

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes May 1st, 2023

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Vice President Ron Umholtz, Christopher Stroup, Donald Machamer, Stephen Denkovich, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, and Secretary Rikki Merwine. Absent was Road Supervisor Bill Miller and Brian Troup.

Citizens Present: Jack Flynn JR (American Legion), Ned Fickinger, Adam Koppenhaver and Brian Leiter (EMS), Rebecca Machamer and Shayna Machamer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the April 3rd, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Opportunity For Citizens-

Brian Leiter spoke on behalf of Williamstown EMS. Brian would like to start being transparent and giving information regarding EMS and serving the municipalities. EMS would like a monetary donation yearly to keep them going. Brian also stated that EMS will request help with grants. Brian stated that although EMS has about 15 paid staff members, there are still some volunteers. Brian informed council that all hours except for about 10-16 hours a week are covered by the staff. Brian informed council that EMS donates to communities. The current funding they have comes from insurance, and most in our area are low income insurances such as Medicare/Medicaid and they have low payouts on coverage. President Williard questioned if other ambulance services cover our area if we are not available, as we cover other areas. Brian Leiter reported that nobody else usually covers when needed. Brian Leiter told the council that they have their meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month and that council is invited to attend. President Williard thanked EMS for what they do, and welcomed them to use the Borough lot below the EMS building if they are in need of extra parking. Donald Machamer informed Brian that Mace's wife is going to start writing grants and that they should reach out to her for help if needed.

Jack Flynn Jr. represented the American Legion and was present to discuss the current lease agreement for the parking lot. Jack Flynn expressed concern with the wording of the lease, stating that a future borough council could take the parking lot back at any time. The legion would like to put money into the parking lot and does not want to risk it being taken in the future if a new council and the legion do not see eye-to-eye. The wording on the lease will be changed to say that the legion will keep ownership of the lot and it will only come back to the Borough if the legion ever discontinues. Donald Machamer questioned if the Borough will sell the lot. The consensus of council was not to sell. *Donald Machamer motioned to accept the new lease wording, Stephen Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor.*

Mayor's Report- April 2023

\$62.51 collected from the District Justice.

It was noted that the District Justice payments are a few months behind when received.

Tax Collector Report- April

Real Estate- \$4,280.61 Street Lights- \$424.52 Occupation- \$2,556.70 Per Capita- \$133.80

Solicitor

Solicitor Kerwin reported that the agreement was signed by the Firehouse. Kerwin will have the resolution for next meeting that Council voted on to increase the fines.

Code Enforcement/Permits

Ron Umholtz reported that 304-306 has high grass and rats. A letter has been sent. Ray Auman will need a permit from the Borough for building a new garage. Donald Machamer reported that an email was sent

to the owner of 408 Julian Street. Bill Miller might have to cut the grass. Ron stated that we will have to send the fine increase to Margerum once we get the resolution.

Road Supervisor Report

Reviewed.

Time-Sheets

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

Other New Business

The secretary reported that Liquid Fuels Road Project was completed. The council originally approved the bid for \$70,230 and the actual cost was \$65,370. The invoice was paid using all Liquid Fuels monies.

Motion On Bills

Donald Machamer and Stephen Denkovich motioned to pay the bills. All were in favor.

Adjournment

7:52 PM on the motion of Ronald Umholtz and Stephen Denkovich.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, June 5th, 2023

“This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”