

## **Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Brian Troup, Donald Machamer, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, and Road Supervisor Bill Miller. Absent was Vice President Ronald Umholtz.

Citizens Present: Rosemary Hoke, Shayna Machamer, Jason Rudy and Dave Lacher.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

It was stated that the Williamstown Firehouse will be put on the agenda for all future meetings. Jason Rudy and Dave Lacher represented the Williamstown Firehouse. Rudy gave the council a list of the current active members for the firehouse. Rudy was not present at the past meeting and asked Donald Machamer what questions he had at the last meeting that need to be answered. Donald Machamer asked what the total debt of the firehouse was. Rudy stated that it was 299K, and that included everything together (truck, equipment, upgrades). Donald asked how many calls the firehouse is receiving on average. Jason brought a list of the call log, and stated that there were 182 calls classified as a rescue response call and 129 calls classified as engine tanker response, from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to present. Dave Lacher wanted to introduce himself to council. He is new to the area and previous Penbrook Chief firefighter.

President Williard asked what the firehouse payment was on their loan. Jason Rudy stated that it was a once-a-year payment for \$49,000. Donald Machamer asked if the firehouse will be applying for a grant every year. Dave Lacher stated that they will continue to apply for grants and do what they can for financial relief going forward.

President Williard asked if the firehouse was current on their loan, what the interest rate was and how long the loan is for. Jason Rudy stated that the loan is current. He will have to look up the interest rate. He believes it is a 15-year loan, but will have to double check. Jason will have a updated officer list for the next meeting. Dave Lacher is captain now and will be handling the grants for the firehouse.

Donald Machamer wanted Jason to know that all questions he had at last meeting are in the minutes and that the Borough has the right to ask any questions pertaining to the firehouse.

Jason and Dave told the Council that they hope the firehouse and council can build together and start fresh, and that the firehouse only wants success.

President Williard informed Jason that the insurance company was trying to reach them. Jason said that they were supposed to meet and the insurance guys did not show up at time.

Donald Machamer stated that he was glad the firehouse was moving in the right direction.

Mayor Shuttlesworth told Jason that we will need a list of emergency light officer list. Jason stated that they may be getting rid of blue lighters due to people taken advantage of using their light.

The Mayor's Report was given with \$240.78 received from the District Justice in the month of August. The Tax Collectors Report was given with \$1,457.62 received in Real Estate tax, \$144.55 received in Street Light tax, \$1221.00 received in Occupation tax, and \$44.00 received in Per Capita tax for the month of August.

Solicitor Kerwin stated that the Tax-Exempt Properties are up to date. Kerwin asked if we have any new word on the property that was demolished on Market Street. President Williard stated that Bill is to get with Drum for water run off solution. Road Supervisor Bill Miller stated that it would be in October.

The secretary reported that we did get the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of COVID money.

Donald Machamer brought up the property at 105 E Market, and that there is an awful stench. The property has received letters regarding the smell and has failed to address the issue. Machamer stated something needs to be done.

The road supervisor report was reviewed and looked good.

The council reviewed 3 proposals for a new salt shed. Donald Machamer motioned to accept the proposal from SK and Keystone Construction. Chris Stroup 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Keystone will bring the walls.

The Council was presented with PMRS MMO for Police and Authority pensions. Chris Stroup motioned to approve, Brian Troup 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

The PMRS MMO for the active Borough Pension will be late in receiving. The secretary will deliver that MMO to the council via email for council to look over. The council will need to approve the MMO at the next meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 2010 Dump Truck was put out for bids on Municibid, and concluded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The highest bid was \$35,125.00. The bid was accepted on the motion of Stephen Denkovich and Donald Machamer.

President Williard informed the council that EMS wants to block off the Borough lot on October 16<sup>th</sup> between 4-6PM to host a Trunk or Treat. There were no objections.

The council received a letter from the Dauphin County Commissioners informing them of events for Veterans that are coming up in the area. The council also received the 2023 CDBG Grant notice.

The Borough board approved timesheets.

Stephen Denkovich and Donald Machamer motioned to approve the bills and payroll. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM on the motion of Stephen Denkovich and Brian Troup.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

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