

## **Borough Council Regular Meeting October 13, 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, Pino Gallina, John Holden, Dr. Doug Ledney, Joe Pallo, and Jim Spinos. Ron Mash was 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. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2020. Mr. Mash was absent. Motion carried.

**Recognition Visitors** Dan Kennedy said he recently purchased Meek & Dalla Valle Funeral Home here in Windber and he operates Kennedy Funeral Home in Johnstown. He has a sign business. They do signs and billboards. He has had a sign for a period of time that he would like to donate to the borough for the Windber Community Building.

**Dan Kennedy** Mr. Kennedy said they will have an engineer do the drawing and they have already looked at the structure and said everything is good to go. The sign is four-foot-tall by eight foot wide. Lettering will only be on one side so council will have to let him know what they want on the other side.

Mr. Spinos asked if it would be feasible to put on the community building instead of people having to look at it in one direction or the other. Mr. Kennedy said it would be harder for people to see driving up and down Graham Avenue.

Mr. Furmanchik said what serves you well is the fact that it is facing traffic and you can read it while you are approaching it. If you put it on the front of the building facing Graham Avenue you will only be able to see it at a glance. The support poles are already there. His opinion would be to face it west bound on Graham with something written on the back like "Windber Community Building".

Mr. Furmanchik said his only issue was the light and people have made issue as to how distracting the sign is posted at the Sheetz property. Mr. Kennedy said he can regulate it and make changes to the brightness of the light. He said they can schedule it to change at night time.

Mr. Spinos thanked Mr. Kennedy and said a lot of people miss the old sign at the community building. Mr. Kennedy said the borough can make money off it by advertising. He said he would just ask if he could put an add up from time to time. He said as far as a time frame, they have to submit the drawings and get their permit, then it will be a couple of weeks till it is installed.

Mr. Kennedy said they will do a tutorial with the Municipal Authority on how to operate the sign. Council thanked Mr. Kennedy for the donation of the sign.

**Lou Kiss**

Lou Kiss said he is not going away, and council knows his story by now. We had a town hall meeting in June and the only thing that came out of it so far was a sign that says "Hidden Driveway" We have not received any feedback from the state.

Mr. Kiss said he asked about the decibel levels and asked council what they have done about the levels. Mr. Bryan said we have contacted the state and Mr. Furmanchik made you aware of that and they were in a Covid-19 situation. Mr. Bryan said we have made the overtures to them. He said he knows Mr. Kiss does not like to hear that they are silent but it's not that we are not being responsive to you.

Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Furmanchik if he has received any feedback since the last time we talked and had this discussion as to where the state stands. Mr. Furmanchik said we did receive correspondence from PennDot. They are going to do a jake brake study on Railroad Street which would be in four to six weeks. They have not turned a deaf ear to all our pleas for help, they just have not responded to anything that Mr. Kiss has been looking for.

Mr. Furmanchik said he spoke to PennDot Supervisor, Greg Baumgardner not long ago and he told him the situation with the bump in the road near Stocks 56 Pak would be taken care of when their schedule allows. Other than that, the borough has not gotten anything back. He said we have gone the extra mile to do everything we can do to assist you and it is not the boroughs fault.

Mr. Kiss said he is not blaming Mr. Furmanchik but three or four months is a long time with no answer. Mr. Bryan said he understands this is not satisfactory to Mr. Kiss. We have been making the overtures and had the communications.

Mr. Kiss said since the last meeting we have had three accidents at the intersection of 160 and 56. He said it seems as though the state is not addressing this intersection at all. There should be left turn signals coming from 160 onto 56 and there is not. Cars come across 56 and they play musical chairs and do not know what they are doing or which way to go, in front of a car or behind a car and into the guard rails, hit three times in the last month.

Mr. Kiss asked why the truckers get a free pass in this town. He has yet to see the police pull over one guy going through the stop sign and they blatantly go through. There is not a slow down or nothing and if they do not see any ongoing traffic they blow right through there. He has yet to see a citation written there. Chief Frear said he has personally written at least four. Mr. Kiss asked him if it was in the last month? Chief Frear said in the last couple of months. He said he cannot sit there all day every day. Chief Frear said like the engineers told you from PennDot, you complain you want people to stop there but then you complain about the other issue of them being too slow to pull out. You want everything to be the way it is. Citations have been issued for trucks driving through there.

