

## **Borough Council Regular Meeting June 13, 2017**

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council Members were present: Mike Bryan, John Holden, Barry Jerley, Pete LaMonaca, Sonya Pekala, and James Spinos. Ron Mash was absent. 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. Holden to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors** Mike Hunter said the Dog Run had purchased signs to be placed at the entrances to Windber. The sign on 160 above the park had deteriorated and has been repaired at no cost to the borough.

Mr. Hunter asked council for permission to place the sign at the end of Miner's Park where the bench was placed by Jodi Gahagen's group "Heaven's Dog Pound". Mr. Furmanchik passed out photos of Miner's Park and where the sign would be placed. Mr. Hunter said the sign is very nice and solar lights have been placed on it so it will light up at night.

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to allow the sign to be installed at the end of Miner's Park near Jesco's. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

Mr. Furmanchik said he would contact someone to dig the holes and even make the PA One Call.

Council discussed what they can put up at the end of 160 to replace the sign that once was there and is now being moved to the Miner's Park. Council decided to have Mr. Furmanchik contact the person who made the new signs we just put out at the ends of Graham Avenue and find out what the cost would be to have an additional sign made that could be put on 160 above the park.

**EAD's Engineer** Mr. Paczek reported for EADS on the engineers report the following information:

### **2015 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Construction Status - Construction is 100% complete as of June 12, 2017. Retainage is being held for the punch list items until dump site release forms are received from R&B.

Project Permit Close-Out - The Notice of Termination for the NPDES Construction Permit and the Post Construction Certification for the Water Quality Management Permit are being provided today for signature by Windber Borough. Upon receipt of these signed documents, we will proceed with forwarding the close-out documents to PA DEP for approval.

Record Drawings - R&B has completed their as-built survey of the project area. EADS is now in the process of preparing the record drawings. Completed record drawings will be provided this month.

GIS Map Update -A draft GIS map of Windber Borough's sanitary sewer system was provided to Manager Furmanchik for review in May.

PennVest Pay Request No.14- The following is included in PennVest Pay Request No. 14:  
*EADS Construction Admin. Services - \$518.40*  
*EADS Permit Admin. Services - \$139.80*  
*EADS PennVest Admin. Services - \$45\_4.36*  
*EADS GIS Map Update - \$2,802.53*  
Total Pay Request= \$3,915.09

Upon approval from Borough Council, PennVEST Pay Request No. 14, in the amount of \$3,915.09, will be submitted to PennVest.

A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Spinos to approve PennVest Pay Request No. 14 in the amount of \$3,018.09. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

Note: \$3,496.55 will be contributed from Windber Borough's Sewer Fund. Windber Borough's contribution amount has now been fulfilled with this pay request.

### **2017 Permit Renewal Application**

The current five year permit term is ending on March 16, 2018. Permit renewal applications are due on September 16, 2017. A PRP will need to be completed for Windber Borough's MS4 Outfalls that discharge to the middle section of Paint Creek and to Seese Run, both of which DEP has identified as being impaired by sediment. A proposal for EADS to complete a Permit Renewal Application, Pollutant Reduction Plan, and Progress Report, for Windber Borough, with an estimated fee of \$9,900.00, was approved by Council in May. Preparation of these documents is ongoing.

### **Correspondence**

1. Minutes, from the Windber Municipal Authority's Meeting of May 2 and 16, 2017.
2. PA Municipal Code Alliance Reports
3. Windber Area Authority Minutes of April 12, 2017.
4. Schedule of events for Miner's Memorial Day Celebration.
5. Somerset Economic Council is sponsoring an event called start up Alleghenies Kick off Celebration on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Furmanchik said he will be in attendance if anyone else would like to attend please let him know.

