

Borough of Windber
Borough Council Regular Meeting
March 1, 2011 – 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Call to order – Council President Anthony Turcato
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call - Council President - Anthony Turcato (AT), James Furmanchik (JF), Barry Jerley (BJ), George Ledney (GL), Sonya Pekala (SP), James Spinos (JS), Michael Winas (MW) Mayor Simon Ohler (SO), Borough Manager Fred Oliveros (FO), Solicitor – Jeffrey L Berkey (JB) absent, Recording Secretary - Cynthia McCracken
Public comment on agenda – no comment
Reading of the Minutes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moved and seconded (Furmanchik/Ledney) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. (Motion Carried)</i>
Correspondence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Information re: Heart and Lung Benefits. 2) Information provided by Mr. Oliveros regarding Mr. Torquato's request. 3) Somerset County Boroughs Assn. Dinner meeting notification - Mayor Ohler to attend. 4) Somerset County Boroughs Assn. November meeting minutes 5) WAA Minutes January meeting.
Business Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a Approval of Payroll – Omitted b Approval to Pay bills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moved and Seconded (Pekala/Furmanchik) to approve pay the bills - (Motion Carried)</i> • <i>Remarks –</i> <i>Mr. Spinos asked about the request for the release of the monies from the insurance company to complete the repairs from the fire damage.</i> <i>Mr. Ledney inquired about the gas bill for the building</i> <i>Mr. Furmanchik stated that we were supposed to have the gas heaters installed before the major heating season Mr. Oliveros indicated that he did not receive a response from companies contacted for the installation</i> c <i>Approval of the Cooperation Agreement between the Borough and the Somerset County Redevelopment Authority for administration of 2011 CDBG Funds</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moved and Seconded (Pekala/Ledney) to approve the additions of the Per Capita rolls for 2011</i> <i>Mr. Spinos if we are at 4000. Mr. Oliveros is waiting for the completed census. We are operating that we are over 4000. If we fall under 4000 we would have to operate in a competitive bid for the Borough.</i> • <i>Roll call vote – Mrs. Pekala (Y) Mr. Ledney(Y) Mr. Furmanchik (Y) Mr. Jerley(Y) Mr. Spinos (Y) Mr. Turcato (Y) Mr. Winas(Y) (Motion Carried Unanimously)</i> d <i>Approval of the additions of the Per Capita rolls for 2011</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moved and Seconded (Furmanchik/Jerley) to approve the additions of the Per Capita rolls for 2011.</i> • <i>Roll call vote – Mr. Furmanchik (Y) Mr. Jerley(Y) Mr. Ledney (Y) Mrs. Pekala (Y) Mr. Spinos (Y) Mr. Turcato (Y) Mr. Winas(Y) (Motion Carried Unanimously)</i>
Borough Reports – March 15 meeting
Unfinished Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mr. Ohler commented on the parking at the Community Building. Requested that Council make it officially public parking by either resolution or ordinance. Mr. Spinos indicated that the Arcadia and Coal Heritage needed public parking in order to receive Grant monies. Mr. Turcato commented on the parking meters. Mr. Furmanchik asked Mr. Oliveros to research all avenues to research the documentation of the agreements made and to make arrangements to make the public parking official by in the most economical means. 2) Mr. Oliveros letter re: Mr. Torquato's request to Council for assistance in resolving basement flooding matter made February 15, 2011 meeting 3) Trees – Bob Felix contacted the Borough to find out where the tree and the bricks commemorating

their families can be relocated. Mr. Geiger should know what other families may be involved.

- 4) Mr. Spinos asked if we talked to the School regarding the parking in front of the School. Mr. Oliveros contacted the School he will contact the school board to take care of. Mr. Oliveros suggested that there be an Ordinance addressing the parking to be ready for the next meeting.
- 5) *Motion made and seconded (Pekala/Jerley) to retain Cynthia McCracken as recording secretary for the period of one year. (Motion Carried)*

New Business

- Eagle Scout project request to repair the flower boxes.
 - Motion was made and seconded (Furmanchik/Pekala) to approve the project and the Borough will donate the cost of materials for said flower box repair.
- John Rice – Heart and Lung benefits request
Mr. Oliveros indicated that there needed to be approval by the Borough
 - *Motion was made and seconded (Furmanchik/Spinos) for said approval (Roll call vote – Mr. Furmanchik (Y) Mr. Spinos (Y) Mr. Jerley (Y) Mr. Ledney (Y) Mrs. Pekala (Y) Mr. Turcato (Y) Mr. Winas(Y) (Motion Carried Unanimously)*Remarks - Mr. Oliveros stated that we anticipated Mr. Rice applying for these benefits. We will have some issues that we may need deal with it. Recommended that we approve this as he was injured while the insurance was in effect before the move of the police department.
- Windber Fire Company agreed to host both the Cruise-ins and Thunder in the Valley They will be holding Cruise-ins on the following dates: May 13; 27 June 10; July 1; 15; 29; Aug 12; 26. They will be responsibility for the liability insurance.
Mr. Spinos is requesting the use of the Gazebo during the dates of the Cruise-ins. Thunder in the Valley will be June 24/25 for the use of the Community Building parking lot. He is also requesting the remaining funds be released to zero out the events fund account and the promised \$2000 for startup made out to the Windber Fire Company.
 - *Motion was make and seconded (Furmanchik/Jerley) to allow the Windber Fire Department use of the Gazebo for the Cruise-ins and the public parking area for Thunder in the Valley event for the dates mentioned. Motion Carried*
- Funds to be disbursed – to be discussed with Mr. Oliveros for the requirements needed by the Borough.
 - *Motion was make and seconded (Furmanchik/Jerley) to deplete the Special events account in order to close the account and to disburse the \$2000 donation from the Borough to the Windber Fire Department with proper documentation as soon as possible (Motion Carried).*
- Street and Alley Maintenance –
 - Jim Spinelli asked about the repair of the alley behind his house.
 - 26th street does have a weight limit and has never been re-paved since the original paving.
 - 24th and 27th Street bridge railings.
 - Mr. Furmanchik indicated that the alleys need attention. Using a #2 stone with crush for the alleys.
 - Mr. Kondas indicated that there is a ditch where the culvert has collapsed and has been blocked with debris and needs attention.
 - Explore floating a bond for paving or obtaining a substantial loan to expedite paving needs of the community.
- Mrs. Pekala inquired about our spot on PennDot schedule for Graham Avenue.
Mr. Furmanchik and Mr. Spinos indicated the need to make certain that any repairs to the infrastructure be made before the state starts on Graham Ave
- Railroad crossing on Graham and 21st Street.

Recognition of Visitors -

Next Meeting Date – Regular Meeting scheduled for March 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Adjourn - Turcato, adjourn 7:50 pm