

WEST HOMESTEAD BOROUGH
Council Meeting
July 13, 2021
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, Mrs. Ferson, Mr. Fonos, Mrs. Scolieri

Absent: Mr. Guzzi

Also, in attendance were Mayor John Dindak, Solicitor Stanley Lederman, Solicitor Michael Lederman, Borough Engineers Mark Brashear and Bill Roth, Borough Manager Bill Etherington, and Borough Secretary Donna McMichael

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments.

REPORTS:

Engineer: Mark Brashear

- They are finishing Conway paving.
- The New 8th Avenue project should be starting soon.

Engineer: Bill Roth

- Working with PennDOT on 837 reconstruction project.
- By the end of September, we should be getting bids and the project should begin in the Spring of 2022.
- New metal casting will need to be put on all the manholes.
- Working to prepare necessary agreements.

Solicitor: Stanley Lederman

- There are two items tonight, one Resolution and one proposed Ordinance.
- Resolution 21-023 is to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ADA requirements.
- Proposed Ordinance 717, adopting new ALCOSAN rules and regulations.

Mayor: John Dindak

- No report

Borough Manager: Bill Etherington

- Scan Tec will be doing a pick-up on Thursday.
- First meeting was on June 28th to discuss Blight in the Borough.
- On July 26th we will meet with Tri Cog Land Bank at 4pm.
- We will be replacing the Recycle Committee with a new Sewer Committee on July 26th at 5pm.

Police Chief, Christopher Deasy

- Absent

Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Dindak

- YTD: 207 calls
- Last month 26 calls: wires, water related.
- Six firefighters tested for Firefighter #1.
- On August 14th we will have an open house at noon until 2. There will be a ceremony to honor Paul Cain.
- We will be meeting with Steel Valley Fire Departments to work on joint guidelines.

Steel Rivers Council of Governments: Ashley Cain

- On summer break.

Steel Valley Enterprise Zone: Ray Fonos

- The meeting was on June 21st, first in person meeting since the pandemic.
- Make the SVEZ more open to people, there is money in the bank.

Main Street TIF: Ray Fonos

- Did not meet in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Affairs: Barb Ferson, Chair

- A meeting will be on July 19th at 5pm.
- Community Day is August 14th and there will be food, music, and games.
- Public Works will supply two guys.
- We have ten (10) volunteers.
- Movie night has been cancelled.

Personnel: Dave Harhai

- Ongoing negotiations with the Police contract.

Property, Rose Scolieri

- The Attorney is still working on documents to close on Borough owned property, 9th and Hays.

Public Safety: Rose Scolieri, Chair (Manager read report)

- Total number of calls/complaints for the month of June: 140, 110 from West Homestead and 30 mutual aids.
- YTD: 1157 calls, 953 West Homestead, 194 mutual aid, 96 reportable offenses
- Zone 1: 21%, Zone 2: 58%, Zone 3: 23%.
- 10 traffic citations were issued, YTD 42.
- 20 prisoners were held from Homestead, YTD

Public Works: Frank Guzzi, Chair (Manager read report)

- Standard monthly duties. Trash, recycle, borough maintenance, and landscaping.
- Trash collection: 79.2 tons for the month of May 2021. (8 trucks)
- Recycling: 7.5 tons for the month of May 2021. (4 trucks)
- Roof repair will begin tomorrow at the Public Works building.

Recycling Committee; Ashley Cain, Chair

- There will no longer be a Recycling Committee.
- The grant money for the truck was received in April.

Website: Ray Fonos, Chair

- We are still on target to go live by the end of September.

Agenda Items

1. **Accept minutes from the Council Meeting, as written, for June 8, 2021.**

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

All in favor, motion passed.

2. **Approve and ratify all bills paid and to be paid for the month of July 2021.**

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

All in favor, motion passed.

3. **Approve Resolution 21-023, Entering into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.**

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Ms. Cain

Mr. Lederman summarized Resolution 21-023.

All in favor, motion passed.

4. **Approve proposed Ordinance 717, adopting new ALCOSAN rules and regulations.**

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Ms. Cain

Mr. Lederman summarized proposed Ordinance 717

All in favor, motion passed.

5. **Advertise proposed Ordinance 717.**

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

All in favor, motion passed.

6. **Approve Case/Sabatini to perform the 2020 Financial Audit.**

Motion: Mr. Harhai Second: Mr. Fonos

All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. **Seritta Clifford: Doyle Avenue; Complaints about neighbor's property.**
2. **Linda Dindak: Overdale; Trying to control feral cats. Traps will hold 3-4 cats. Cat Management will trap, neuter and release. They will keep kittens. It is a "No Kill".**
3. **Bill McLaughlin: 3536 Fieldstone; The postal mailbox on Edgewood/Pinewood is leaning. Mayor said he would take care of it.**

Adjournment

President Baran adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST

Donna M. McMichael

Donna M McMichael, Borough Secretary

Joseph M Baran

Joseph M Baran, President of Council