

Borough Council Regular Meeting April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of Windber Borough Council was called to order by Windber Borough Council President, Mike Bryan at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council Members were present: Mike Bryan, John Holden, Pete LaMonaca, Douglas Ledney, Ron Mash, Joe Pallo and James Spinos. Jim Furmanchik, Borough Manager and Mayor, Scott Penrod was present. Attorney, Joseph Green was present.

Approval Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Recognition Visitors Jim Spinelli

Mr. Furmanchik said if you look at the Manager's Report you will see a line item that says discussion of Capital Improvement Projects. The items he is bringing to councils attention are just possibilities. We decided in the past that we would maintain all of our properties in a first class manner and we have done that very well up to this point.

One of these items involves a situation with the gazebo. Twenty years ago the sound system was installed over there and there has been some clambering about how it looks and how obtrusive the speakers are. In moving forward and tightening things up he was thinking about the possibility of putting new speakers in there. Jim Spinelli being part of the music industry knows more about sound systems than all of us put together so he asked him to be here tonight.

Mr. Spinelli said with the aesthetic condition over what he found was raised style speakers that would be wider and tuck up underneath the gazebo roof. He said right now there are four speakers over there and facing multiple strange directions. In his opinion you need just two speakers over there.

He would recommend RCF speakers, they are available in white and there are four of them available in Pennsylvania. They are indicated at \$1,799 a piece but the ad said you can also make an offer. They are 1400 watt speakers. He said he would run power to them and they would be on all the time and they would drop down and he would put in a lock box to power them up. You would need just a small little mixer to go with them, an interface with a microphone and the powered speakers. There would be three conductor belt cables running into these.

Compare this to what you currently have. He said you would have a one pound mixer you can put on a shelf or something that is there, connect a few wires, and run the mic-board over to the thing, power it up, and broadcast. He said this compared to Mr. Spinos running over here and taking a rack, a mixer and power amps and hauling them over there at a weight of about 250 lbs.

Mr. Spinelli said in checking with RCF you will see these speakers in sports stadiums and they would be tucked under the eve of the gazebo. He passed out information to council. He said the speakers are setup to hook into brackets.

Each speaker can put out a horizontal projection of 100 degrees. The only thing they have for outside is this series and white is not easy to find.

Mr. Spinelli said the old speakers could then be sold. Mayor Penrod reminded council that WAVE paid for those speakers and the money would have to be given back to them.

Mr. Spinos asked what they would be looking at for a total. Will we just have to buy the speakers? Mr. Spinelli said you would also have to buy the speakers and run the wiring. You would have approximately \$150 to \$200 to run the wiring and put the brackets in. He said in the end it would probably be about \$3,500.

Mr. Holden asked him if he was only recommending two speakers. Mr. Spinelli said yes. He said just for speeches or a choir. Mr. Spinelli said on light up night you can barely hear the choir and that would work nice for that event. He said we have two microphones, would they work with that. Mr. Spinelli said yes. Mr. Spinos said it is a hassle hooking all that up and carrying it out there and none of it is weather proof. Mr. Spinelli said it would broadcast everything from the building to Mimo's.

Mr. Spinos asked if you could hear them from the back side. Mr. Spinelli said yes you would have the slap back off the buildings. Mr. Holden said there are three speakers facing Graham Avenue right now and one facing Midway. Mr. Spinelli said two would be loud enough. If you have a band there they will bring their own speakers.

Mr. Furmanchik said he is sure we could get one of our friends to make us mounting brackets and Mr. Spinelli said he would install them. Mr. Furmanchik said we could get a lock box and an MP3 player and play Christmas music over the Christmas holiday at a low tone.

Mr. Spinos said it would be nice to have three speakers for when they have cruise-ins people who live back behind the gazebo have said they like to listen to the music. People also sit on the benches behind the gazebo. Mr. Holden agreed we should go with three speakers. He said to make an offer of \$1,500 a speaker.

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Spinos to make an offer for three speakers at \$1,500 a piece and not spend more than \$6,000. Expense will be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo yes. Motion carried.

**Recognition
Visitors**

Matt Grohal Director of the Windber Municipal Authority told council they really appreciate council using the money from the sale of the ball fields to pave the roads at the park. He said it will make a huge improvement to the park.

Mr. Grohal said they are in the process of building a handicapped accessible restroom at the dancehall and Mr. Furmanchik helped him get the permits for that. At the last meeting they allocated the money to get that going. They hope to have that done by Memorial Day.

Mr. Grohal said the pavilion roofs are in pretty good shape. There is some moss and stuff that are on them that they will clean off.