Mr. Bryan said we have been reaching out and we hear you and yes it has been silent, but we have not dropped the ball in trying to get a response to you. Mr. Kiss said it is unsatisfactory.

Mr. Kiss said he had taken up a petition of how disgusted people are of the use of the jake brakes. Mr. Furmanchik said he sent PennDot copies of that petition.

Mr. Kiss said he hopes it does not fall on deaf ears. Mr. Furmanchik said he must understand we cannot make PennDot do anything. Mr. Kiss said for the safety of these people you should. Mr. Pallo said it is not our road.

Mr. Kiss said everyone of those truckers are driving 70 mph. Mr. Pallo said he agrees but it is not our road. Mr. Kiss said we need one of those speed/radar signs off 56 onto 160.

Chief Frear said PennDot told Mr. Kiss they know how bad that intersection is, but they just won't do anything. Mr. Kiss asked why they drag their feet? He said they need to lower the speed limit and enforce it and that would solve everything. He said they lowered the speed limit in Ebensburg for a two mile stretch why can't they do it here?

**Ron Mash**

Mr. Mash asked why it took over three and a half hours to get a truck off the highway at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 56 when a truck hit the barrier? In another accident two vehicles piled up in there and it took another three hours. It is because of that cable. Cable is hanging and they have to get them off of that cable. He said he does not understand those posts. They drive right over them. What happens when a post punctures a gas tank?

Mr. Mash said there are other issues here than what was discussed with those PennDot engineers from before. He said the intersection is so confusing. Try to drive down through there when the 21<sup>st</sup> Street lights goes off and everyone is in a rush trying to go around each other and you have coal trucks trying to pull out there. It is confusing and right now they have barriers there. That is the safest thing they have done in years.

Mr. Mash said those posts are dangerous. Mr. Spinosa agreed saying imagine what would happen to a motorcycle. He said we fought with them to put jersey barriers there and they said they would not do that. This is the new and improved system they said. They said jersey barriers would block site. Mr. Holden said we can discuss this all you want but our hands are tied if PennDot does not want to do anything. Mr. Bryan thanked Mr. Mash for his time.

**Leonard Norwich**

Mr. Norwich said one of his two concerns is what you have just been talking about. What he sees there is that the traffic light is not timed correctly. It used to be that if you pull up to the traffic light in about 15 seconds it would switch to green and as soon as you would turn you would see it in the rear view mirror turn yellow. Now it is a minute and 10 seconds. Everyone has the same problem if they are trying to make a left hand turn there, everyone is trying to beat the light because they know they have a minute and 10 seconds before that light turns green again. The electrician needs to set the timers back to the way it used to be.

Mr. Furmanchik said he had this conversation with Mr. Norwich at least two times. Mr. Furmanchik got in touch with Barclay Electric and Keith went down there himself. That timer must be set to state specifications, PennDot specifications. Mr. Barclay checked that, and he said it is right where it should be. Chief Frear went down there and watched the light from all directions and he stated that it was working fine. If the electrical contractor tells us it is working according to PennDot specs, then there is nothing more to say.

Mr. Norwich said the light at Sheetz used to turn green when you pull up to it. Mr. Furmanchik said he has been told that they set the lights according to the traffic flow at certain intersections. If the police department tells us it's okay and the electrical contractor tells us it's okay, there is nothing more he can do.

Mr. Norwich said the last thing he wanted to say is that he objects to the change in time for trick or treat on Halloween. He said people like to have their lights on and asked council to think about it for next year.

## **Correspondence**

1. Minutes for the Redevelopment Authorities with regards to 2019 CDBG-CV funds and 2020 Entitlement CDBG funds.
2. Letter from the Arcadia Theater – they will be using the 2020 program booklet for 2021.
3. Windber Municipal Authority Minutes of August 18, 2020.
4. Windber Area Authority Minutes from August 12, 2020.

