

Borough Council Regular Meeting November 14, 2017

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, Ron Mash, and James Spinos. Jim Furmanchik, Borough Manager was absent. Mayor, Scott Penrod was present. Attorney, Joseph Green was absent. Barry Jerley and Sonya Pekala were absent.

Approval Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve the Minutes of October 10, 2017 meeting. Two absent, Mr. Jerley and Mrs. Pekala. Motion carried.

Recognition Visitors Douglas Ledney and Joseph Pallo were present. Mr. Bryan congratulated them along with the other council members on winning the election for councilmen and told them they looked forward to working with them on council.

Correspondence

1. Senator Pat Stefano news letter.
2. News article regarding Windber Trick or Treat
3. PA Municipal Code Alliance Report for October
4. Minutes of the Windber Municipal Authorities October 3rd and 17th meetings.

Approval Payroll A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Spinos to approve payroll for October 13, and 27, 2017. Two absent, Mr. Jerley and Mrs. Pekala. Motion carried.

Approval Bills A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to approve bills for October 2017. Two absent, Mr. Jerley and Mrs. Pekala. Motion carried.

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

Council Liaison Reports There were no reports at this time.

Mayor's Report Chief Frear said they got the police vest grant. Vests cost around \$800 and this grant will pay for half.

Chief Frear said they also received approximately \$4,100 for new computers so far and there should be some more money coming in.

Mr. Spinosa said the night they handed out candy they handed out 500 bags. He said we should do 1,000 bags of candy next year. He said it was good PR for the police and the kids really enjoyed it.

The Christmas for Kids event will take place on December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Windber Community Building.

Manager's Report

Little League Fields - I have prepared a letter stating that we have an agreement with ERA Sports and Windber Borough to use parking areas for overflow event parking. It is signed by myself and Mr. Roberts. In regard to the actual sale of the property, we are awaiting closing.

25th Street Storm Sewer Project - All of the hard and soft restoration is finished and the project is 100% complete

Abandon Vehicle Roundup - The police department continues to have good cooperation from most residents. There have been some citations and hearings scheduled before the magistrate.

Rail Replacement and Crossing Reconstruction - Ongoing with no issues

17th Street Storm Sewer Project - We are awaiting final restoration by the paving contractor. This is anticipated to take place the week of November 13th.

New Dog Park - The new park is complete and ready for use.

Grant Writer Possibilities - I will be meeting with Jon Wahl, who owns Somerset Planning and Engineering, in December to discuss grant options for removal of sediment collection from the Flood Control Project.

Engine Brake Restriction - My correspondence with PennDot has yielded a granted request for a study to be done in the area of Railroad and 17th Streets within the next few weeks. If the study reveals a need, it would be the Borough's responsibility to erect and maintain signage along with enforcing the prohibition.

Community Building Shed Roof - Guy roofing has promised that the roof will be complete before winter sets in.

24th and 22nd Street Bridges - I spoke with PennDot on November 2nd and was assured that the 24th Street Bridge will definitely be on their TIP program replacement for 2019. The 22nd Street Bridge will continue with its annual inspection and will only be shut in as an absolute last resort. Hopefully it can be available for TIP funding in the future.

Snow Emergency - Arrangements have been made with eight local independent contractors. They are all aware of the plan and ready to respond, if the unfortunate should happen.

2017 PennVest Project – Mrs. Gates said a final inspection of the project was done today with DEP and at the December meeting we will have our final payoff.

- Approval Agreement/ CDBG App.** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Somerset, Windber Borough and the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County and to authorize Resolution for 2017 Entitlement CDBG applications to be submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County. Two absent Mr. Jerley and Mrs. Pekala. Motion carried.
- Tentative Approval General Fd. Budget** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Spinos to tentatively approve the General Fund Budget for the Year 2018 in the amount of \$1,568,332.27. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Jerley, absent, Mr. Mash, yes; and Mrs. Pekala, absent. Motion carried.
- Tentative Approval Sewer Fund Budget** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Spinos to tentatively approve the Sewer Fund Budget for the Year 2018 in the amount of \$217,450.00. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Jerley, absent, Mr. Mash, yes; and Mrs. Pekala, absent. Motion carried.
- Tentative Approval Liquid Fuels Budget** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Spinos to tentatively approve the Liquid Fuels Fund Budget for the Year 2018 in the amount of \$129,602.63. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Jerley, absent, Mr. Mash, yes; and Mrs. Pekala, absent. Motion carried.
- Approval MOA for Hiring FT Police Off.** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve the Memorandum of Agreement regarding set up of a committee for hiring a full time police officer. This is part of the police contract which begins in 2018. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Jerley, absent, Mrs. Pekala, absent, and Mr. Spinos, yes. Motion carried.
- Advertise Tax Ordinance** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve to advertise Ordinance No. 2017-2 levying a tax for General Fund purposes at a rate of 15.42 mills for the Year 2018. Remarks; Mr. Holden said there is no tax increase for 2018. Mrs. Gates said that is correct. Two absent, Mr. Jerley and Mrs. Pekala. Motion carried.
- Approval Per Capita Additions** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Spinos to approve the Per Capita additions as presented by Karen Wozniak, Borough's Tax Collector. Two absent, Mr. Jerley, and Mrs. Pekala. Motion carried.
- Next Meeting** The next Meeting will be on December 12, 2017
- Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by Council President, Mike Bryan.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Robin S. Gates