6. Sam Pcola our junior councilperson is member of the Windber Stem Club and she is looking for a donation. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. A motion was made by Mrs. Pekala and seconded by Mr. Spinos to approve a donation to the Windber STEM Club in the amount of \$200. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.
7. Eureka Coal Heritage Foundation has asked the borough to sponsor through a donation the Miner's Memorial Day Celebration. A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Spinos to approve a donation to the Eureka Coal Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$500. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

**Approval Payroll** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve payroll for May 12 & 16, 2017. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

**Approval Bills** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mrs. Pekala to approve payment of the bills for May 2017. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

**Cash Bal. / Treasurer Report** There were no questions, at this time.

### **Council Liaison Reports**

**Bryan/ Fire Dept.** Mr. Bryan said he wanted to update council on the fire departments training, events and etc. Currently year to date the members have completed 2,016 hours in training. They created a training division. A lot of departments have shown interest and plan on attending as many of the classes as they can. Its local training with certified instructors and its affordable. Local departments can send multiple people covering their respective areas. It is something that will continue to grow and they are headed in the right direction.

Structural Firefighting based classes or Officer Level Classes have an effect on ISO, the Operator Safety Classes have an effect on the individual insurance carriers as well as ISO. Everything they offer is to the letter of the ISO/NFPA/PSFA.

The following is a list of scheduled state classes. All classes are open to other departments with the exception of the live fire evolution in October.

1. Emergency Vehicle Operator Training – EVOT – June 10, and 11, 2017. (class is full -16 hours)
2. Carbon Monoxide Detector Response – CORE – June 12, 2017 – (3 hours)
3. Command Seminar – World Renowned Instructor, Retired Harrisburg BC Michael Horst – Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Windber Community Building.
4. UTV/ATV Operator Safety Course – ATV/UTV – August 26 and 27, 2017 (16 hours)
5. Engine and Truck Operations – Live Fire Evolution – October 14, 2017 (10 hours)
6. Intro to Fire Officer ship –INFO – October 21 and 22, 2017 – (16 hours)

Here is the list of completed classes:

1. Hazmat Awareness Certification – January 21, 2017 – (4 hours – 8 new certified members)
2. Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher – HMOR – Feb 4, 2017 – (6 hours)
3. Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher – HMOR – Mar. 18, 2017 – (6 hours)

By holding their own state level classes they have saved the department over \$2,500 in training.

Also they will begin CDL Certification process with Kurt Hrivnak as soon as he finishes the paperwork. Hopefully this will catch on with the other members; it is highly beneficial certification to both them and the department.

Mr. Bryan said there is a lot going on down there and these guys are training to the top of their profession and are really bringing a professional grade operation to our community.

**Holden/  
WMA**

Mr. Holden said the Municipal Authority has a couple of events coming up. The Whalley Run is this Saturday and Rock'n in the Park is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Holden said they brought it up at their meeting to purchase a new mower for the park. They had asked him if they could request money from the line item for the park from the borough. He told them to come to a meeting and make the request. They are not here tonight so I guess we will wait to hear something from them.

**Jerley/  
WAA**

Mr. Jerley said the Windber Area Authority is going to be installing a new line from Horn Road up to the Barnes' property to Seanor Road. Reason for doing that is there is not adequate flow up there for fire protection and there are a lot of people on a one inch line. The Winder Area Authority crew will be doing the work.

**Mayor's  
Report**

Mayor Penrod asked if council is still interested in doing a community yard sale next year. Mrs. Pekala said she would like to see that happen as long as we coordinate with Spring Clean Up.

Mayor Penrod said Miner's Memorial Weekend is this weekend and there will be no Thunder in the Valley activities this year. He said June 29 at the park will be the first Wing and Swing Event. They will have wings, music and a movie night at the pool.

Chief Frear said they filed charges for delivery resulting in death in a heroine sale. The Attorney General's Office gave us a big hand in filing that charge.

**Manager's  
Report**

**NIMS Qualifications** - We are still missing a few certificates of completion. Please turn them in so they can be kept on file.

**Little League Fields** - Rick Roberts has filed for a variance with Richland Twp. I will accompany him to their zoning appeals board meeting on June 22nd.

