Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes June 5th, 2023

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, June 5th, 2023 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Christopher Stroup, Donald Machamer, Stephen Denkovich, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, Brian Troup, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, and Secretary Rikki Merwine, and Road Supervisor Bill Miller.

Citizens Present: No citizens were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Minutes from the May 1st, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Opportunity For Citizens- There were no citizens.

Mayor's Report- April 2023

\$224.19 collected from the District Justice.

Tax Collector Report- April

Real Estate- \$5783.24 Street Lights- \$573.54 Occupation- \$3515.00 Per Capita- \$140.00

Solicitor

Solicitor Kerwin brought forth Resolution 23-06 to increase all fines to a maximum of \$1000.00. Brian Troup and Steve Denkovich motioned to pass the resolution. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement/Permits

Donald Machamer reported that Mike Medellin received a letter and a call regarding his property. The Borough, once again, cut the grass at the property and the charge will be \$400.00 as the property was in awful condition. 407 E Market Street cut the grass after receiving a letter. They also brought garbage and will be receiving a call about the garbage as well. Grass was cut at the following properties: 335 Elizabeth, 342 Elizabeth, 408 Julian, 427-429 W Market, 111 E Broad St. 144-152 has been told, again, about the ongoing trash situation.

President Williard informed Donald that Ron can show him how to file at the District Magistrates against properties. All council members should start to help with code enforcement.

Road Supervisor Report

Reviewed. Road Supervisor Bill Miller informed the council that he would like to give the courts an uplift and get new fencing and seal the asphalt. The basketball hoops need replaced and he will order new ones. Perhaps COVID money can be used for new fencing at the courts. Bill will get an estimate. A bid was received from Miller Paving to blacktop where the recycling bins are, for \$4500.

<u>Time-Sheets</u>

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

Other New Business

The Borough Council accepted a letter of resignation from Vice President Ron Umholtz, effective June 1st, 2023 on the motion of Brian Troup and Christopher Stroup. The council accepted a letter of resignation from Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, effective immediately, on the motion of Steve Denkovich and Christopher Stroup. Jeffrey Shuttlesworth ran in the primary election for council seat, ward 1. A motion was made by Brian Troup and Christopher Stroup to appoint Jeffrey Shuttlesworth to the newly

vacant council seat. Motion carried. Secretary Rikki Merwine swore Jeffrey Shuttlesworth in as Borough Councilor. The opening for Mayor of Williamstown Borough will be advertised.

Correspondence

- President Dane Williard informed council that the Hometown Heroes banners have been up for 3 years now and it is time for them to come down. The banner committee wants them up until the end of September.
- EMS would like to black off the Borough lot on Saturday, September 9th for a cornhole tournament. There will be no alcohol.
- The heat pump on the office(s) side of the Borough building has stopped working altogether and a new one needed to be purchased. Covid money was used. The cost of a new one was \$11,800. This was accepted on the motion of Christopher Stroup and Brian Troup.
- The Vice President position on Borough Council is open until January's reorganization. Christopher Stroup motioned to appoint Brian Troup as Vice President. Stephen Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Brian Troup will become a signer on checks.

Motion On Bills

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

<u>Adjournment</u>

8:02 PM on the motion of Brian Troup and Stephen Denkovich.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, July 10th, 2023

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