

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes **April 3rd, 2023**

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Vice President Ron Umholtz, Brian Troup, Christopher Stroup, Donald Machamer, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, Secretary Rikki Merwine, and Stephen Denkovich.

Citizens Present: Shayna Machamer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the March 6th, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Opportunity For Citizens- *Nothing.*

Mayor's Report-

There was no Mayor's Report.

Tax Collector Report- January

Real Estate- \$82,077.76 Street Lights- \$8,139.82 Occupation- \$18,673.90 Per Capita- \$955.50

Solicitor

Solicitor Kerwin brought up a voting agreement with the Liberty Hose Co. #1 and both the Borough and Township. The agreement would allow a member of the Borough Council, and a Township Supervisor to attend Fire Company meetings and have the right to cast a vote as if they were a good standing member of the firehouse. *A motion was made by Donald Machamer and Brian Troup to accept the agreement.*

Motion Carried.

President Williard asked the solicitor about the Fire Company's back taxes. Solicitor Kerwin stated that the firehouse must pay, or make a payment plan, of their owed taxes and then they can file for exemption.

A motion was made by Ron Umholtz and Stephen Denkovich to increase all Borough fines to a maximum of \$1,000. Motion Carried. Solicitor Kerwin will draw up the resolution.

Code Enforcement/Permits

144-152 E Market has received several certified letters and notices regarding the ongoing trash situation. The final notice was sent with clean up requested by April 13th. The final notice recommended the landlord include trash in the tenants' rent and place a dumpster out back to help avoid further violations. A file has been made on this property and Code Enforcement will file charges at the District Magistrates at the next violation.

137 E Market St. has been reported to have several dogs all over.

Ron has not heard anything regarding the individual that started a fire on Julian Street.

Ron Umholtz reported that the Walnut St. bridge has never been inspected. It is between 8-20 feet, so it does constitute as a bridge. President Williard stated that Bob from Hanover Engineering is working on the one at E Market, with a lot of complications. President Williard can get Bob to check out the bridge on Walnut.

Road Supervisor Report

Reviewed. Two quotes were received for a roller rental. The rental from Cleveland Brothers was over \$1,000 and Drum Excavating can do it for \$450. Road Supervisor Bill wants to level off and put millings down by the salt shed. Miller's Paving quote was \$10,000. It does not have to go for bid. *Ron Umholtz and Brian Troup motioned to accept Miller's quote. Motion Carried.*

President Williard wants to upgrade and match the Borough Buildings exterior. He will talk to Hanover Engineer Rebecca Stakem.

Time-Sheets

Christopher Stroup and Stephen Denkovich motioned to approve timesheets and payroll. -Motion Carried.

Other New Business

A member of the four square church in Muir would like to use the stage at the park for a church event in July. President Williard stated that they will need to sign a release of liability and have proof of event insurance. A motion was made by Ron Umholtz and Chris Stroup to allow the use of stage as long as waiver/insurance was provided.

A golf tournament donation request benefiting Liberty Hose Co. #1 was presented to the Williamsstown Borough. After a discussion, the Borough council decided it was best to keep the firehouse donations at what was previously voted on. The Borough Council Members made a donation, personally, to the cause.

The secretary reported that we got the Grant for the Truck Reimbursement.

Motion On Bills

Brian Troup and Stephen Denkovich motioned to pay the bills. All were in favor.

Adjournment

8:04 PM on the motion of Brian Troup and Stephen Denkovich.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, May 1st 2023

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