

## **Borough Council Regular Meeting August 11, 2020**

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council Members were present: Mike Bryan, Dr. Doug Ledney, Pino Gallina and John Holden. Ron Mash, Joe Pallo and Jim Spinos were absent. James Furmanchik, Borough Manager was present through telecommunications. Mayor, Mike Thomas, and Attorney Joe Green were present.

**Approval Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Bryan to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2020. Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo, and Mr. Spinos were absent. Motion carried.

**Recognition Visitors** Mr. and Mrs. Evock spoke to council about the Flight for Freedom Ride. Mr. Evock said he is from Milesburg Pennsylvania and he is married into the Windber community. His wife is Nancy Kormanik.

Mr. Evock said a group of motorcyclists got together after the Gettysburg ride and they decided they still wanted to ride and do things for the communities who are suffering due to the pandemic and closings of businesses. Bikers do bring money. They probably brought in 10,000 people into Gettysburg. They had an excellent weekend and the community in Adams County could not thank them enough for bringing business into the community.

Mr. Evock said we decided Johnstown was the next place we would like to do this. He then convinced his co-chair to take the run through some of the communities outside of Johnstown. He has a personal attachment to Windber. His wife is from here. He thinks it is a wonderful little town and it could use their support.

He said what they are asking for is a place to organize to get the ride put together and make sure all the legalities of waivers are signed. We do have an online waiver process but not everyone gets online and those who do not we ask for a paper waiver. We are asking to use Windber Recreation Park. We ask that masks are worn, and hand sanitizer is made available. We ask that people remain six feet apart and abide by the state guidelines. Of course, you cannot make everyone, but we do what we can to reinforce that and encourage it.

There are a couple of options: First option would be using the park just on Saturday morning to organize the ride and ride out of there on Saturday morning. That gives us a large enough area to get enough people in to ride from the park to Flight 93. He said they have a permit from Flight 93. Flight 93 is totally on board. The plan is to ride from Windber Recreation Park to Flight 93 through Johnstown and possibly back to here. That would be option number two, to be able to return to the park following the ride. We would like to bring the business back to town Saturday evening.

To reiterate: Option A, would be you do not want us. Option B would be we organize Saturday morning and leave from the park. Option C would be we leave from the park and return to the park.

Mr. Evock said he would be here Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. He said perhaps the park would allow for some camping also. This is kind of like an unofficial Thunder with a different date and a destination rally in mind to support the fallen.

Mr. Evock said they have a waiver for the borough to sign and any other entity to relieve Windber Borough of any liability. Senator Doug Mastriano from Adams County would be riding with them in a truck.

Mr. Bryan asked how the permit he received from park service is detailed and what kind of numbers is he talking about. Mr. Evock said the permit is permission to enter the park. They are guessing around 200 riders. They do not have a final number on that. They use Facebook to distribute information. The national park is a little different and does not fall under the guidelines of the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bryan said we had planned on a fundraiser at the park this year and pulled the plug because we wanted to exceed 250. We also had a local organization who annually holds a wing off. After the first one there was inadequate numbers control and what we received were complaints and inclination the news media would be at the next event. We do not want a black eye in the town because everyone else is doing their part and it makes us look bad. Our first concern would be how do you police this or cleanup.

Mr. Holden asked if their Facebook page was "Flight of Freedom Rally"? Mr. Evock said yes. Mr. Holden said it is showing 570 people interested from September 4<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Evock said we get a lot interested but that does not mean they are going.

Mr. Holden asked why the Municipal Authority sent them to council? Mrs. Gates said it is borough property and an activity packet must be filled out by our emergency management officer. Mr. Furmanchik said the packet is lengthy and you would also have to present a certificate of liability insurance. Naturally, you would want all your riders to also complete a hold harmless agreement. That would hold Windber Borough and your organization harmless in case the unfortunate would happen.

Mr. Evock said as far as the liability they are not a formally organized organization. We are just riders wanting to ride. We just want a place to organize we can ride from. They are asking for the boroughs support in saying okay to meet there. They are like anyone who walks up and down the street. Our selling point is we carry wallets and we hope the borough and other communities realize we are just citizens like everyone else. We are not asking for special treatment. We are just looking for the okay for some place to meet and leave from. If you want more than that we can ask vendors to come in? We can have them fill out waivers or whatever. We are not charging anything for this ride.

Mrs. Gates asked if everyone would disperse when they get back to the park or is there a get together or a party planned? Mr. Evock said no party. Just a location to leave as one united group and come back to this area.

