

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes March 6th 2023

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, March 6th 2023 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Brian Troup, Christopher Stroup, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, Secretary Rikki Merwine, and Stephen Denkovich. Absent was Donald Machmer and Vice President Ron Umholtz.

Citizens Present: Marlin Sowers-Liberty Hose Co. #1

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the February 6th, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Opportunity For Citizens-

Marlin (Pickle) Sowers represented the Liberty Hose Co #1 as newly appointed President. Pickle informed the board that there is a lot of work to be done- the firehouse is around 375K in debt, 12K in past due bills, in arrears for insurances. All the current bank accounts for the firehouse have been closed, and he is waiting on new checks. Pickle informed the board that he would like to start having 2 firehouse meetings a month as there is a lot going on that needs addressed more than once a month. The firehouse has received a couple donations so far and are grateful. Pickle asked the borough board if they would start their donations to the firehouse again, requesting \$2,000 twice a year. The firehouse needs a lot of support. They are having a Mothers Day dinner and bingo coming up.

President Williard asked if they still have a food and gaming license. Pickle said the licenses are still good for now, and will be renewed in the next few months when they run out. President Williard suggested a Go Fund Me acct for the firehouse, Pickle will look into it. He is working on the Facebook page to be up and running good to be noticed. Pickle informed that the Bingo hall has been cleaned and the kitchen is almost done. Lots of citizens have shown up to help. There is no rental documentation for the Annex. Pickle informed the "tenant" that she owes November-March rent. President Williard stated that the "tenant" should be evicted regardless if she catches up on past due money. Solicitor Kerwein stated that the Firehouse should not be in the landlord business as it is a liability to the firehouse if something were to happen. Pickle will give a 10 day notice to the "tenant".

Mayor's Report-

\$768.77 received from the District Magistrates.

Tax Collector Report- January

Real Estate- \$27,042.47 Street Lights- \$2681.88 Occupation- \$8158.50 Per Capita- \$661.50

Solicitor

Solicitor Kerwin just reported that we will do what we can to help the firehouse get back on track. President Williard asked Kerwin if he can do a resolution to increase our fines to \$1,000 max. Kerwin will work on it.

Code Enforcement/Permits

Both Code Enforcement Officers were absent from the meeting. There was nothing to report.

Road Supervisor Report

Reviewed.

Time-Sheets

Christopher Stroup and Stephen Denkovich motioned to approve timesheets and payroll. -Motion Carried.

Other New Business

The Borough Board approved "Town Clean Up Day" to be May 13th of 2023.

The Borough received letters from Wdo and WVYBA for donations to be made. Brian Troup motioned to donate the amount that we have done in the past to Wdo for the Easter Egg Hunt and to donate what we did last year to WVYBA. Christopher Stroup 2nd. Motion Carried.

2 bids were received for the 2023 Road Project. We received bids from Meckley's and New Enterprise. New Enterprise submitted a bid that was \$462.80 higher than Meckley's. The Board voted to accept the New Enterprise bid based on experience that was had with Meckleys, and responsibility. Brian Troup motioned to accept New Enterprise bid for \$70,692.80. Stephen Denkovich 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

President Williard asked the board what their thoughts on the firehouse donations. Brian Troup motioned to give \$2000 right away and assess the firehouse in July if we are going to continue the donations. Stephen Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Motion On Bills

Brian Troup and Stephen Denkovich motioned to pay the bills. All were in favor.

Adjournment

8:31PM on the motion of Christopher Stroup and Stephen Denkovich.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, April 3rd, 2023

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