

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, April 5, 2021 in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Mark Challenger, Jr., Brian Troup, Ron Umholtz, Donald Machamer, Steve Denkovich, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Secretary Lynne Daniel 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 written from the March 1st meeting. The Tax Collectors report was not available. The Mayors report was presented with \$125.35 from the District Justice.

Ron Umholtz presented his code enforcement report. A hearing was held for Ronald Miller where he was fined \$300.00 and given 30 days to clean the property. A hearing was also held for W. Sourwine and he was fined \$100.00 and costs and has 30 days. He requested a list of needed improvements be sent to him. A hearing is scheduled for April 13th for the Kessler property. The unlicensed car at 111 Market Street has been moved. It was reported the park is being damaged again. They are carving into the equipment and loosening bolts. Donald Machamer suggested we get cameras installed. President Williard stated there are also trees that need to be taken down before they cause damage. He also stated the burned out properties on East Market have all been demolished and cleaned up.

Road Supervisor Bill Miller reported there were issues at the Historical Society with some broken pipes and leaking at the steps. LED lights have been installed at the ball field. He also reported the permit for tire removal was received and the cost is approximately \$1.00 per tire or \$90.00 a ton. The township personnel are assisting with taking loads. The permit is renewable every year and a tally must be kept of scrap quantities. Bill also stated he would like to actively start the hiring process for the part-time roadworker. Applications submitted for part-time were reviewed and candidates will be contacted for interviews. Bill also stated he will set up a meeting with Penn Dot to go over the potential road improvement projects for the year. Donald Machamer made a request for the weight limit sign on Walnut Street be moved. A resident is installing a shed and the sign will be a problem. It was stated there would be no problem having the sign moved 4-5 feet from where it currently is. The family of the late Jim Klinger relayed their approval of the proposed renaming of Stoney Park to "Jim Klinger Field at Stoney Park". The American Legion will get the sign made up and be working with Borough personnel to complete the project. Steve Denkovich made a motion to change the name of the park. Donald Machamer 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Solicitor Kerwin reported there is still no firm date for the demolition of 200 W. Market Street property. He stated there are several other abandoned properties that are up for judicial tax sale in town, but it must be insured the County will pay for the demolition. Dane stated it would be better for the town if people would buy the existing properties and keep the homes in the tax base. Ron Umholtz informed Joe that he would like to see fines increased to \$1,000 and amend the ordinances for property maintenance. He would also like the Light-Heigle fees included in the fines. Ron also stated a lien should be looked into for the Daniels property on East Market. There are monies owed including water/sewer and property maintenance.

Donald Machamer reported the EMS will set up a meeting with the Township, Borough and a consultant on the changes happening with the ambulance going to "paid" status. They are looking at this happening in August/September, 2021. Ron Umholtz suggested we decrease the budgeted amount given for the park from \$1,000 to \$500 due to the fact the borough will be maintaining the property. Steve Denkovich also reminded Bill Miller of the need to keep the books up to date for the Lantern Fly project. Copies should

be kept at the borough garage and the office. Dane stated application for the Gaming Commission grants will be submitted to possible fund the new truck for the Borough. Joe Kerwin stated there may be even more funds available related to the Covid pandemic relief.

Ron Umholtz made a motion to pay payroll for \$8,040.17 and bills for \$44,930.92. Steve Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor. A motion was made by Steve Denkovich to adjourn the meeting. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

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