

## **Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes November 1, 2021**

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, November 1, 2021 in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Vice President Ronald Umholtz, Mark Challenger, Jr., Brian Troup, Steve Denkovich, Donald Machamer, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Secretary Lynne Daniel. Absent was Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth and Road Supervisor, Bill Miller. Citizens: Rosemary Hoke, Arthur Boyer

Minutes from the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Citizen Art Boyer was present to express his concerns about the building beside his property at 202 W. Market. He stated the chimney is falling down, walls are cracked and windows are pushing out. He fears the damage that will be caused to his property if it collapses. He was told that we were waiting on the school to sign off on the purchase of the building and once that is done the County, which meets once a month, will approve the demolition of the building. Joe Kerwin will check on when that meeting will be held but in the meantime we will seek prices locally on the demolition cost for 202 and the corner building at the same time. Donald Machamer will get a price from Rex Nelson and contact Joe.

The Mayors report was given with \$122.66 from the District Justice. The Tax Collector Report was given with \$396.27 received. Ron Umholtz stated the meeting for our grant application is set for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in Harrisburg. He has 10 copies of everything including letters of support and pictures.

Solicitor Kerwin stated another meeting should be scheduled with the Township, Borough and EMS. He also stated we should be ready for any shovel-ready projects in the event grants become available. It was stated we have several culvert problem areas in town. The Road Supervisors report was reviewed.

Ron Umholtz stated the owners of 353 W. Broad are going to do any necessary repairs. The residents at 306 E. Market have not complied and will have to be filed on. The people illegally burning on East Market were verbally warned. A notice was sent out concerning roosters to residents at W. Market Street.

The 2022 budget was reviewed with no tax increases. A motion was made to tentatively adopt the budget by Mark Challenger, Jr. Ron Umholtz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. A motion was made by Donald Machamer to approve the meeting dates for 2022. Mark Challenger, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Permission was given for Samba representatives to be on the December Agenda with information on the trails being developed.

An executive meeting was called at 8:00. The meeting reconvened at 8:40. The applications for the secretarial position were discussed and interviews will be scheduled for (2) of the applicants. Brian Troup made a motion to give Bill Miller a \$2.00/hr. raise. No second was received. Donald Machamer made a motion for a 60cent/hour raise, Mark Challenger Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> but there was no majority. Brian Troup made a motion for \$1.00/hr. raise, Ron Umholtz 2<sup>nd</sup>, but there was no majority. Ron Umholtz made a motion for 75cent/hour raise. Steve Denkovich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the majority was in favor.

A motion was made to pay payroll for \$4,650.24 and bills for \$46,403.78 by Ron Umholtz. Donald Machamer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Ron Umholtz to adjourn the meeting. Steve Denkovich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.