

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes August 3, 2020

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, August 3, 2020 in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Mark Challenger, Jr., Brian Troup, Ron Umholtz, Donald Machamer, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Secretary Lynne Daniel, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth. Absent was Steve Denkovich. 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 \$415.23 from the District Magistrate. The Tax Collectors Report was given for \$4218.16.

Ron Umholtz presented his code enforcement report. There are 7 active filings with the District Magistrate awaiting hearings. These include N. Berger, L. Reed, M. Fernandez, D. Kessler, G. Daniel, R. Miller and M. Medellin. Another hearing is complete with the tenants being evicted. There is another hearing scheduled for August 15th. There are currently 3 active citations through Light & Heigle for 113 W. Market, 221 Broad and 227 E. Market. Three previous code violations that were sent were completed and 8 properties the borough has cut the grass/weeds. Invoices will be sent to those 8 property owners and if not paid, charges will be filed. Joe Kerwin also suggested keeping a running total of the costs until it would be feasible to put liens on the properties. A discussion about the 2 abandoned buildings on Market Street ensued. Ron does not understand why the constables are not serving subpoenas to these owners. Joe Kerwin stated he has sent a notice to the owner of 200 W. Market but has heard nothing back. Joe will look into both properties more extensively and have a full report by the next meeting.

Bill Miller stated there is a car on W. Broad out of inspection, reports of burning at the same residence and a long standing dumpster. Ron will give Bill the owners phone number and will contact him directly. There is also an uninspected camper on Broad Street. Bill was told vehicles cannot be towed for out of inspection, which is considered a moving violation. Bill was told he is doing a great job on the streets and throughout town. Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 8:00am – 1:00pm. A motion was made by Ron Umholtz to approve the event. Donald Machamer 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Tire prices were discussed and it was decided to reduce the cost from \$5.00 to \$3.00 to encourage people to properly dispose old tires. Everyone was in agreement. Bill stated he has made arrangements for dumpster with Valley Waste and will also look into plans for getting a new salt bin. He will check with Washington Township on who built theirs. Jeff Shuttlesworth officially appointed Bill Miller the Parking Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer. A Motion was made by Ron Umholtz to approve the purchase of the new tractor for the road crew. Brian Troup 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Several items were submitted by Community Pride and the Carnival Committee to council for discussion. A shade tree was requested at the location of the Little Free Library. It was decided it is directly by the tennis courts and there is not a lot of room to plant a tree. Community Pride requested release of funds as a donation to the committee. Monies distributed previously were specifically for movies in the park which none are scheduled. The donation was tabled until a discussion can be arranged with the committee. The Carnival Committee requested permission to hold a food truck fundraiser sometime in October at the pool grounds. Everyone was in favor of the event but would like more information as far as electric needs, clean up and joint approval from the Township. Questions were submitted from Community Pride on a possible joining of the Wedo and Community Pride groups. Ron Umholtz stated he wouldn't have any problem with that but the name Wedo must stay in some form because they are the

ones with the Non-Profit credentials. Ron will give them a copy of Wedo's by-laws but thinks it would be a good idea for both organizations to set up a meeting together.

Mark Challenger, Jr. made a motion to pay the bills for \$20,010.16 and payroll for \$6,086.96. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Ron Umholtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brian Troup 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

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