

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, July 12, 2021 in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Mark Challenger, Jr., Brian Troup, Ron Umholtz, Steve Denkovich, Donald Machamer, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Secretary Lynne Daniel and Road Supervisor, Bill Miller. Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth was absent.

Citizens: Erin Williams, Jack Flynn, Rosemary Hoke, Lucretia Ferron, Elijah Reed, Shayna Machamer

Jack Flynn was present to thank the Borough for their sponsorship for the gaming grants. The most recent one for \$63,250.00 was for new bathrooms in the JFK Hall. In 7 years the Legion has received \$144,250.00 through the gaming grants and that would not have been possible without sponsorship. He requested sponsorship for the most recent grant application and presented the necessary paperwork. A motion was made by Ron Umholtz to approve the sponsorship. Mark Challenger, Jr. 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Jack also discussed the Stoney Park renaming endeavor and stated the family of Jim Klinger selected a design. Prices will be received from Kasper Construction for the sign and cost of installation. The family of Jim also asked if they could have the current sign that is at the park.

Erin Williams was present to discuss the condition of the Gun Club fields. She stated the dugouts had been painted and some work done to the fields but the fence is in disrepair and the dugout rooves are rotted. She is concerned when the WYAA is dissolved and Tower City and Williamstown join that if the fields do not have work done to them the games will not be held in Williamstown at all. President Williard stated that the WYAA always took care of the field. The Borough has put lights up, done electrical work and did do some work on the dugouts. We were also told the jointure would be set up to have a 50/50 split between game locations. More information will be sought from the organizers of the new league and make sure there is a commitment to maintain both Tower City and Williamstown fields. Erin also would like to start a campaign to rename the field to the Buddy Calnon Field in honor of his years dedicated to running the field/organization. Erin also questioned if there are any plans for the property where the pool was. She was told to just put top soil on the area will cost \$25,000. The borough is open to any and all suggestions which will be discussed. It was stated any non-profit organization can submit for the Gaming Grants as long as the site is located in Dauphin County.

Elijah Reed and Lucretia Ferron were present to discuss the placement of a dumpster in the alley at the rear of their home and their difficulty getting their truck/trailor out of their parking area. He was told the truck that dropped the dumpster had no issue getting through and people who get dumpsters placed are encouraged to do what they need to and get it moved as soon as possible. Lucretia asked if there is anything that can be done about stray cats. She was told they are wild animals and nothing can be done. She stated in that case she does not want to hear complaints when her dog gets a hold of a stray cat.

Ron Umholtz and Donald Machamer presented the code enforcement report. The Futrell, Shoffstall and Kessler properties have not complied and will be filed on. Simmons has complied and Donald is in the process of contacting the family of C. Snody. Donald also spoke to the owner of 152 E. Market and the weeds will be taken care of.

Solicitor Kerwin presented paperwork for signatures to move forward with the 202 W. Market property demolition. Paperwork must be submitted to the WV School Board for signature in order to finalize. Joe also suggested we look for any grants available for "shovel ready projects".

Road Supervisor Bill Miller's report was reviewed. Bill stated the grass will be taken care of tomorrow for the Water Street property and New Enterprise stated the road work should be started in July some

time. He will try and get a firm start date. President Williard discussed the annex being turned into a rental property. The process should be started to have the building added to the tax rolls. Donald Machamer made a motion to begin that process. Mark Challenger 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was made to pay payroll for \$5,424.33 and bills for \$5,234.46 by Ron Umholtz. Steve Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor. A motion was made by Donald Machamer to adjourn the meeting. Steve Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2021

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