

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING – COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

The Borough of Wyomissing Council held their regular meeting via a recorded Zoom video/conference call platform on the above date and time. Council President Thomas M. Moll called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the following persons present: Council Members Thomas M. Bausher, John C. Woodward, Stephen D. Brunner, William S. Jenckes, Jody W. Menon, and Keith L. Derr; Mayor Frederick C. Levering, Borough Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Borough Engineer Jim McCarthy, Police Lieutenant Thomas Endy, Police Sergeant John Phillips, Borough Manager Pat Brandenburg, Assistant Borough Manager & Economic Development Coordinator Michele Bare, and Assistant Borough Secretary Melissa Miller. The following persons were absent: Treasurer Gregory L. Portner and Public Works Director James V. Babb

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Moll announced an executive session was held before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

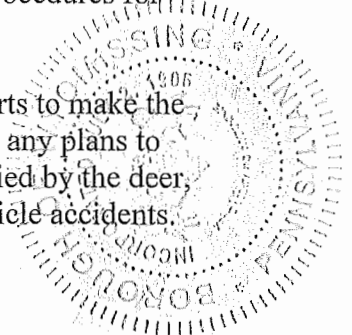
VISITORS:

Adrian Jadic – Borough Resident
John Cullen – Borough Resident
Rick Weinhoffer – Borough Resident
Dave and Barbara Reeser – Borough Residents
Lynn and Chuck Sakman – Borough Residents
Angela Helm – Borough Resident
Stephen Haley – Borough Resident
Irene Hayes – Borough Resident
Ben Simone – Borough Resident
Cindy Bohr – Borough Resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Adrian Jadic, 48 Cardinal Road commended county services for an efficient job well done during the election. During the discussion on the deer population, he indicated there should be no managed hunts in parkland areas, and suggested people put up fences. He also stated further, the meeting turned into a town hall meeting, and suggested Council follow the set procedures for Council meetings.

Angela Helm, 1158 Old Mill Road thanked Council for their hard work and efforts to make the Borough a safe and desirable place. She further questioned Council if there were any plans to control the deer population in the Borough. She is concerned about diseases carried by the deer, the nuisances they cause such as eating landscaping, and potentially causing vehicle accidents.



Irene Hayes, 511 Lauers Lane indicated the deer population at her home is at least 20 plus, and they tend to destroy her shrubbery, which is sprayed with deer repellent. She further noted that a neighbor from an abutting property is feeding the wildlife with buckets of corn.

Rob Early, MD., 1418 Old Mill Road suggested that trained experts would know how to hunt deer and not harm residents during a controlled hunt.

Lynn Sakman, 1723 Reading Boulevard indicated she sees the deer pass from Jack Rabbit Hill towards the Highlands, and recommends the Borough have a study completed so the residents can have a solution to the deer population.

Council President Moll addressed the residents' concerns, indicating the USDA Wildlife Division handles questions related to deer management, and he recommended Borough Manager Pat Brandenburg reach out to them again to see if there are remedies besides managed hunts. Council is currently not in favor of having managed hunts on Borough owned property due to safety concerns.

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 October 13, 2020.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Consulting Engineer's report dated November 4, 2020. Borough Engineer Jim McCarthy reviewed the report.

Jim McCarthy stated that work continues on the 4th Street project, with the completion of concrete and base work before Christmas, and the remainder of the project being completed in Spring of 2021.

POLICE DEPARTMENT & MAYOR'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Police Department & Mayor's report dated November 5, 2020.

Lieutenant Thomas Endy had no further review of the report.

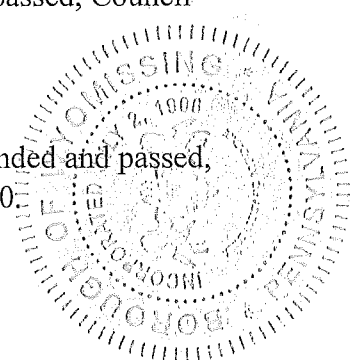
Council recommended that Lieutenant Endy draft information for the website, providing tips for citizens to not become victims of the infamous crime of stolen packages from porches.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire Commissioner's report for October 2020.

Councilmember Jenckes reviewed the report.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Infrastructure Committee report dated October 19, 2020.

Councilmember Bausher reviewed the report.



Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Menon to approve Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$12,354.86, to Barwis Construction, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Library Board report dated October 19, 2020.

Councilmember Menon reviewed the report.

Councilmember Menon indicated the voting process went well, and further reminded Council that library services are open limited hours and the grab and go service is still available.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Personnel Committee report dated October 20, 2020.

Councilmember Bausher reviewed the report.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes to approve Martin Luther King Jr. day as an office holiday for the Borough's administrative staff, all in favor, 7-0.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Recreation Board report dated October 20, 2020.

Councilmember Brunner reviewed the report.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woodward to approve changing the Annual Lighting of the Greens from an in-person gathering to a virtual event, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Menon to approve Jabrea Flowers as the new Student Representative to serve on the Recreation Board, all in favor, 7-0.

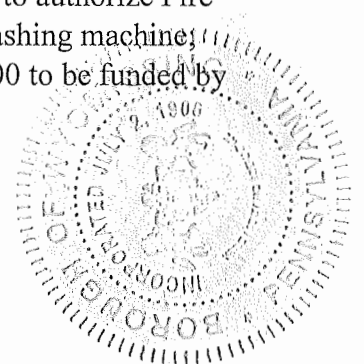
REFUSE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Refuse and Recycling Committee report dated October 21, 2020.