Mr. Holden asked what time the ride would be? He said they would leave around 10 a.m. to be at Flight 93 by 12 p.m. Mr. Holden asked Mr. Furmanchik if there were pavilion rentals booked for that weekend?

Mr. Furmanchik said he checked with the recreation director and he has one on that Saturday. Mr. Furmanchik said that weekend being Labor Day weekend is normally a highly active weekend but most of those people have clearly cancelled because of the Covid-19.

Mr. Furmanchik said if this would have come before us at another point in time it would be a different story. We needed more time for you to meet with the emergency management coordinator regarding the event packet and make sure it was good. It is a bad position to put the community and council in right now to approve something that could draw more than 250 people. That is not 250 participants but 250 involved.

Mr. Evock said he agreed but said your local fire company is selling chances right now and it would be an excellent venue for them to be up. We ask if this happens if the fire police would do traffic control for us. Our first concern is safety. There are more accidents if you have motorcycles coming from all different directions. If we leave as one untied group, we are dealing with one another. It is the unknown when you add cars to the mix.

Mr. Furmanchik said if you would just leave from the park would you be responsible for cleaning up the park. Mr. Evock said yes, he would personally come back and clean it up.

Mr. Holden asked about the parking lot at the stadium. Dr. Ledney said he does not have any answers for that. Due to the discussions with regards to the kids returning to school or going back virtually he does not believe they would go for that. He cannot speak for them, but he doesn't believe they would go for that.

Mr. Evock said they can always go over to the mall parking lot to organize. They just wanted to bring business and commerce to your community.

Mrs. Evock said basically everything has been shut down and everyone's plans have been taken away. As a community of bikers which has been taking place all over the state and the country, they are planning these rides. Instead of going into a community by surprise and showing up with 200 bikes we decided to come and ask to use your park. It is out of respect for this community and growing up here and to honor her father. Her father loved this community. He passed away. He made a lot of flag poles and this is a very patriotic event. If you look at our website, her husband made flag poles for their bikes. We have 4 x 6 flags and it is a beautiful site when they drive down the road. It is breathtaking.

Mrs. Evock said their plan was to parade through Windber to honor her father and the town in which she grew up. A lot of people wanted it in Johnstown. We wanted to make sure we asked permission instead of just showing up. We are trying to be respectful. If this does not work out, then we will probably just organize at the mall and ride out. She wanted to make it a memorable event. It is more personal to her.

Mr. Bryan complimented Mrs. Evock for how well-spoken she was. He was glad she feels this way about the community because they feel the same way. He said what we're up against is the current situation. All plans are cancelled. Everywhere everything is cancelled. Options are limited. He said he is not in favor for obvious reasons. He would love to have them come back at another time. We do not know what we are looking at in the future with the Covid-19.

Mr. Gallina said with MIMO's they are only allowed 20 people right now with social distancing. He said with everything going on he likes that they are trying to do something within the means of normalcy but like Mr. Bryan said about not knowing what will happen in three to four weeks, is up in the air.

Mr. Holden agreed stating, if times were different with an optimistic forecast, we would welcome you with open arms. Mayor Thomas said this town has always welcomed motorcyclists and, in the past, gathered to watch the parades leave town. People would love to see this but not with the pandemic.

Mr. Bryan asked Mr. and Mrs. Evock to consider us in the future. It is a broad prospective and this town loves when people do things for the veteran's and service men and women. He said he can not support it and hopes they understand.

Mr. Furmanchik said we had to pull the plug on our event and if everything would have stayed the same, we could have done it, but we could not control those numbers. We do not know what is going to come from the governmental level between now and then. It is also not fair to the municipal authority when we had lengthy conversations with them about their first event and they had to pull the plug on their event. Please understand we would absolutely entertain this at a different point in time. To keep the best interest of the borough and public safety he would not vote in favor if he did have a vote.

Mr. Furmanchik asked them to come back next year sit down with our emergency management officer and fill out an event packet. Please consider coming back.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Holden to not host the Flight for Freedom Ride on the weekend of September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 weekend. Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo and Mr. Spinos absent. Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

1. Codes Enforcement Officer Report.
2. Minutes from the Windber Area Authority May 13, and June 10, 2020 Meeting.
3. PSAB Update.
4. Thank you, card, from Mayor Thomas & wife Debbie.

**Approval Payroll** A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve payroll for July 17 & 31, 2020. Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo and Mr. Spinos absent. Motion carried.