A friend of his owned a company that did that and he is going to come up tomorrow and show him how to mix the solution/chemical and have it done within the next few weeks.

Mr. Grohal said in inspecting everything, the bathroom that is adjacent to the playground is in dire need of some repair. He had Greg Guy, Mike Kovatich, Dave Maddy and Joe Cominsky look at it. He was hoping that he could get some funding out of the sale of the ball fields to fix it. It is bad. The Plexiglas that is on the front is all rotted and the tongue and groove underneath rotted.

Mr. Spinos asked if he was going to go with all vinyl now. Mr. Grohal said Greg Guy's opinion was to do it the same with Plexiglas and so was Joe Cominsky's. Mr. Spinos said as far as the tongue and groove was it wood. Mr. Grohal said yes it is wood so they are going to rip off two to three feet of shingle from the back and put new tongue and groove under there, flash it, flash underneath the Plexiglas and then put, a flashing over the top of it.

Mr. Furmanchik said he talked to Greg Guy about that today and he told him to give us a price both ways: one to repair one half of the roof and the second showing the whole roof. You do not want to have to do the other half of the roof down the road. Mr. Guy said he would try to get the pricing together today.

Mr. Furmanchik said council had on their wish list for the park, paving, roofs and electrical. That roof would be part of roofs. He said they are lucky that they do not have to do any repairs to the other roofs. It is pretty impressive when they use the chemical on the roof how nice they look. Mr. Spinos said that was what he was concerned about all the moss on the roofs.

Mrs. Gates said if the borough is going to pay for the cost of repair we will need at least three bids. Mr. Grohal said he will have four by the end of the week.

Mr. Spinos asked about the electrical issues up there. He said in the past we were told there were a lot of electrical problems up there. Mr. Grohal said the thing has been the breakers blowing up there from roasters being plugged in. Mr. Furmanchik said we may be able to address that if we had another outlet and breaker. Mr. Grohal said he doesn't know how you could get any more power because there is a 100 amp service in the Elm Pavilion. Mr. Spinos said yes you would have to go underground and feed more cable. You could go to a 200 amp service and feed off of that but you are adding cable too.

Mr. Furmanchik asked him if he was pretty confident that he did not have any electrical issues up there. Mr. Grohal said yes. He said they want to do the little shed that they used to make the fries out of for the wing offs. Lee Concrete is going to donate the concrete to put a floor in there but he would like to put a 100 amp service in there. Drenning is supposed to look at it. He said the power he believes is fed off the dancehall. Mr. Spinos asked if it was fed off the light pole up there. He said back in the day Pat Mulcahy went up there and went over all the electrical problems up there. Mr. Grohal said he could call him. Mr. Spinos suggested that he touch base with him.

Mr. Spinos said as far as the transformer we need for camping will you still need it. Mr. Grohal said if that is something they want to do then they should probably do it the right way because the transformer wasn't big enough to do what we wanted. Mr. Spinos said to let him know if they decide to do that he may be able to help him out.

Mr. Bryan asked if the bids would be in by the end of the week. Mr. Grohal said yes. Mr. Spinos asked if the electric was good in the pool area. Mr. Grohal said yes. Mr. Spinos said what about the plumbing. Mr. Grohal said everything is good. He said they replaced all the stalls in the men's room last year and over winter they replaced all the stalls in the ladies room. Mr. Spinos asked if the concession stand was all good. Mr. Grohal said yes.

Council was on board with helping with repairs to the restroom. Mr. Grohal thanked council for their help.

Correspondence

1. Minutes of the Windber Municipal Authority's February's 21st Meeting.
2. Codes Enforcement Officer's Report.
3. Windber Area Authority's Minutes of February 14, 2018.

Council received a letter from the Windber Fire Company No. 1 asking for release of funds from the borough's budget for the Fire Truck.

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to approve to release budgeted line item amount of \$45,000 to the Windber Fire Company for payment of the fire truck. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

Approval Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve payroll for March 16 and 29, 2018. Motion carried.

Approval Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve bills for March 2018. Motion carried.

Council convened to an executive session at 7:45 p.m. for personnel.

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Rescind Corporal

A motion was made by Mr. Mash and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to rescind the motion previously made on February 27, 2018 giving Officer Jeff Meden the rank of Corporal. Motion carried.

Cash Bal./ Treas. Rept.

There were no questions on the Cash Balance or Treasurer's Report at this time.

Council Liaison Reports

There were no reports at this time.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Penrod said the Cash Bash for the Economic Development Committee was a success and thanked everyone who helped.

