

**WINDBER BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES: March 9, 2010
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM.**

The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Turcato at 7:00 PM. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ATTENDANCE

The following council members were in attendance: James Furmanchik, George Ledney, Barry Jerley, Sonya Pekala, James Spinos, Anthony Turcato, and Michael Winas. Also in attendance were Mayor Simon Ohler, Solicitor Jeff Berkey, and Borough Manager Fred Oliveros

Turcato called for an Executive Session at 7:04 PM to discuss contractual matters.

Council returned from Executive Session and the meeting was reconvened at 7:45 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There wasn't any public comment on any of the agenda items.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Furmanchik made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16 & 19, 2010. Motion was seconded by Pekala. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were items from the PSAB, a letter from a private citizen regarding a parking issue, a letter from Tax Collector Karen Wozniak, meeting minutes of the Somerset County Association of Boroughs, meeting minutes of the Windber Area Tax Collection Bureau, Somerset County Tax Collection By-Laws, and a letter from the Windber Miner's Memorial Day Committee.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Ordinance 2010-1, transfer of the Recreation Program to the Municipal Authority

Borough Solicitor Jeff Berkey read the proposed Ordinance and Resolution in its entirety. Winas questioned as to whether the park was ready to be opened. Manager Oliveros noted that a sewage grinder pumped has been replaced. Nothing has been done to repair the torn liner. There wasn't any repairs made to any of the other pumps to the pool.

Remarks

Furmanchik asked how much are we looking at to start up? Ledney responded that the Municipal Authority will be given a line of credit of \$45,000.00 that will come from the General Fund. There are some funds available from the salaries and benefits of the former Borough Manager and Administrative Assistant that can be

applied to the line of credit. There is \$56,749.00 available but only \$45,000 will be used for the line of credit. Ledney added that should the Authority need more money than available in the line of credit, they would have to come back to Council with the request. Furmanchik noted that this money is coming from tax dollars and if additional funds were needed in the future we could be looking at a tax increase. He also feels that Recreation should be provided for by a Municipality and not looked on as a profit or loss situation, similar to a police department. (*Numerous out of order comments by council members*).

Turcato called for order and that if council wished to make a motion. Winas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-1. Pekala seconded the motion.

Questions or Remarks on the Motion.

Pekala addressed the previous comments of Furmanchik who said that the Borough should provide this service to its citizens. She feels that the Borough is doing this by providing the line of credit to the Authority.

Furmanchik addressed the audience with regards of working with the East Hills Recreation Commission who have the expertise in Recreation because that is all they do. He questioned that would you rather work with someone who is successful in the Recreation field or some organization that is just starting up.

Pekala countered that the Municipal Authority is made up of some successful business people some of which are experienced in recreation. She named Gail Ankeny as one who was the former Recreation Director for the Borough.

Spinosa lauded the members of the Municipal Authority for their volunteering efforts in this community, but now we are dealing with taxpayer's money.

Approval of payroll

Approval of payment of bills

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Appointment of Pension Plan Administrators, Uniform and Non-Uniform

Action on the Borough Treasurer's position

Action on the Borough Secretary position

Approval of donation to Miner's Day Celebration

Fire Department update

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Manager's Report

Codes/Zoning Report

Solicitor's Report

Committees of Council Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Fred Oliveros
Borough Secretary