**25th Street Storm Sewer Project** - To my displeasure, the contractor has still not started. He has been given until August 4th to complete the work.

**Route 56 Project** - Ongoing with minimal issues.

**2017 Paving Project** - Road milling has been completed and resurfacing has started. Weather permitting it should be completed in three days.

**Aspire Grant Writers** - Processing to complete a multi modal grant was offered, a few days after our last meeting, but I refused as there was a 30% match required. Those monies along with the preparation fees would've had to come out of the general fund and the affordability is not there. I suggested we stay with a CFA grant for sewer work, where all monies could be taken out of the sewer fund. CFA grants open up in the fall of 2017.

**Police Department** - Recently an issue occurred where discipline will have to be administered. We will go into executive session at the meeting where Scott and Andy will elaborate.

**Police Contract** - We have received a copy of proposals, from the union. Currently, we are making arrangements to set our first meeting date.

**Subdivision Request** - There has been a request to subdivide and sell a small piece of property in the area of Park Avenue Ext. The parties involved are Mr. and Mrs. Barry Russo as the prospective buyers and Mike Harlow as the current property owner. I have been working with the parties involved, as well as the Chairman of the Planning Commission, to bring resolve the request. The subdivision is straight forward and should not be a problem. The Planning Commission will meet on June 14th regarding this matter.

Mr. Furmanchik said the prisoners have been here painting curbs, cutting the cemetery and painting the front of the borough building. They will be with us for another week and will assist the borough crew in placing the new signs at each end of Windber. The signs say Welcome to Windber a Great Place to Live, Work and Raise a Family.

Mr. Furmanchik said that Noretta Haydu from the Museum approached him and said the building is in need of a roof. They got some quotes and they will go with a metal roof and they will donate the funds for the roof.

Mr. Furmanchik said at the end of recreation park road there has been a whole lot of junk being dumped beyond that point. Mr. Enoch who owns property back there had complained that he did not have access to his property and Berwind had removed the gate. Now people are dumping there. Berwind has agreed to purchase the gate and public works will put the gate back up and Mr. Furmanchik spoke to Mr. Enoch and he is in agreement also to put the gate up. We will provide him with a key when he comes into town. Most of the stuff is biodegradable and public works can move it and push it back with the backhoe the rest of the stuff will be hauled away.

Council convened to an executive session at 8:00 p.m. for personnel issues.

Council reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

**Approval  
For Fallen  
Run**

Council received a letter from the For the Fallen Run Committee. It reads as follows:  
Dear, Windber Borough Council: The time has come once again to plan the annual for the Fallen Motorcycle Run. This year will mark our 13th year of fundraising. We are once again asking for the support of the Borough for the weekend of our Run.

As in previous years, we would like to request use of the Community Building parking lot beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning, August 4, 2017. We will use Friday to begin set up and hold the party there in afternoon/evening of Saturday August 5, 2017. On Sunday morning, as always, we will thoroughly clean the parking lot up.

Also we would request the road closure as in previous years to allow safe parking for the motorcycles. We'd like to have the closing of Graham Avenue from Jefferson Avenue to 15th Street between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. Following your approval, all correct paperwork will be submitted to PennDot and PA State Police.

Thank you as always for your consideration. We could not continue this special event without the support of Windber Borough.

Sincerely, Jeff Klucik, President; Vince Brunetto, Vice President; and Stephanie Klucik, Secretary/Treasurer of For the Fallen Run, Inc

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to approve the request from the For the Fallen Run Committee to hold their event and close the above mentioned roads. One absent, Mr. Mash, Motion carried.

**Approval  
Relay for  
Life**

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mrs. Pekala to approve the Relay for Life to Paint the Town Purple in support of local friends and family who have been touched by the disease (cancer). Remarks; Mr. Spinos mentioned that they clean everything up afterwards in a timely fashion. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

**Next  
Meeting**

Next council meeting will be July 11, 2017.

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Council President, Barry Jerley.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Robin S. Gates

