

**WEST HOMESTEAD BOROUGH  
Council Meeting  
November 9, 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, Ms. Ferson, Mr. Fonos, Mr. Harhai, Ms. Scolieri

**Absent:** Mr. Guzzi

Also, in attendance were, Mayor John Dindak, Solicitor Michael Lederman, Borough Engineer Bill Roth and Mark Brashear, Borough Manager Bill Etherington, Borough Secretary Donna McMichael, Junior Council Person Riley Furrick

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comments.

**REPORTS:**

**Engineer: Mark Brashear**

- Working on sewer mandates for consent order.
- Wrapped up with project on New 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Preparing list for streets for the year 2022.

**Engineer: Bill Roth**

- Discussion on the sewer system with Bill Etherington.  
Information given as to what needs done, best interest for the Borough.

**Solicitor: Michael Lederman**

- Approve a Resolution this evening.

**Mayor: John Dindak**

- No report

**Borough Manager: Bill Etherington**

- The salt shed is complete, estimated at \$40K. Thank you to Frank Guzzi who helped, actual cost was \$20K.
- Donna and I trained on Laser Fish and the Website.
- Working on budgets, department meetings start next week.

**Steel Rivers Council of Governments: Ashley Cain**

- Talked about blighted properties.
- Holiday party in December.

**Steel Valley Enterprise Zone: Barb Ferson**

- First Friday, tremendous success.
- We need to engage businesses, abundance of funding available.
- Trail guide: need to get businesses in.

**Main Street TIF: Ray Fonos**

- Meeting is as needed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Affairs: Barb Ferson, Chair**

- Hosted Halloween event. Thanks to Donna, Robin, Fire Department, Police, and judges.
- Riley Furrick crowned as Homecoming Queen, Congratulations.
- Lite-Up night will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**Personnel: Dave Harhai, Chair**

- Congratulations to Riley.
- Rodney Steele has voluntarily terminated his employment as of November 1, 2021, and he is now on disability retirement.
- Welcome back Mayor.

**Property, Rose Scolieri, Co-Chair**

- After 15 months, the property at 9<sup>th</sup> and Hays will close this month.
- A Resolution will be presented this evening.

**Sewer Management: Ashley Cain, Chair**

- Collecting data.

**Website: Ray Fonos, Chair**

- Website is up and running.
- Phase 2 will be next.

## Agenda Items

1. **Accept minutes from the Council Meeting, as written, for the following dates: June 1, 2021; July 6, 2021; August 3, 2021; September 8, 2021; October 5, 2021; October 12, 2021.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Mr. Fonos**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

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

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Mr. Fonos**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

3. **Authorize advertisement of the proposed 2022 Budget.**

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

**All voted in favor of motion.**

4. **Approve Resolution 21-028, authorizing the sale of three parcels of land owned by the Borough to Atlas Estates.**

**Michael Lederman read the Resolution.**

**Motion: Mr. Harhai    Second: Mr. Fonos**

**All voted in favor of motion.**

## Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. **Bill McLaughlin, 3536 Fieldstone Drive: A rope needs to be replaced on the flagpole, but we need a bucket truck to repair it. Bill will replace the rope. Bill followed a pickup truck from West Run Road into West Homestead, and it blew through several stop signs and turned onto Vivjon Drive. Bill followed it and encountered two older men in the vehicle who became belligerent with him. Something needs done.**
2. **JoAnn Arlett, Doyle Avenue: The stop signs before Doyle Avenue, no one stops!**

**On Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm there will be a Public Safety meeting and Rose will be discussing several issues.**

**Ray Fonos read a letter from a former resident, Tina Prepelka, complaining about how she was selling her house and the inspection did not pass due to garbage that was put out on Tuesday prior to garbage collection on Thursday. She asked for reimbursement of the inspection fee that she was charged. There was a discussion among Council. Decision made not to reimburse her.**

**Adjournment**

**President Baran adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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Donna M McMichael, Borough Secretary

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Joseph M Baran, President of Council