

# WEST HOMESTEAD BOROUGH

## Council Meeting

July 12, 2022

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

President Joe Baran called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Present: Mr. Baran, Ms. Cain, Ms. Ferson, Mr. Guzzi, Mr. Harhai, Mr. McLaughlin, Ms. Scolieri

Also, in attendance, Mayor John J Dindak, Solicitor Michael Lederman, Borough Engineer William Roth, Borough Manager Bill Etherington, Borough Secretary Donna McMichael

#### Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments.

### REPORTS:

#### Engineer: William Roth

- Paving is complete, recommend payment.
- Sewer system is moving ahead but we have a long way to go. Making good progress.
- Hired Sewer Technician; he is doing a great job.

#### Solicitor: Michael Lederman

- Tonight, we will be approving one (1) proposed Ordinance and two (2) Resolutions.

#### Mayor John Dindak

- Thanks to the Borough Manager for contacting the City of Pittsburgh to clear the weeds on Basic Avenue.
- The Fire Department did a great job on the garage doors at the station.

#### Borough Manager, Bill Etherington

- Six-month financial review was given. Revenues: \$986K actual vs \$1008K budget, \$22K unfavorable. American Rescue 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for \$75,000 is on the way. Expenses: \$1306K actual vs \$1319K budget, \$13K favorable.
- Railing up to Basic is to be repaired next month.

### Police Chief, Charles Rozzo

- Read the police report for the month of June 2022 and year to date.
- Construction will begin July 18<sup>th</sup> on Rt. 837. Expect increase traffic on Forest Avenue and Laurel Hill Drive. Working with Manager on getting proper signage.
- Traffic details are increasing, police presence, more delays.
- We hope everyone appreciated the work done at the Police station.
- Working on securing a grant for a new license plate reader.
- Officer evaluations will begin next month.

### Fire Chief, John Dindak

- Read the fire department report: Year to date there has been 193 calls.
- New garage doors were done through a grant. We saved 15-20K.
- Fund drive is coming up.

### Steel Valley Enterprise Zone: Dave Harhai

- Progress.

### Steel Rivers Council of Governments-Ashley Cain

- On summer break until September.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community Affairs, Barb Ferson

- Summer Recreation Program is continuing through July 22nd.
- Community Day is August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Affairs Meeting is next Tuesday at 6pm.

### Personnel: Rose Scolieri, Chair

- We have hired a part-time Sewer Technician.
- Hired Officer Titmus to full time status.

### Property: Rose Scolieri, Co-Chair

- Met with Jesse Wig two (2) months ago about the property on the corner of West 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Avenues, no interest at this time.
- Encourage people to invest in the Borough.
- Dave: Advertise "West Homestead is the place," tax incentives!!!

### Public Safety: Dave Harhai, Chair

- No report

### Public Works: Bill McLaughlin, Chair

- No report.
- Public Works director is out for ten (10) days. Our 'guys' have stepped up. They are a good group.

### Sewer Management, Ashley Cain

- Just had a meeting prior.
- A Sewer Technician has been hired; An iPad and software has been purchased.
- We will be replacing inlets on Manorwood and Breezewood.

## Legislation on Agenda

### Agenda Items (Motions)

1. **Accept minutes from the Council Meetings, as written, for June 7, 2022; June 14, 2022, and June 27, 2022.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

2. **Approve and ratify all bills paid and to be paid for the month of July 2022.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

3. **Approve proposed Ordinance No. 724, amending Ordinance No. 658, known as the Tenant Occupancy Safety Inspection Ordinance, specifically adding language to further define the terms “Residential rental Unit” and “Tenant” in the Ordinance.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**Michael summarized proposed Ordinance No. 724**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

4. **Advertise proposed Ordinance 724.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

5. **Approve Resolution 22-016: Entering into agreement with Cargill, inc. pursuant to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Contract regarding the purchasing of Rock Salt and Cinders for the 2022-2023 Winter Season.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**Michael read Resolution 22-016.**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

6. **Approve Resolution 22-017: Authorizing the following fees by the Elected Tax Collector**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**Michael read Resolution 22-017.**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

**7. Approve payment to El Grande Industries Inc. in the amount of \$74,767.00 for the 2022 Street Paving Program; project is complete.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Ms. Cain**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

**Serita Clifford, 610 Doyle Avenue: Owner at 612 Doyle Avenue has been fined. The Magistrate told her there is further action that a Municipality can do, and they should check with their Solicitor.**

**Michael Lederman: It is an involved process. Not a quick fix.**

**JoAnne Arlett, 831 Forest Avenue: The neighbor at 829 Forest Avenue is parking on my property and I have has asked politely to move the vehicle.**

**Barb Ferson commented on this in an effort to resolve the issue.**

**Adjournment**

**President Baran adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**Donna M McMichael, Borough Secretary**

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**Joseph M Baran, President of Council**