

Regular Meeting January 13, 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 Solicitor Perrotta and Chief Jannetti. Absent from the meeting was John Hemphill.

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

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock, to approve the bills as listed for December. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications

A survey was conducted by PMEA regarding electric rate increases due to the PJM Capacity costs and most boroughs responded.

Tax Collector's Report

The beginning balance collectable as of December 1, 2024, was \$11,608.65 less face collections for the month of \$2,654.55. This leaves an ending balance of \$8,954.10 as of December 31, 2024. This amount will be turned over to the Lawrence County Tax Claim Office.

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for December were 126 hours on duty, 638 miles patrolled with 35 incidents. The total mileage on the police cruiser as of 12/31/24 was 9557.

Visitors – None***Unfinished Business******Endo Opioid Remediation***

The Police Chief is still working on the training. The borough received additional funds in December to add to the total that needs to be spent.

New Business***2023 Lead Removal Project ROW Agreements***

After the two public meetings were held there are less than 100 ROW Agreements left to be signed. The next step will be going door to door. The permanent easements are the most important to obtain right away.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to authorize the Solicitor and Engineer to obtain the permanent easements for the 2023 Lead Removal Project. All were in favor, motion carried.

Wampum Community Revitalization Appeal

A tax appeal hearing will be held at the county courthouse regarding the denial the Wampum Community Revitalization received for their property located at 331 Main Street.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger to approve the Solicitor attending the hearing on the borough's behalf for the Wampum Community Revitalization v. Lawrence County Board of Assessment. All were in favor, motion carried.

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Windstream/Kinetic Broadband

Windstream (Kinetic) intends to apply for a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant to expand fiber broadband service in our area. They would be happy to set up a meeting with borough council to discuss their plan and answer any questions.

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

Some of the streetlights need to be repaired.

Sewer & Water

The work at the sewage plant has been completed.

Budget – None

Buildings – None

Police

Officer Benincase needs new body armor, his has expired. Chief Jannetti's will expire at the end of the year.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to approve the purchase of new body armor for Officer Benincase and Chief Jannetti. All were in favor, motion carried.

Officer Tom Sansone resigned effective December 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock, to accept the resignation of Officer Tom Sansone as of 12/31/2024. All were in favor, motion carried.

Streets

Snow removal on Allen Court has been impossible to do as everyone is parking on the street and there is not enough room for the plow to get through.

Park & Recreation – None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Sue Dean, Secretary