the Economic Development Committee, the Planning Commission and Council, at which Todd Poole reviewed the draft market study report. The final master plan study will be completed by October 2019. The second stakeholder meeting was held with

residents of Berkshire Heights and was well attended. Concerns were raised over traffic and providing more recreational facilities in the Berkshire Heights community.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Finance and Administration report of July 2, 2019.

Council President Moll reported on the meeting in Councilmember Portner's absence.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes, to approve authorizing the Borough solicitor's office to finalize the sales agreement for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer PUC Ascendent 107' HD Aerial fire truck, at a cost of \$1,149,093.00, all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes, to approve payment of an invoice from the Wyomissing Area School District in the amount of \$2,118.55, for the shared cost of crossing guards for the 2018-2019 school year and to consider the cost in future budgets, all in favor, roll call vote, 6-0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Borough Manager's report of July 9, 2019.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF OPERATION: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Treasurer's Statement of Operation and all financial statements.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Accounts Payable Report outlining the following invoices paid:

General Fund	\$	620,605.83
Water Fund		86,678.46
Sewer Fund		125,424.69
Refuse Fund		59,221.20
Liquid Fuels Fund		<u>22,076.68</u>
Total of all Funds	\$	1,235,789.31

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Tax Collector's report for the month of June 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION 2019-07: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ACCEPTING A GIFT AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE DONATION FROM PHILIP D. AND JOANNE L. WOLFE**

Councilmember Woodward made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes, to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-07, all in favor, 6-0.

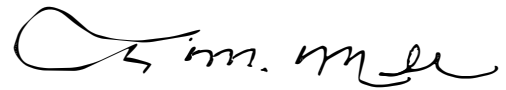
Borough Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele Bare  
Asst. Borough Secretary

Approved by:



Thomas M. Moll, President  
Wyomissing Borough Council