

White Haven Borough Council meeting was called to order by President John Klem at 7pm with the following members present: Charlie Best, Tim Janosco, Patty Horn, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Rose Swerdon, Zane Writer, Mayor Fred Meier, Police Chief Thomas Szoke, Borough Manager Linda Szoke and Attorney Sean Logson. Members of press also present.

President Klem announced that the council had an executive session to discuss a litigation matter.

Minutes from the May 22, 2017 meeting are presented for approval. Motion made by Lamson and seconded by Horn to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Petitions and Complaints

1. Mr. Larry Bond, Sr complained that the traffic on Buffalo street and the speeding is out of control and there is a concern for kid's safety at the bus stop. The Police Chief has already taken corrective action at that location.
2. Verbal complaint from Bill and Virginia Pastore about a tree that was trimmed on Pine Street that belong to them. It was in the borough right away and needed to be cut back. Mr. Pastore is going to monitor the health of the tree and if its dying he will come back to council.

Engineers Report – will be forwarded to members later this week. Community block grant for engineering fees paperwork is being discussed and finished up with the county.

Attorneys Report

1. The closing for the Gallagher/borough property is on hold waiting for plans recorded at the county. Once recorded we can close on the property.
2. NOV with Mrs. Keil and the property can't be served to a PO Box per the District Court. The other option is to serve her thru the county. This will cost the borough more money. After discussion of several options the following was decided. It's believed that the house is going to need to be teared down. The hole in the roof has exposed the inside to the elements for several years now. If we go to the county court with these issues is will look to be a \$5000.00 and we may not get money returned to the borough. Power, water and sewer is off. The property can be condemned. Sean will speak further about a situation in Butler and if White Haven can pursue the same course of action. Council suggested that Chief Szoke go down to Lehigh Valley and see if he can find her to serve her with the paper work.

Manager's Report

1. Letter of resignation from Dave Dornheim effect June 15, 2017. A motion by Janosco and seconded by Swerdon to accept his resignation, all in favor, motion carried.
2. PUC regarding railroad crossing we should consider moving into a formal complaint there hasn't been anything updated. After some discussion council will look at it again at the July meeting. Council also asked Sean to reach out to the railroad and ask them for an update.

3. The server that operates the computer equipment in the borough needs to be replaced. Cost for unit is \$10,000.00 and we can use some funds from the trash account to pay for expense. After some discussion about the equipment a motion was made by Janosco and seconded by Best to make the purchase. Roll Call Vote, Best -yes, Janosco – yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes, Writer-yes. Motion carried.
4. Request to adopt resolution 10 of 2017 to make some line adjustments to the 2017 budget. The changes were reviewed by the board. A motion by Best and seconded by Lamson to make the list of adjustments to the budget. Roll call vote, Best-yes, Janosco-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes, Writer-yes. Motion carried.
5. Letter from Penn Dot that we will receive an additional \$6100.98 for the winter evaluation.
6. SPCA sent letter asking for a contract for 2018 for any strays coming from borough. There was some discussion about the contract. The list of animals that were sent over to us do not breakdown where they were from because most of them were not in the borough. They have not come up with away other than zip code to break down where the animals are from. At this point, the contract is tabled.
7. Congressman Barletta is still working on a home town tour for White Haven, Linda and Patty will be meeting with Tyler from his staff to put a schedule together.

Tax collector – reports on file

Code Enforcement/Zoning/Building – reports on file

Fire Chief – gave report on activities. Also, John Klem mentioned to Dean that we would be looking at meeting with Chris Zweibel to be our new EMA coordinator with Wayne’s Resignation coming to the borough.

White Haven Ambulance – report on file

Mayors/Police Chief Report

1. Letter of resignation for Mike Marshall from the department, motion by Horn and second by Lamson to accept resignation, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Two of the new officers are up on running with training. Lamson said they looked very professional during the Memorial Day Parade.

Public Works – Reviewed work that was completed thru the last couple of weeks

Committee Reports

- Public works committee – make a motion to offer hire Les Saxon for salary position and 1 week of paid off time the first year of employment. This motion was made by Writer and seconded by Horn, roll call vote Best – yes, Janosco-yes, Horn-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Swerdon-yes and Writer-yes. Motion carried.
- Finance Committee – Best went over how the budget is doing so far.
- Building and Grounds – fire house window replacement will be starting soon.

- Parade committee – they had a closing meeting after the event and they already have lined up two bands for next year’s parade. Along with more floats. Meetings will resume to make it bigger and better for next year in September. John Klem thanked Tim and the committee for such an outstanding day and nice press for the borough.
- Water – report on file, came right in at the meter so they are paying us what they are taking out from the wells.

Unfinished Business – a letter came in from County Waste it wasn’t signed and it was turned over to Attorney, it’s a service agreement and we already have one so it needs to be looked into further before anyone signs the discounts. There was also some additional discussion about call center and how to the new cans are working.

Borough offices will be closed next week thru July 4th.

Seminars and Workshops – Linda will be attending PAMA conference in August.

Payment of Bills – motion to pay bills made by Best and seconded by Janosco as presented, no comments or discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Lamson and seconded by Best to adjourn meeting at 8:10, all in favor motion carried. Next month meeting will be July 24, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Secretary