

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes October 5, 2020

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, October 5, 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 corrected.

The Mayors report was given with \$299.35 from the District Magistrate. The Tax Collectors Report was given for \$2,637.19.

Ron Umholtz presented his code enforcement report. He stated there were 6 violations sent with 3 corrected to date. There are also 4 outstanding warrants. Donald Machamer spoke with Scott Ferris who stated Jodie Ferris is working on getting her vehicle repaired and registered. The complaint on Tunnel Street for an abandoned vehicle is up to date on inspection so nothing can be done at this time. Donald also stated the van parked at the Legion has been moved and the resident at West Market who was sent a notice for junk vehicles has moved them. The same resident stated he has tried to take care of wild berry plants but his neighbor always starts harassing him when he gets near their property line. Rentschler on Broad Street stated he will have the bagster parked at his property moved in the next couple of days. Donald also stated they ticketed the car of the resident at 211 Market and when they knocked on her door there has to be hundreds of bags of trash on the property. There is currently a warrant for her for not showing at the hearing for the property maintenance. It was reported the motorcycle parked at Zemco is registered and no permit has been issued for the work taking place at Market & West Street.

Bill Miller reported prep work was done for installation of the new heater, backhoe repair, grass cutting, cleaning storm drains, tires purchased and mounted, oil changes for vehicles, pick-up and delivery of electronics trailer, cold patching, purchase and installation of emergency exit signs, ash collection, repair of playground equipment and street cleaning were all completed in addition to other work.

Solicitor Kerwin stated he has the signed agreement for 200 W. Market Street property, he is waiting to get other documents back from the State. He is still in the process of working on getting the neighboring property. When all paperwork is complete they will get in contact with the landbank and get instructions on the next steps, as far as demolition. Joe asked if there were any updates on the fire. Dane reported he had talked to some of the residents and the Fire Marshal and also enlisted Ken Drum to collect the debris and Valley Waste to bring dumpsters and remove. Joe asked if the Halloween parade is still on. The permit has been approved and received and Mayor Shuttlesworth stated it is scheduled for October 25th with a rain date of November 1st. Ron Umholtz made a motion to approve the parade, Donald Machamer 2nd and all were in favor.

Dane brought up the passing of Williamstown resident Jim Klinger and stated all the volunteer work he has done over many years at Stoney Park as far as maintaining the field, scheduling the use of the field with WV high school, travel teams, and tournaments, etc. Jim at one time when the church owned the field went as far as paying the taxes himself. The renaming of the field and/or a memorial plaque were discussed. Dane would like to discuss possibilities with Jim's wife and get her input. A request was also made to use Stoney Park for a softball charity event to raise money for the loss of the chiropractor/counselor building as a result of the recent fire. A motion to approve the use of the field as

long as release forms are signed by the teams was made by Steve Denkovich. Donald Machamer 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Ron Umholtz discussed the meeting that was recently held between Community Pride and WEDO. Ron stated there seems to be some animosity between some of the people and the co-joining of the 2 organizations. It was stated in order to maintain WEDO's 501C title and their charter the name WEDO must be somewhere in the new organizations name and also be on any banking accounts. It was also pointed out one of WEDO's responsibilities is still to maintain the property at the old swimming pool. Ron stated the next meeting is being held on Wednesday if anyone is interested in attending.

A motion was made by Steve Denkovich to pay the bills for \$35,207.09 and payroll for \$6,231.93. Donald Machamer 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Ron Umholtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brian Troup 2nd and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2020

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