**Approval Bills** A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve bills for July 2020. Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo and Mr. Spinos absent. Motion carried.

**Cash Bal. Treasure Rpt.** Mrs. Gates said she looked back at 2019 and compared it to where we are now and we are remarkably close in numbers as far as our budget goes. We have submitted our Covid-19 expenses for reimbursement and hopefully we will receive them by years end.

## Council Liaison Reports

Mrs. Gates said with regards to the fire department. You will see item letter (d) is approval to submit 2019 Entitlement CDBG-CV Application authorizing a resolution for the Borough of Windber. The State of Pennsylvania has made available to us certain funds under the CDBG Coronavirus Program. Monies will be used to assist the Somerset County Blind Association and to assist the Windber Fire Company No. 1 with much needed funds to continue operations and fire protection services.

Mrs. Gates said they feel the fire department will fall under urgent need due to the expense the coronavirus took on the department and the lack of fundraising the fire department has been allowed to do.

Mr. Bryan asked how quickly they believe the money would be released if accepted? Mrs. Gates said she was unsure; we want to submit everything as soon as possible and hopefully by the end of the year we will see something.

### **School/ Ledney**

Dr. Ledney said it has been a day by day decision on school reopening due to the state's guidelines. First day of school as of now will be the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Thomas attended the annual Pennsylvania Mayor 's Association Conference July 15th-18th. The conference was held via Zoom, and consisted of three morning sessions, one each day, from 9 a.m. to noon. There were various speakers from state legislators, to legal consultants.

A variety of subjects were covered to educate mayor's on current and relevant topics. At the end of the Saturday session, each Mayor was given time to do a brief introduction of themselves and say a little about the community they serve. He is looking forward to attending next year's conference in person.

Mayor Thomas responded to the building collapse on Graham Avenue and spent the better part of the afternoon there. I would like to say in viewing everything that happened that day, I would like to thank those involved, especially Anson, and the Windber Fire Co. who were there initially and were the last ones to leave that night.

Mayor Thomas spoke to Chief Frear, regarding CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) for the Police Department. We will set up a time to do a mini training approximately four hours long. This training has come to the forefront with the recent events happening in our country. We did have a class which is a full 40 hours scheduled for this fall, but it had to be scratched due to the Virus. We have been asked to do these presentations in several departments and are currently in the process of putting it together. I will have more information next month.

### **Manager's Report**

**Jackson Avenue/ Baumgardner Heights Storm Water Project** - The project is complete as of July 24<sup>th</sup>. The restoration has been finalized, but there are some minor issues, with paving, that need addressed at the intersection of 29<sup>th</sup> and Jackson.

**710 / 712 Graham Avenue** - There has been a problem regarding exonerating back taxes. The Borough and the County have moved forward in this fashion.

We are awaiting the School Board's decision. It is on the agenda for their August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Once this is decided, we can move forward with the closing.

**Grievance with Officer Jason Knipple** - There are no new developments.

**Spring Clean Up** - Again, this went off without a hitch, with 116 permits sold.

**LED Light Upgrades in Miner's Park** - The work was completed August 15<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the efforts of Dan Hiteshew and Steven Kisiel.

**Light Poles on Graham Avenue** - There are fourteen poles in the downtown business district (from 13<sup>th</sup> Street, by Crousey's, to the railroad tracks by the Town Tavern). Barclay Electric painted one pole on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Graham and it took 3 1/2 hours to scrape, sand and paint. Barclay's would charge \$200 per pole, for a total of \$2,600 to paint the remaining thirteen poles.

**Joan Albright Property**-Attorney Green will comment on his discussions with a bankruptcy attorney, pertaining to the Albright situation.

**Rail Crossing DOT 529-067 X** - The PA Public Utility Commission's deadline for proper repair will expire on August 13<sup>th</sup>. At this time, there have been no repairs made or any new word from the PUC.

**Blight Remediation Program Grant** -As approved by Council, at our last meeting, EADS is moving forward with the grant application. There are six properties that Anson and I are considering for demolition if we are fortunate to receive the grant funding. They are, as follows:

- 111 Railroad Street
- 207 Railroad Street
- 702 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1809 Graham Avenue
- 2208 Graham Avenue
- 154 Recreation Road

The driver behind this grant is to allow the property owner to retain possession thereby making the property more enticing and allow us to move in a direction of urban renewal.

