

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes September 14, 2020

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, September 14, 2020 in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Mark Challenger, Jr., Brian Troup, Ron Umholtz, Donald Machamer, Steve Denkovich, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Secretary Lynne Daniel, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth and Road Supervisor, Bill Miller

Citizens: Due to Corona 19 Virus meeting was closed to the public

President Dane Williard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

The Mayors report was given with \$125.55 from the District Magistrate. The Tax Collectors Report was given for \$1,379.31.

Solicitor Kerwin stated he has been working with Keith Davis and the owner of 200 W. Market Street and they may have worked out a deal on the property. The cost could be around \$2,000 / \$2,500 and he should know something more this week. They are hoping the adjacent building and 200 W. Market can both eventually be demolished.

Ron Umholtz presented his code enforcement report. He stated Ferris said he is getting a dumpster for 211 Tunnel but hasn't yet. The owner of 211 missed the eviction hearing with the Magistrate but Ferris requested Margerum recuse herself, which she did. A hearing will now be scheduled with another Magistrate. Ron also stated Children and Youth are now involved with the situation. The illegal truck parked at the same residence has been ticketed. The owner of 128 Vine Street and 124 W. Market has been verbally warned concerning the condition of both properties. A notice will be sent for 128 Vine Street. The owner of 211 W. Market, who has already been sited through the District Magistrate, has just been released from jail. Hopefully a hearing will be scheduled for the property maintenance issues. Two Light-Heigel cases have been settled and 1 is still active. Mayor Shuttlesworth stated he would like to appoint Donald Machamer a Code Enforcement Officer. Donald accepted the position. Ron also stated a meeting is scheduled for September 23rd on the possibility of the WEDO and Community Pride Organizations merging.

Bill Miller stated he went up to the Historical Society to inspect and found some dirt seeping but the wall behind is good. He stated the gutters need to be cleaned out but they will need a lift. He also feels they need to install a sump pump where a drain currently is. President Williard stated budgets should be reviewed and suggestions submitted. Budgets will be adopted in November. Drawings and estimates were submitted for erection of a salt bin. They will be reviewed.

The Carnival Committee food truck fundraiser was approved since the truck will be self-contained and as long as clean-up is performed by the committee after the event. Mike Leiter contacted the office concerning renewal of the Boy Scout Camp lease. Donald Machamer made a motion to renew the lease for 10 years. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Gary Houtz requested information/permission to use the community center for a Bible Study program. It would be held weekly for approximately 6 weeks. It was discussed and the separation of Church & State policy and the current Covid restrictions was brought up. It was decided to delay a decision on that and discuss after restrictions are lifted.

Donald Machamer stated One Stop will provide a dumpster for metal to be placed at the Borough Garage. They should bring it Wednesday or Thursday. The cost of placement is \$50.00. He stated the Subaru Legacy is still parked at S. Tunnel Street. Bill Miller stated he has ticketed the vehicle. Donald also

stated there is an accumulation of cigarette butts at 143 E. Market. Ron Umholtz stated he will contact the owner and hopefully some type of canister can be provided.

An Executive Meeting was called at 8:00pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:25. An issue at the park was discussed concerning Dylan's mowing of the grass and cutting around the garbage as opposed to cleaning it up first. The trash wasn't cleaned up till 2 days later. When Bill Miller was hired he was promised an incremental increase based on performance. Brian Troup stated he thinks Bill is doing an excellent job and made a motion to increase Bill's wages by \$2.00 an hour. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

EMC insurance did a recent inspection of the Borough complex. There were no findings at the garage and a recommendation for the Community Center to add Exit Signs to all exterior doors. Bill will order the signs that are needed. The MMO 2021 Pension worksheets and signature page were distributed for acceptance by initialization.

Ron Umholtz raised the question of Trick or Treat night this year. Mayor Shuttlesworth stated he feels it should be held and let the residents/families decide if they want to participate. Donald made a motion to schedule Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 29th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Ron Umholtz made a motion to pay the bills for \$1,726.71 and payroll for \$8,769.00. Steve Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Steve Denkovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brian Troup 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020

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