**Approval Payroll** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Bryan to approve payroll for September 11 & 25, 2020. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

**Approval Bills** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Bryan to approve the bills for September 2020. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried

**Cash Bal./  
Treasure Rpt.** There were no comments at this time.

## **Council Liaison Reports**

Dr. Ledney thanked Mayor Thomas for taking the time to come to his church and talk about safety and security. They really appreciated it.

- Mayor's Report**
1. October 11, 2020 Mayor Thomas attended the craft fair sponsored by the Spa Shoppes on Park Place. It was good to see so many in attendance, and talking to people and enjoying the day. He had the opportunity to speak to the owners. Tracy and Joe Todorich and he thanked them for sponsoring the event. All proceeds from the event went to the Windber Food Kitchen.
  2. Mayor Thomas completed a survey of the empty store front buildings in the main business district. There are approximately 11 buildings currently vacant. With the help of Cheryl and Robin, we will be putting together a binder with photos of the properties and contact information should someone inquire about the property. The office staff will be able to assist potential tenants interested in opening a business in Windber.
  3. At the invitation of Dr. Ledney, Mayor Thomas participated in a discussion on safety at St. Mary's Church on Somerset Avenue October 12, 2020. They had concerns with regards to security and vandalism at the church.

**Manager's Report** **PennDot** - Mr. Furmanchik said in addressing our audience he is not thrilled with how PennDot has been treating us. They basically have not been any help with regards to the situation at the Railroad track with the railroad crossing DOT 529-067-X crossing at the Town Tavern. They have put in little input. They did not want to come within 100 yards to do any temporary repairs. Those all had to be worked out by the PUC and himself.

Mr. Furmanchik said last year at this time we had problems with PennDot roads, in the area of 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Somerset Avenue to the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Railroad Street.

Also, as Robin can tell you we have been having problems in the initial training of the TIP Program. Mr. Furmanchik said he feels the residents' pain. It is a shame when someone tells you they are going to do road repairs and you must enlist the help of the local mining company to do the repairs to state roads.

Mr. Furmanchik said he is thinking that they have not responded to any of our letters and so they will probably not address any of them as they have not addressed any of the road problems. He said he doesn't know what the situation is with the Department of Transportation but it is unacceptable.

**Grievance with Officer Jason Knipple** – On September 17<sup>th</sup>, Knipple was indicted by a Grand Jury for obstructing two separate police investigations. Knipple has a preliminary hearing scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>. With that, the Teamsters Union has told me that they now will not accept Knipple's grievance, therefore making it a moot point.

**Rail Crossing DOT 529 – 067-X** – In a letter dated September 25<sup>th</sup> the Public Utility Commission and I agreed the repairs, made to the crossing, are safe and satisfactory. There has been no response from PennDot, regarding their approval.

**769 Railroad Street** – The Maffeo hearing took place on September 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Somerset County Courthouse. The outcome was not what Anson and I expected. Attorney Green will elaborate on the topic, during his report.

**1210 Graham Avenue** – Demolition and cleanup is complete. After backfilling, the property was graded in a manner to keep water runoff away from adjacent properties.

**Security Cameras at Borough Office** – Regarding the question from last month's meeting, our insurance carrier has stated that a discount, for having security cameras installed, only applies to residential policies.

**Annual Abandon Vehicle Roundup** – This event, conducted by the police department, started on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Marketing the Borough** – At a meeting held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Windber Area Economic Development Committee agreed they would move in a direction to market Windber Borough. The WAEDC is working with the Daily American, which is owned by the Gannett Company, with exploration of digital advertising to achieve this goal.

My Zoom meeting with Daily American Director of Advertising Rebecca Flyte, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, proved favorable and we are anxiously awaiting the package they present.

**Community Building Message Board** – I spoke with Dan Kennedy, the new owner of Meek Funeral Home. He is proposing donating a new sign, to replace the one at the Community Building, as he also owns an electronic sign company. He is requesting he be able to advertise his business on the sign, as well as our news and upcoming events. He will be at our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to present his idea to Borough Council.