**Vacant Structure Ordinance** - Please review the copy of an ordinance that is now in use in another municipality, that is included in your packet. I believe that it at least warrants discussion. If we would move in a fashion to adopt a similar ordinance, it would serve us well to be able to keep track of who is in possession of vacant structures, thereby giving Codes Enforcement a greater opportunity to control property maintenance issues on the properties in question. Attorney Green has reviewed the ordinance and will offer comments at our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**769 Railroad Street** - On July 17<sup>th</sup> codes enforcement performed a visual inspection of the property, that stemmed from a complaint by a nearby resident. The inspection yielded approximately 25 goats on property.

Anson notified them they had fourteen days to remove the animals. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, another inspection was performed by Codes Enforcement and it appeared all the animals were removed. On Sunday evening he received a call there were a bunch of goats on the Maffeo property. Anson was contacted and followed up with that on Monday morning He said there were at least a dozen goats there. Anson has been in conversation with the magistrate. Mr. Furmanchik asked Attorney Green to reach out to Anson.

**24<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridges** - I took part in a skype kickoff meeting, for the project, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were fourteen people participating. Notice of intent letters were sent to neighbors and utility companies beginning on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Actual land surveys will begin near the end of August. Everything is on track for total replacement of the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, with the sidewalks and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge is scheduled for total replacement or complete refurbishment.

**Hidden Driveway Sign on Route 56-** In a letter from PennDot, dated July 20<sup>th</sup> they have approved placement of this sign 250 feet before 190 Pomroy's Drive. Windber Borough will purchase the sign and install it per PennDot specifications. The request to install the sign was the result of a June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, with residents at our office. At this time that is only one of four requests that was approved.

**Windber Area Economic Development. Committee Grant Application** -As I mentioned to you by phone call on July 27th, the WAEDC will file a grant application for a \$1,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant. The RACP is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects. The target of this application is for total rehabilitation and upgrade to the Ballroom at Windber Recreation Park. The WAEDC will cover all costs incurred by application.

**Motor Vehicle Accident-** The police department's 2014 Ford Taurus, that was damaged on July 2<sup>nd</sup> has been repaired and is back in service as of July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**1210 Graham Avenue** - Demolition was completed by the end of the day on July 31<sup>st</sup> in approximately ten days all the debris will be hauled out.

**Recreation Park Playground** - I was recently contacted by a local resident, Paul Toath, who wanted to volunteer to clean the disgusting park playground. You may remember his name, as he is the electrician that converted the Borough office lighting system to LEDs. Paul completed the work in approximately nine hours, refused reimbursement for any cleaning supplies and there is now a world of difference. I believe council should give every consideration to showing our appreciation for a job well done.

**Repairs to the Intersections at 21st and Graham and 17th and Somerset-** Rosebud Mining contracted Petrunak Paving, to perform theses repairs. It will include an area where a large hole has developed at 21st and Graham, milling, and paving 168' of 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Somerset Avenue. Repairs are slated to begin in three weeks.

**Representative Carl Walker Metzgar** – There will be a meeting on Thursday at 1 p.m. in council chambers with Representative Carl Walker Metzgar, the Windber Area

Authority, Paint Township and Windber Borough to discuss projects that are already in place and future projects.

**EADS  
Engineer  
Report**

**2019 Storm Sewer Project** – Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$72,910.50 is on the agenda tonight to be approved. A placement of a flap gate needs to be put on 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Asset Management Plan** – A draft will be submitted to Mr. Furmanchik once it is 100% complete and we will move forward from there.

**Stormwater Management Plan** – We continue to improve that, and we have made fast improvements in our stormwater management plan and MS4 Permit through DEP.

**Jackson Avenue Sanitary Sewer System Grant** – Grant was prepared by EADS. The beginning point of that project would be from 28<sup>th</sup> Street to Village Street in the alley between Jackson Avenue and Graham Avenue. We should receive word on that grant by the end of 2020.

**Flood Mitigation Grant** -Grant is for sediment removal and vegetation removal from the debris basin in the flood control project. We expect to hear something by the end of 2020.

**Municipal Bridge Projects** – Mr. Furmanchik touched on this in his report.

**Blight Remediation Grant** – Grant status ongoing.

**Light  
Poles**

Council discussed the painting of the light poles. Mr. Holden made a motion to approve painting of the light poles in the business district in the amount of \$2,600 to be taken from Capital Improvement Fund. Dr. Ledney was concerned about spending money at this time especially if we would have to extend financial aid to the fire department.

