

## West Mayfield Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

President Robert Tate called the meeting to order:

Present at meeting: Councilmen William Heaton, Jason Heaton, Janet Helbig, Jeffrey Seybert, Jacob Tate, Robert Tate, Lou Little, Mayor Licia Cogley, Solicitor Joe Budicak.

Absent: Secretary Patricia Lansberry

The Agenda was distributed and approved

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and approved

Correspondence: 1. Mayor Licia read the letter from CoStar in re: the salt ordering, and Jacob Tate is taking care of it, will give an update for the next meeting. At present there is enough salt for the present weather. 2. The letter from the Beaver County Conservation District was read and discussed and Kevin will post on the Website. 3. Kevin sent an email to all of council in re: shutting down the rental of the park shelters, due to the inactivity of no one getting back to residents of customers with information from the Fire Dept. 4) Licia Cogley announced that she would need the borough building for solicitors signing up, and if it would be ok and not interfere with council usage. Was ok'd. Police Chief Johnson asked if he could have copies of paperwork of solicitors in the Borough for his usage and our safety, and Kevin would post on site also. 5) Bill Heaton announced that 811 is offering free classes on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Gas building in New Brighton from 8:30 am – 12:30 am. Council expressed that this would be good for Brian McNeely to attend for the Borough.

President Tate would like a motion to move to Citizens Comments: Jeff –Motion, Jake –2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

1 – BF Mayor Kanya Johns, introduced herself, announced that she is running for State Rep and that she is working with MS4 project and that she is available to assist West Mayfield with anything they need help with.

2 – Nora Soos, questioned the Fire Dept as to why they need to drive the Fire Bus to the meetings, and use the fuel that the borough supplies? (period of silence) Lou Little stated: " I told them to!"

3 – Tracy Popovich, has concerns about the insurance costs, tax increases, 1-2 mil? Jake Tate expressed that all departments are taking cuts and cutting corners to help in bringing the budget down and save money. She also questioned the revenue from the park and the ball fields, and as if right now there is none. Tracy also asked if and when the insurance is up for renewal, if new bids can be made to save the borough monies.

4 – Brian Covalt, asked why the Borough funds and Organization fails an audit? The Fire Dept. It is embarrassing. Lou Little the lost check and truck in wrong name is all fixed now, there was much back and forth discussion but was finally put to a halt. President Tate recommended a fire committee to oversee the Fire Dept, review the workings, fires and trainings, etc... and monthly reporting to the council. This committee will consist of 3 from the council, the fire dept, and 6 from residents. Motion on table by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jake. approved

5 –Margie Yoho, again questioned about the Fire Dept and all the women wanting to assist with Ladies Auxiliary, Lou stated that is has been shut down and after all the silliness goes away, they will bring back.

Old Business

Jake Tate: Streets, Lighting, Lighting is done, streets are being looked at, alleys are good. Lenore alley is closed, will be partially open for winter plowing. 811 calls all go to Jake and Brian, Brian needs a computer to keep track of calls that

need done. Salt spreader is fixed, \$1200. Pickle ball fence is done and good. All trucks that needed fixed are now done. New rakes, small tools, and miscellaneous clothing for safety has been ordered for the workers.

Fire Dept no report

Police Chief Johnson – Distributed Police incident report

Bill Heaton- not approved for small water grant. MS4 project, advertise for bids in Feb. March get bids and have 60 days to get to Widmere Engineering. Approx \$120k – 140K. Have 50 K budgeted from roads, and 50k budgeted from fuels. Painting needs to be finished on the speed hump on Rock Avenue, Papers passed out to all new members of Council for testing for Emergency Management. Councilman Bill Heaton will not be at the March meeting due to surgery.

Jason Heaton has received new resumes to be scrutinized for back up snowplowing and backup workers.

Solicitor Joe Budicak, do we want to start addressing grass cutting? He explained finding people to do the work, billing the residents, if not paid in timely manner, municipal liens put on properties. He also said that he would be working with Aiken Refuse in re: garbage issues of Snowbirds and Construction residents that do not reside here. Aqua has finally settled up with the city and is ready to close. President Tate will sign papers with solicitor

New Business

Jake Tate: Buildings, grounds, equipment, streets: Would like to put a motion on the table to get a credit card for Brian to be able to purchase on his own, Janet 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote. Motion on table to pay Brian 2 hours pay for attending Borough meetings, needing to be there for Q/A, Janet 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote. Boom mower is fixed and starting soon weather permitting. Payroll is being taken over by Bill Heaton and he is working with Pat. Discussion of using slag on some flats. Future projects will be alleys. Chrissy Barkfelt chimed in about water coming in on Mr. Bathgate's yard from the speed hump from Rock Avenue, that will be addressed and looked into if a problem exists. Backhoe needs new tires, bid for \$1300 so far, best, but getting more bids.

Bill Heaton: Sewer line Orchard Avenue, behind Helbig's and Bathgate's house, backed up, tons of roots, problem taken care of. Chapter 94, every year taken care of this year for Widmer Engineering.

Janet Helbig: Parks, discussed restarting a Recreation Board after 20 years, she put a motion on the table and Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> it and was passed unanimously.

Robert Tate: Gave 1 excavation permit, discussion of sale of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue property with Solicitor Joe and discussed with Mr. Ceravolo what he needs to get done. Robert also has paperwork about ordinances for residents that will explain clean up and normal maintenance of properties. All fliers will get delivered by the community volunteers along with the Easter Egg Hunt Fliers.

Solicitor Joe Budicak and Chief Johnson discussed that the traffic control devices ordinances will need revised, adopted and clarified, and that they have the list.

Motion to pay bills: Bob Tate, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> approved. Motion to ratify purchases Bob Tate, Janet 2<sup>nd</sup> approved. Motion to adjourn Jake, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> approv

Submitted by Licia M. Cogley

Next Meeting: Thursday March 14, 2024 6:00 pm.