**Trick or Treat** – As you remember from my September 21<sup>st</sup> email and your response, trick or treat will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This will follow the Windber Fire Department’s Halloween parade, which will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be treats and refreshments at WFD Station 16 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

**Light Poles on Graham Avenue** – Barclay Electric has completed painting the fourteen poles, that we agreed on, and they look great.

**Funding for Sediment Removal** – While attempting progress and controlling the spend, we will follow two paths.

- Section 313 South Central Environment Improvement Program...This is through the Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and only requires a letter of intent. Currently there is only \$938,000 in this fund but there is a bill in Congress that will make 200 million dollars available, if passed. This initiative allows the Borough to be required to meet 25% of the project cost. There is no timeline for application.
- To that point, the project has been restructured to include only sediment removal. The calculated amount leaves us requesting \$160,000, with a match of \$40,000. I will be lobbying our legislators for support.
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program. This project will also be scaled back to include sediment removal and replacing a section of prioritized piping, at a cost of \$260,000 with a 25% match of \$65,000. Vinnie Paczek and I will reach out to the Paint Creek Watershed Association to see if we could possibly partner on a grant application of this type. There will be a letter of intent sent by October 15<sup>th</sup> and the grant application must be submitted by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Again, I will lobby legislators for support.

Previous grant applications included sediment removal, multiple sections of pipe renewal and knotweed extraction at a cost of \$500,000 with a 25% match of \$125,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve the two paths for funding for sediment removal which includes restructuring the two projects to obtain grant funding and with a lesser match by the borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Gallina, yes; Dr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, absent; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

**Veteran’s Day Ceremony** - I have reached out to our veterans’ groups to form a plan, for this particularly important observance. The plan is to prepare for a modified program that will be like the Memorial Day event. I will give you more information, as this moves forward.

**Snow Emergency Preparation** – I have reached out to eight contractors, who were previously on our call out list. We are currently awaiting certificates of liability from all of them.

**Speeding on Jefferson Avenue** – The issue resurfaced with Kristine Donato, from 318 Jefferson Avenue, engaging in conversation with President Bryan. To accommodate the resident, a 25 MPH speed limit sign was erected, heading west (between 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets) on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**MS4 Annual Report** – By collaborating with EADS, our report, for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, along with a \$500 check to cover our permit fees.

**Asset Management Plan (AMP) and MS4 Storm Water management Plan (SWMP)** – These should both be completed by EADS within a few weeks.

An article that appeared in Trout Unlimited was submitted by Windber resident, Orville Wright who periodically writes for Trout Unlimited. He saw public works stenciling the “No Dumping Empties into Fresh Water” above the catch basins and he was taken by that. Trout Unlimited appreciates the initiative Windber Borough had taken in that regard in keeping up with clean waterways.

**November 2020 Election** – The two polling places will be the Community Building and St. Mary’s Church. I am working with the county to consolidate the issue, with all voters to frequent the Community Building. It just makes more sense and is a much safer environment.

**Final Restoration at 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Jackson Avenue** – There are some issues, with paving, that I and our Public Works Foreman find unacceptable. A site meeting will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> with James Excavating, EADS, and our Public Works Foreman. The purpose of the meeting is to expedite closure for the project. I have notified Robin to withhold final payment of \$16,800, until the problem is resolved.

**Street Sweeper** – The 2016 Elgin Broom Badger will be paid off in the first quarter of 2021. The yearly payment of \$19,989, which was deducted from the Sewer Fund, will be a nice addition to our finances.

**Police Grant Opportunity – USDA** - Mr. Furmanchik found this grant opportunity a while ago through a neighboring municipality that was successful in obtaining a total grant for the purchase of a new Chevrolet Tahoe.

The particulars that will be reviewed is our population and the administrative assistant will have to provide our past financials to them, and it will be depend on our community’s average income.

EADS Engineering said there will be approximately a \$500 fee to proceed in that direction. If we apply soon funding will be available in late winter or early spring. We may or may not get total funding. The sticking point is average income. For approximately \$500 it bears some looking into. Even for partial funding it would be a big help. The other part of the package would be to take their loan option, hypothetically we would not do any harm by making one payment and paying it off.