Mr. Holden asked if the money would come from capital improvement if we had to aid the fire department? Mr. Furmanchik said no. Mr. Bryan said it would have to come from General Fund. Mr. Furmanchik said we currently have \$34,230 and once the closing takes place on Graham Avenue you will add \$1,000 to the Capital Improvement.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Gallina. Roll call Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion was carried.

**Playground  
Cleanup**

A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Bryan approving a \$50 gift certificate to Paul Toath for donating his time to clean the playground equipment at the Windber Recreation Park. Three absent, Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo and Mr. Spinos. Motion carried.

**Windber  
Alumni**

Mr. Furmanchik said Ivor Thomas from the WAHS Class of 1961 is driven to put an alumni association together. What fuels his fire is the municipality he resides in, in New Hampshire. He claims the high school alumni association is active in moving the community forward, especially in economic development and especially in improvements to the business district.



Mr. Furmanchik said he congratulates him for wanting to do this. It is a win situation for us and will not cost us anything. He has always been an advocate for the education system that is at hand in Windber Borough. You must admit there are a lot of people who have graduated from the school system who have become true leaders across this country. To be effective today he believes you have to be successful in networking. If we can pull all those people together and help drive future initiatives, it will be outstanding for the borough.

Mr. Furmanchik said there are members jumping on board and he communicates with him almost daily. Mr. Thomas has his nose to the grindstone. He is going to make this happen. Mr. Furmanchik asked council's permission to put something on Windber Borough's website. Council agreed. Dr. Ledney said he also spoke with Mr. Thomas about two weeks ago and has also been emailing with him back and forth.

**Solicitor's  
Report**

**Joan Albright** – Attorney Green spoke with the bankruptcy attorney who told him he was good to go. He is trying to draft some language Anson can put together in a letter that gives her 30 days to tell the borough what her agenda is for tearing this building down and if we do not hear from her in 30 days we are going to tear it down and lien the property. Mr. Bloom said the house is becoming worse and almost to the point of an emergency.

**Proposed Abandoned Property Ordinance.** – Attorney Green said it could be a tool for Anson. It basically puts notice on banks, lenders and mortgage companies that if they foreclose on something, they have to tell Windber Borough. He does not think they are going to do that. To tell Windber Borough means it will cost them money.

Attorney Green said he is not saying no. It could be a tool that will work but may be tough to manage. Mr. Bryan said due to no communication we do not know what state the house is in, but it is considered by us a vacant structure. Mrs. Gates said for the those we are able to find, it can help us to maintain the property, and it might push them to put it up for sale a little faster.

Mr. Bryan asked if this would add to what we already have. Mrs. Gates said yes of course because this is for abandoned structures. Anson has a stack of abandoned houses and there is nothing we can do to enforce maintenance.

Mr. Furmanchik said there will be some expense in advertising the ordinance and a public meeting around \$500. He said it all depends how you look at it and Anson felt it would be a help. Mr. Holden asked what the potential return to get our \$500 back. Attorney Green said the proposed fine for not complying with the ordinance is \$500 a day.

Attorney Green said the ordinance in Johnstown puts it on the owner of the vacant property. Often you have people that passed, have no estate, no estate has ever been opened, or out of state people who were landlords just gave up on it. This ordinance is a little different we are talking about banks. There is no harm in passing it. It will not hurt anything.

Mr. Furmanchik said Anson believes this will help. He has been doing a terrific job for us. Mr. Bryan agreed he is going out there and trying to enforce, inspect and do his job. Mr. Bryan said he would take the risk on passing the ordinance. Council agreed.

## **Jefferson Speeding**

Mr. Bryan asked Chief Frear if he has done any research on the speeding on Jefferson Avenue. Chief Frear said back when we had that meeting with PennDot they talked about crash data. Crash data tracks everything. In just using the crash data including 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, there have been a total of 13 accidents since May of 2017 on Jefferson Avenue. 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson had eight accidents and one on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The area that has been questioned from 12<sup>th</sup> Street all the way down to Paint Borough and to Main Street has had four accidents and one of those was our cruiser. Chief Frear said basically your average would be one accident a year.

Chief Frear said they did issue some citations on Jefferson Avenue. In a time, frame of 15 hours they issued two citations. There is not a lot of traffic. He has been there for 10 to 15 minutes and no vehicles passed by. Most cars turn up towards the hospital.