Councilmember Jenckes reviewed the report.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire and Police Committee report dated October 26, 2020.

Councilmember Jenckes reviewed the report.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bausher to authorize Fire Chief Colin Hackman to move forward with the purchase of a gear extractor washing machine, including delivery, installation, and a special mounting plate, for a cost of \$9,000 to be funded by the awarded FEMA grant, all in favor, 7-0.



Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bausher to approve the installation of a, "Caution Children at Play" sign in the 1700 block of Delaware Avenue, all in favor, 7-0.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Finance and Administration Committee special budget reports dated October 27, 2020 and November 3, 2020, and the Finance and Administration Committee regular meeting report dated November 5, 2020.

Councilmember Brunner reviewed the reports.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING REVISING AND UPDATING THE BOROUGH'S FEE SCHEDULE

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes to adopt Resolution No. 2020-27, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woodward to approve payment of the fourth quarter MMO payment of \$220,372.93, further utilizing the \$35,941.30 in forfeited pension funding towards the fourth quarter MMO payment, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derr to advertise the 2021 budget with the .25 mil real estate tax increase and 3% water and 3% sewer rate increases, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

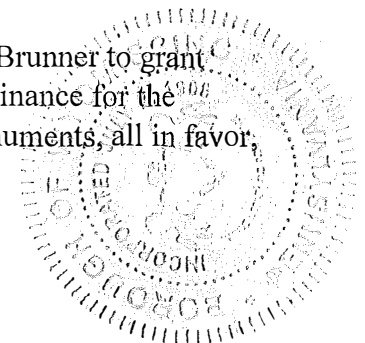
ORDINANCE NO. 1415-2020- AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2021

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derr to approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 1415-2020, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Planning Commission report dated November 2, 2020.

Councilmember Woodward reviewed the report.

Councilmember Woodward made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner to grant Granite Point the waiver from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the requirement to provide the elevation of all existing and required street monuments, all in favor, 7-0.



Councilmember Woodward made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jenckes to grant Granite Point final plan approval since work has been finalized that was outlined in the review comments in McCarthy Engineering's review letter dated October 27, 2020, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Woodward made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Menon to grant The Metropolitan waiver from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for no on street parking permitted on service or internal streets, conditional upon all review comments in McCarthy Engineering's review letter dated October 29, 2020 and require the changes to the parking plan, be incorporated in The Metropolitan annexation plan since the original land development plan has already been recorded, all in favor, 7-0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Borough Manager's report dated November 10, 2020.

Borough Manager Pat Brandenburg reviewed his report.

Borough Manager Brandenburg stated the Borough is in the process of submitting receipts associated with CARES Act funding. The Borough was granted \$96,980 in CARES Act funding.

Borough Manager Brandenburg also noted the application for the Safety committee yearly recertification has been completed and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. This will give the Borough a 5% decrease on their worker's compensation policy through the state.

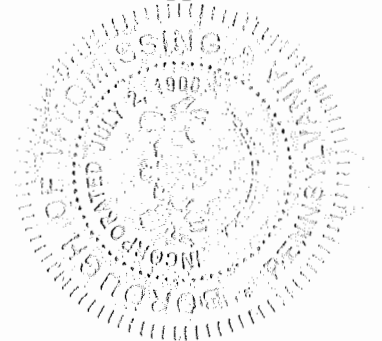
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Treasurer's Statement of Operation and all financial statements.

Borough Treasurer Gregory Portner was absent.

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

General Fund	\$ 307,607.04
Water Fund	91,509.99
Sewer Fund	213,573.38
Refuse Fund	65,784.07
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>21,069.88</u>
	\$ 699,544.36

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Tax Collector's report for the month of October 2020.



PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION CODE FOR THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING:

Borough Solicitor, Chris Hartman called the hearing to order at 7:34 p.m. by providing an introduction to the process of the hearing, the purpose of the hearing, and the presentation of the amendment to the building code. He further indicated the four purposes of the proposed ordinance are to adopt the 2015 version of the International Fire Code chapter 5 “Fire Services Features”, to mandate automatic standpipe systems instead of manual wet standpipe systems to better protect residents, to establish water supply requirements for automatic standpipe systems, and establish safety factors for sprinklers to ensure minimum standards in in place.

No public comments were provided during the public hearing.

The public hearing for the amendment to the construction code adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1410-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED "BUILDINGS", PART 5 ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODE", SECTION 502(C) ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS" TO UPDATE TO THE 2015 VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND REQUIRE AN AUTOMATIC WET STANDPIPE SYSTEM WHERE A WET STANDPIPE SYSTEM IS REQUIRED AND A SAFETY FACTOR OF FIVE POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH (5 PSI) OR TEN PERCENT (10%) OF REQUIRED RESIDUAL SYSTEM PRESSURE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derr to adopt Ordinance No. 1410-2020, all in favor, 7-0.

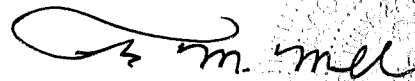
The Wyomissing Borough Council meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Miller
Assistant Borough Secretary

Approved by:



Thomas M. Moll, President
Wyomissing Borough Council