Mr. Spinos asked Mr. Furmanchik if he has any clue what the average income would be. Mr. Spinos asked if it would be worthwhile having the administrative assistant figure out the average household income and then we can make our decision from there. Mr. Furmanchik said USDA determines that portion of the grant review. Robin will only need to provide our past financials to them.

Mr. Holden said according to online the medium household income for zip code 15963 is \$42,168. Mr. Furmanchik said where does that fall into the USDA parameters. Mr. Spinosa said the 15963 exceeds Windber Borough.

Mr. Furmanchik said with regards to the purchase of a police cruiser for next year, to him the CD's that we have is emergency money. If you can afford to buy those vehicles outright so be it. Leave those CD's which are making a little money for you then you have those to fall back on during tough times.

Mr. Furmanchik said when he spoke to the Chief in the past, he mentioned to him that would be in the boroughs best interest to go with a car and it will be \$5,000 less than an SUV. It will be all wheel drive. We received three proposals from dealerships and Laurel Chrysler Plymouth came in with the lowest amount. Laurel Auto Group came in at \$27,900, Tri Star came in at \$28,090 and McCall's came in at \$28,173.

Mr. Spinosa addressed the audience: he said when we bought the police department back a few years ago, we learned from experience concerning the vehicles for the police department. Every year we could not afford a car and we would keep putting it off and we ended up spending more money than what the cars were worth. When these cars are done, we are lucky to get \$2,000 for them. When we brought the police department back to the borough, we made it a policy because we had to go out that year and purchase three brand new vehicles to bring them back.

We made a policy that every year, if we could afford it, we would purchase a new vehicle so we would not end up in the same situation we were a year ago, where we did not have a dependable police car and kept dumping money into something that wasn't worth it. We did the same thing with public works vehicles. Some of those vehicles we were able to pay for through the Sewer Fund. It is no different than running your household you replace your vehicle as you need too. These vehicles are bound up. When you are putting over 100,000 miles on them, now you are putting all kinds of money into them. We have done our research on the SUV's the Fords, the Chevys, and Chryslers. We want to keep these vehicles well equipped.

Mr. Furmanchik said the driver behind having dependable vehicles is that they can be on patrol all three shifts to provide the best protection available. Those cars get a lot of miles on them very quickly.

Mr. Palko asked how many vehicles we bought this year. Mr. Spinosa said one to replace the one in the accident that was totaled. Chief Frear said we have three cars out. One is used by the SRO. When we have hearings, the officer has to go to the prison and pick up the prisoner.

Mr. Palko said he understands but that money could probably go elsewhere. He asked how many miles is put on a vehicle a year. Chief Frear said his vehicle is a 2017 Ford Explorer and has over 127,000 miles on it. Mr. Bryan said we keep maintenance sheets and the vehicles on the road.

Mr. Palko said also what you might not be aware of is a lot of people think there is a police cruiser sitting on Park Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street and that is not a police cruiser anymore. Mr. Palko said the person that drives that vehicle also drives a fireman's vehicle around.



Mr. Furmanchik said he's driving the fire vehicle at this time because the codes enforcement vehicle will not start, and he is awaiting the delivery of a new battery for that vehicle.

Mr. Palko said he does not see how things can be bounced back and forth so much. He asked why the Codes Officer does not use his own car. He said when Mr. Furmanchik was here that car stayed at the office a good bit. Mr. Furmanchik said that car was parked at the borough office and he would take it home in the winter so public works could plow. The Codes Enforcement Officer was given permission from council because he is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Windber and if he had to respond to an emergency, he was permitted by councilmatic action to use that vehicle in that situation. It saves on time if he must move into that status with regards to moving his stuff from one vehicle to the other. He is well aware of the fact that he cannot use the vehicle for personal use.

Mr. Palko said a 25 mph speed limit sign was put in his yard and if he catches the guy that works at the fire department that came past his house again like he did the one day he is going to drag him out of his car and Chief Frear will put him in jail for it. Mr. Furmanchik said first all that is the wrong response. If it is someone who works for the fire department then you should talk to their supervisor. Mr. Palko said he was responding to an accident at Sheetz and he came flying out over the hill. They must realize also it is about safety in a residential area. He does not care if you got blue lights or not, it does not give you the right to fly down the road. Mr. Furmanchik said he will pass that onto the fire department at their next meeting to address safe driving.

