

Regular Meeting February 10, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with TJ Edinger, Jim Ferrante, Frank Ferrucci, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock and Mayor Altman present. Also present at the meeting was Gary Jones from the Solicitors Office and Chief Jannetti. Absent from the meeting was John Hemphill.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr., to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr., to approve the January bills as listed along with additional bills from Book & Proch. One for water in the amount of \$8318.00 and sewer in the amount of \$11,000.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications

A notice was received from PSAB looking for nominations for office in the Association. If the borough has a qualified candidate to submit it is due by Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Tax Collector's Report – None

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for January were 88.5 hours on duty, with 20 incidents and 495 miles patrolled. The total mileage on the police cruiser as of 01/31/2025 was 10,070.

Visitors

Leslie Hardy – Wampum Volunteer Fire Department

The fire department is hosting a night at the races on March 8, 2025. They are requesting that the borough pay for the port-a-john rental for the event like before.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Shrock, for the borough to pay for the port-a-john rental for the Wampum Volunteer Fire Department's event. All were in favor, motion carried.

John Wallace – 335 Main Street

John had some questions regarding the easements for the water project. He wanted to know who the named insured on the project would be. The borough will be the named insured, and the contractor will be responsible for having a maintenance bond.

Jesse Altman – 361 Main Street Ext.

Jesse has applied for a building/zoning permit for a new porch. The porch was denied a zoning permit due to encroaching on the street right-of-way. He was granted a building permit. The current porch steps are on the right-of-way. He is looking for approval from Council to put the porch out to where the current steps are. The new porch will go out as far as the current steps and he will put the new steps out the side instead of the front.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Ferrucci to grant Jesse Altman permission to construct his porch once he submits new drawings and the porch remains as a non-conforming structure and does not exceed past the current porch steps. All were in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Endo Opioid Funding Project

Kelly Jr. sent an email to the trust regarding use of the funds and is waiting for a response.

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The are still a lot of ROW agreements that need to be signed. Discussion was held on sending out registered letters. Kelly Jr. will contact the Engineer to see about going door to door to have them signed and notarized.

A notice was received from James Aubel, the owner of 610 JFK Street, asking for some revisions to the easement paperwork. The changes he is requesting are already covered in the agreement, so no changes will be made.

2025 Borough Clean-up Day

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to have clean-up day for Wampum Residents on Saturday, April 26, 2025, by Aiken Refuse. All were in favor, motion carried.

Police Department Records Management System

The Lawrence County DA wants all Police Departments to be on the same Records Management System. This has been a county-wide five-year project. The DA has researched this and has picked a new platform called Central Square. The DA will pay for the initial set-up and first year. After that they will still pay for it as long as they have the funds. If not, the Borough will be responsible for the payment of \$1743.86 per year.

Wampum PD is currently using the Cops2K program, which is free, but they are unable to share information with any other department including the DA's office. Chief Jannetti would like that to change and have all departments on the same system.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to approve the agreement with Central Square Technologies, LLC for their Record Management System. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr., to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

Report of Committees***Electric***

Two new drivers for streetlights were ordered. They worked, so more will be obtained.

Sewer & Water

A water leak was found by Tony D'Arrigo's house where the new line was put in. The old curb box was never shut off and it was leaking. Utility Contracting who did the work could not come immediately so Jr. & Sr. had to do the work to shut off the leak.

Budget – None***Buildings – None******Police***

The new vest for Officer Benincase has been ordered.

Streets – None***Park & Recreation***

There is a meeting scheduled for next week with LSSE to review the park plans.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Sue Dean, Secretary