

Williamstown Borough Meeting Minutes December 6, 2021

Williamstown Borough Council met Monday, December 6, 2021 in Council Chambers. Present were: President Dane Williard, Vice President Ronald Umholtz, Mark Challenger, Jr., Brian Troup, Steve Denkovich, Donald Machamer, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Mayor Jeffrey Shuttlesworth, and Secretary Lynne Daniel. Absent was Road Supervisor, Bill Miller. Citizens: Rosemary Hoke, Shayna Machamer, Samba reps. Joshua Watts and Nick Loftus

Minutes from the November 1st meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Citizens Joshua Watts and Nick Loftus were present representing the Samba Organization in charge of the trail project. Joshua stated they have completed Phase 1 of the project and are almost to the watershed in Williamstown. They have completed a bridge and will work on the connection to and from Lykens. They presented the plan to DCNR and are going through the approval process. They also have met with Williams Valley School since the trail does go through their land. They could possibly be done the project in 2023. Studies have shown on previous projects the positive effects of the trails on local economies and walking/hiking trails are a possibility. Ron Umholtz asked who would be maintaining the trails and was told it would be their organization, Friends of Weiser Organization and possibly school volunteer programs and interested individuals. They stated they are going through a grant process to aid in the funds and would appreciate letters of support from the Borough and local businesses. They were asked who would oversee the contractors and stated it would be DCNR who is the grant administrators.

The Mayors report was given with \$166.03 from the District Justice. The Tax Collector Report was given with \$2,514.36 received. Ron Umholtz reported the sofa and junk were removed, the resident doing illegal burning was warned and a notice was sent to Elizabeth Street concerning the dogs and ducks. The owners beside the Perhach property on Broad Street have completed repairs.

Solicitor Kerwin stated he has a meeting next Thursday with the Landbank Committee concerning demolition of the Market Street properties. More estimates for the demolition are going to be sought.

Bill Millers Road Supervisors report was reviewed. Steven Denkovich made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Two letters of interest were received for the open seat on the Authority Board – Chris Perhach and Dale Edinger. Donald made a motion to accept Dale Edinger to the Board. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Two applicants for the secretarial position were interviewed. Brian Troup made a motion to hire Rikki Merwine contingent on qualifications and eligibility requirements. Steve Denkovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Secretary Lynne Daniel will be retiring on December 31, 2021 but be available on an as needed/part time basis. Steven Denkovich reported the Authority has passed their 2022 budget with no price increases.

A motion was made to pay payroll for \$4752.90 and bills for \$8693.18 by Steve Denkovich. Ron Umholtz 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Steve Denkovich to adjourn the meeting. Brian Troup 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

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