A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to apply for the grant for a new cruiser for next year. One absent, Mr. Mash, motion carried.

## **Solicitor's Report**

**Maffeo Property** – Judge Rullo asked the Maffeo's if there were any goats on their property that day, and they said no. Attorney Green said he did not believe it. Judge Rullo asked if the Codes Enforcement Officer can go there today, and determine there are no goats on the property, would you withdrawal your petition for contempt? When a judge puts it like that you have to say yes, because ultimately, you are getting what you want.

Anson went there shortly thereafter, and they would not have had enough time to get rid of 14 goats and there were no goats. Attorney Green still asked for attorney fees and the judge said no. Attorney Green said he hopes this finally comes to an end. The neighbors keep a vigilant eye on them. They had had 14 goats in their house.

**Albright Property** – Attorney Green gave Robin a draft of a letter to give to Anson to send to Joan Albright. It essentially gives her 30 days to tell us who, what and when she is going to demolish the building. If she does not demolish it, we will demolish it and get a municipal lien and place it against her property.

We should know right around the time of the next meeting. Mr. Spinos asked what happens if someone wants to buy that property and they sell it. Attorney Green said they would have to satisfy the borough. Mr. Spinos asked if she would get any proceeds from a sale. Attorney Green said if she would sell it for more than the lien on the property she would. Mr. Spinos said then we do not have a legal right to sell it for what we have into it? Attorney Green said no.

Attorney Green said there are two structures on the property a house and a garage. The house has Anson worried to where he almost wants to call for an emergency demolition. Mr. Furmanchik said the foundation is pushing in on it. Attorney Green said we can decide 30 days from tomorrow. Send it certified- return receipt and first class.

**Codes/  
Report**

178 property maintenance issues handled: 6 cases remain active. The following properties are being closely monitored; some are pending additional legal action:

- Windber Builders
- 310 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- 319 22<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 1009 Cambria Avenue
- 1209 Cambria Avenue Mansion
- 712 Somerset Avenue

Windber Code Enforcement is now officially recognized by the Commonwealth and the OAI (Originating Agency Identification) has been granted by the Pennsylvania State Police. This will allow access to the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN). The required security training and background checks have been completed. The facility security policy has been approved. The codes enforcement vehicle, office and metal file cabinet must be restricted access as per the policy. The vehicle shall be identified as 422.

The winter months will be spent formulating a data base, and entering such data regarding vacant, abandoned, dilapidated, or condemned structures. The focus shall remain on the significant life safety hazards first and subsequently listed by priority status. This information will be distributed to the public safety agencies within our jurisdiction, giving them an additional heads up on the status of the structure and any significant safety hazards. The list will also be used to start hammering compliance with the owners of record.

Maffeo property has been disbanded, all agriculture animals have been removed from the property. Attorney Green can advise on the decisions by the courts regarding this matter. The property is currently inspected once a week.

Permits – YTD: Zoning 22, Demolition 3, Land Use 16, Special Use 3, Floodplain 1, Residential Building 7, Commercial Building 1.

EMA – Funding remains open, no word on reimbursement as to how much, if or when.

Covid-19 supplemental funding has been reauthorized for Fire/EMS. The criteria were changed once again, currently both Windber Fire and Northern EMS will be allowed to use the funds to replace lost income due to fundraising. Fire should receive roughly 15k and EMS roughly 8k. This is a small slice of success, as the funds lost due to Covid-19 have been significant. However, any amount is better than none and shall have a positive impact. Mr. Furmanchik added that Robin, Anson, and himself have been involved in multiple meetings with the Somerset County Redevelopment Authority to find some funding for the fire department.

Council convened to an executive session for personnel issues at 8:25 p.m.

Council reconvened from executive session at 9:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting** Next borough council meeting will be on November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned by Council President, Mike Bryan at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Administrative Assistant