Chief Frear said there is nothing to support excessive speed. Are there vehicles within a 24-hour period that are traveling fast, he is sure there are, but not so drastic as to put stop signs up. Signs will cause additional crashes that are not there now.

Mr. Bryan said most accidents happened at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and there are stop signs there. Chief Frear said eight occurred on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Holden asked how many accidents from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the line were speed related? Chief Frear said one involved an officer, that would leave three and one of those hit a fence in Paint Borough. The two other ones he was unsure of.

Mr. Holden said some of them were not due to speeding then? Chief Frear said that is correct. Mr. Bryan said he saw that lines had been painted and the crosswalks have been painted. He asked how long we get to use the speed monitor? Chief Frear said we can use it all summer and we switch sides of the roads. People notice them and we are continuing to monitor speeding on both roads.

Mr. Furmanchik said he had a few conversations with Chief Frear and Mr. Bryan about this since the last meeting. His research shows as directed by PennDot traffic engineers you do not use stop signs to control speed. Research shows it increased speeding because people are upset, they must come to a stop and now feel they are losing time having to stop at that stop sign. Second, stop signs in any unnecessary situations increase the amount of motor vehicle accidents.

Mr. Furmanchik said public works did paint the crosswalks and we know school may be back in session soon. Chief Frear keeps a close eye on the school buses, school students, pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Furmanchik said we are doing everything we can and, in his opinion, stop signs will do more harm than good. We have similar problems all over the borough. Every municipality has speeding problems. As Chief Frear stated, we are monitoring the situation and that is all we can do. Mr. Bryan asked council if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

<b>Drug Bust</b>	Chief Frear said they hit a house on Baumgardner Avenue and took those individuals out. They continue to work with the District Attorney's office, and they are probably picking up 30 or 40 hours a month of our pay through reimbursement.
<b>Appraisal Park</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Bryan to ratify approval to allow Windber Economic Development Committee to move forward with an appraisal of Windber Recreation Park and to file an RACP Grant Application for total renovation of the Windber Recreation Park Ballroom. Three absent, Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo, and Mr. Spinos. Motion carried.
<b>Ordinance No. 2020-2</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Gallina to approve to advertise Ordinance No. 2020-2 requiring registration and maintenance on abandoned real property within the Borough of Windber. Three absent, Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo, and Mr. Spinos. Motion carried.
<b>Cooperation Agreement</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Bryan to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Somerset, Borough of Windber, and Somerset County Redevelopment Authority to apply and assist in obtaining Community Development Block Grant Funding. Three absent, Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo, and Mr. Spinos. Motion carried.
<b>CDBG-CV Application</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve submitting 2019 Entitlement CDBG-CV Application. Funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Roll call vote: Mr. Holden, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.
<b>Authorizing Submission</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Dr. Ledney to authorize submission of application to DCED through CDBG-CV Program. Roll call vote: Mr. Bryan, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.
<b>Submission 2020 Entitlement Funds</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Gallina to authorize submission of the 2020 Entitlement CDBG application authorizing resolution for the Borough of Windber. Roll call vote: Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.
<b>Non-Uniform Pension MMO</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve the (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for the Year 2021 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$25,040. Roll call vote: Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.
<b>Police Pension MMO</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve the (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for the Year 2021 for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$60,859. Roll call vote: Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.

**Resignation Burgess** A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Ledney to accept the resignation of Rick Burgess from the Windber Borough Planning Commission. Three absent; Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo, and Mr. Spinos. Motion carried.

**Approval Bartolomucci** A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Ledney to approve Pete Bartolomucci to the Windber Borough Planning Commission. Replacing Mr. Burgess, term to expire December 31, 2021. Roll call vote: Mr. Holden, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.

**Resignation Sciotti** A motion was made by Dr. Ledney and seconded by Mr. Holden to accept the resignation of Sandy Sciotti from the Windber Borough Planning Commission effective August 7, 2020. Three absent; Mr. Mash, Mr. Pallo, and Mr. Spinos. Motion carried.

**Approval Marcinko** A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve Edward Marcinko to the Windber Borough Planning Commission. Replacing Mrs. Sciotti, term to expire December 31, 2021. Roll call vote: Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.

**Approval Payment 2019 Proj.** A motion was made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve Payment request No. 2 for the 2019 Storm Sewer System Improvement Project in the amount of \$72,910.50. Roll call vote: Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; Mr. Pallo, absent; and Mr. Spinos, absent. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting** Next meeting will be held on September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned by Council President Mike Bryan at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Administrative Assistant

