

## **Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Vice President Ron Umholtz, Brian Troup, Donald Machamer, Christopher Stroup, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, Secretary Rikki Merwine, and Road Supervisor Bill Miller. Absent was Stephen Denkovich.

Citizens Present: Dave Lacher (Liberty Hose Co. 1), Jack Flynn (American Legion)

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

### **Opportunity For Citizens**

Jack Flynn represented the American Legion to show the Borough Board a proposal he received from Drum Excavating to turn the lot at West/Market into the gravel parking lot. Road Supervisor Miller already met with Drum, and all looks good. Flynn stated that weather permitting, it should be done by April-May. Solicitor Kerwin said he will inform the county, but the legion does not need any action from the Borough. Ken Drum will get with Bill about pavings and millings. Jack Flynn also informed the board of an immobile vehicle parked on West Street by the legion. It will be taken care of.

Dave Lacher represented the Fire Company and gave the board a breakdown of incidents by type and number and responders. Lacher gave the board treasurers reports for several years, but the board informed him that they also need bank statements and invoices to go with. Lacher reported that they are actively tracking call volume. President Williard questioned Lacher on cupplers on hoses, and Lacher stated that they are behind on that. Lacher will get a list together on what all needs updated and the cost. President Williard questioned the fire siren and why it did not work the other day. Lacher reported that the company does not control sirens. The county sends the alarms. The siren did work fine today, so it may have just been a phone issue on the day in question. President Williard asked what status Wiconisco is on the call list, Lacher reported that Wic is 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lykens is 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lacher stated that there are 2 fire chiefs who do not get along but he is hoping to get the closest company to be 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Williard stated that Wiconisco needs to be 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lacher stated that the fire company needs to make some internal changes and try to get some new members in the company. Election for officers is in April, Lacher believes.

### **Mayor's Report-**

*November- \$793.75*

### **Tax Collector Report- December**

*Real Estate- \$7,941.51 Street Lights- \$787.58 Occupation- \$5494.50 Per Capita- \$192.50*

### **Solicitor**

Solicitor Kerwin said he had nothing to add but hopes that there can be a solution to fix the fire company as a strong fire company and strong community is something the county recognizes regarding grants.

### **Code Enforcement/Permits**

Ron Umholtz informed the board that there is no permit required at the Ferris property at this point, but we will keep an eye on it. 237 E Market had their trash removed. 304-306 E Market received a letter about the trash and junk that needs cleaned up. A final notice was sent to the Old VFW regarding vehicles and junk. Donald Machamer reported that there is excessive dog barking on Julian St.

### **Road Supervisor Report**

SK was here on Friday. The salt shed project should be completed shortly. President Williard told Miller that he can start removing Handicap signs and blue paint at Catholic Church and to also eliminate at the old Chiropractor's office.

The rush that flows under at E Market hollow, the Borough is responsible to replace pipes and storm drains because of the curbs. A motion was made by Ron Umholtz and Donald Machamer to do the piping underneath. Motion Carried.

### **Time-Sheets**

Donald Machamer and Ron Umholtz motioned to approve timesheets and payroll. -Motion Carried.

### **Other New Business**

The current Municibid truck bid is still going but has met the reserve price of \$5,000.

### **Motion On Bills**

Ron Umholtz and Christopher Stroup motioned to pay the bills. All were in favor.

### **Adjournment**

8:23 PM on the motion of Ron Umholtz and Christopher Stroup.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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