Manager's Report

Code Enforcement Officer - Anson has started as scheduled and is progressing nicely. He will attend an International Code Council Property Maintenance Inspector training session on April 17th. The cost of the training session is \$150.

Public Works - As our street sweeper is in use when weather allows, we have started to concentrate on a defined spring cleanup effort. At our April 10th meeting, we will discuss equipment options.

Recreation Park Road Paving - We are still on schedule for Quaker Sales to start at the end of April or the beginning of May.

2018 Borough Road Paving - I will have options prepared for your consideration at the meeting.

Grant Opportunities - The grant with Aspire has been submitted and is up for review. Again this is a \$476,906 project of which we will be responsible for 15% or \$71,535. Patrick Meese will meet with Vinnie Paczek, from EADS, and I on Wednesday April 4th.

Recreation Park Ballroom - I have submitted application for the building permit and asked them to put it on the fast track. The permit will be in hand in a few days and construction of the new ADA facilities will begin shortly.

Levee - Ongoing.... I continue to work with EADS to decommission pipe 19 and Patrick Meese for grant funding for sediment removal.

Police Dept. Corporal Position - There has been rebuttal from the union regarding this promotion. The Union's opinion is that the corporal position was vacated and therefore should be posted as stated, regarding vacancies, in the contract. The position is not posted at this time and there will be further discussion at the meeting.

Possible Capital Improvement Projects - In keeping with maintaining and updating our properties, consider the following:

1. Replacement of gazebo speakers with something less obtrusive and easier to use.
2. Replacement of concrete pad on the front steps of borough building

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca for the borough manager to obtain bids for the concrete pad on the front steps of the borough building. Motion carried.

769 Railroad Street- There is a second hearing scheduled, for violation of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, on April 12th.

NIMS Qualification. There is a new one coming out and Mr. Bloom said there will be a class at the Windber Fire Company in the fall and they will invite officials from the area over at the training center and go through the course and take the test.

Consulting Firms. Consulting firms for the feasibility study for the Economic and Feasibility Study for the Hotel will be chosen by the Economic Development Committee. They formed an interview panel to do final interviews. They had six applicants and narrowed it down to four. One person interviewed and four were done by phone. They are very close to approving a company. Once that takes place they will be able to start on it in about a week.

Cash Bash Fundraiser – Total profit was right around \$5,400.

Bids for the following Public Works Equipment: (jack hammer, trash pump, bits for jack hammer, suction and discharge hoses for the trash pump and air compressor)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. URent Sales, LLC	\$15,614.50
2. Patriot Contractors Equip.	15,660.00
3. Tools Sales & Service Co.	16,410.79
4. Groff Tractor & Equip.	16,490.00

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to approve the bid from URent Sales, LLC in the amount of \$15,614.50. Cost of equipment to be taken from the sewer fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report

Attorney Green said they had a hearing on an abandoned car. The gentleman’s last name was Cominsky. There were three abandoned vehicles. He called it a construction vehicle. It was a fire truck that had a big boom on it. He was found guilty.

Attorney Green said he spoke with him afterwards and he is willing to remove the cars but he said the fire truck doesn’t move but the boom works and it gives him the ability to work on the roof. Attorney Green told him to get with the codes enforcement officer and find a way of hiding that vehicle. If we can’t see something from the street it is not a violation.

Approval Paving

Mr. Furmanchik gave council a list of six different options for paving. There is only \$76,455 available for paving from Liquid Fuels this year. Additional funding to complete project options could be available from our Capital Improvement Account.

Mr. Furmanchik said we had been paving Stockholm Avenue in stages. This year would have been the year we finished Stockholm Avenue. However, Jefferson Avenue is extremely bad and needs to be done this year. That would put Stockholm off until next year. Council agreed that Jefferson Avenue is very bad and debated over the six the options.

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Mash to advertise for bids for Option #2

Option #2

Jefferson Avenue	8 th Street – 5 th Street
15 th Street	Somerset Avenue – 803 15 th Street
Hillside Avenue	Catherine Avenue – Lauren Lane
7 th Street	R.R Tracks – Washington Avenue

Estimated at \$74,937

Motion was carried.

**Approval
Spring
Cleanup**

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to approve Yonish Disposal as the garbage contractor for Windber Borough's Spring Clean up at \$120/ton and no charge for man hours or landfill fees. Spring Clean Up will be the week of May 14th to 18th at a fee of \$45 per resident. Motion carried.

**Next
Meeting**

Next meeting date will be May 8, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Council President at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Robin S. Gates
Financial Secretary