

BOROUGH OF WHITAKER
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

David Funk, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Funk, President of Council, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECORDING OF MEETING

Dave Funk, Vice President of Council, read the following statement, "This meeting is being recorded for a matter of record and in assistance in the preparation of the minutes."

ROLL CALL

Council Present: David Funk, President of Council; Christopher Prilla, Vice President of Council; Dan Urban; Matt Pasquantonio; Richard Lassige; Robert Silvasy; Albert Race.

Others Present: Joseph Dalfonso, Solicitor; Michele Lippert, Borough Secretary

Council Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Funk, President of Council, announced that an Executive Session was held on April 1, 2025 regarding litigation and personnel issues.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting:

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Al Race
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: The financial report for March 2025 was presented by Bob Silvasy.

Motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented.

- Motion – Al Race
- Second – Chris Prilla

ROLL CALL:

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Dave _Y_ Bob _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

Streets, Roads & Property:

All Roads are good, no report submitted from PW, had routine duties getting ready for spring. Had a few issues with the dump that were handled. Any resident is welcome to use the dump, which is for grass, leaves, tree debris etc. It is not for construction items, appliances or anything else other than landscaping debris. Contact Sue Lippert for access.

Recreation:

Bob Silvasy reported that he did some repairs, it appears to still be leaking. He wants to take one more look at it, but we may need to pursue Park Plumbing to do the repairs.

Police & Personnel:

Al Race reported we need police. He has an application from a police officer that worked for the borough before. Cars are OK.

Health & Sanitation:

Rich Lassige reported refuse contract is up this year Solicitor stated the specs are ready to go when the borough is ready to go out for bid.

Fire & EMS:

Dan Urban read the report – March Calls = 20 Baldwin EMS calls & 8 Fire Department calls.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Whitaker Sewage Committee:

Rich Lassige reported 6 notices went out, 2 complied, 1 is still in limbo. Wants PW to start checking the sewer grates. Dan Urban advised PW has started cleaning the sewers Rich mentioned there may be a couple that need replaced. Al Race asked who is responsible for the one on Whitaker Street & Schwab. Rich believes it is the borough's sewer.

Planning Committee:

No Report.

Tax Collection Committee:

Secretary Lippert reported next meeting was April 3, 2025.

Recreation Committee:

No Report.

Mayor's Report: Rich Lassiige reported for the month of March, Whitaker PD answered 66 calls; PSP answered 24 calls for a total of 90 calls.

Solicitor's Report: No Report.

Engineer Report: Dave Funk read the report for March 2025.

Bldg. Insp/Code Enforce Rprt: Bob Silvasy read the report for March 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to authorize the secretary to advertise Ordinance 1 of 2025 to amend Dumpster Ordinance 1 of 2021.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ N _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ N _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2025, appointing Secretary Lippert as the Southwest Tax Collection District Delegate.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Dave Funk
 - Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2025, for the engineer to apply for a LSA Grant for \$80,000 with a 15% borough match.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ N _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

▪ **Motion to terminate Demetric Jones as a PW employee.**

- Motion – Dan Urban
- Second – Matt Pasquantonio
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

▪ **Motion to hire Cody Schriener as a public works employee for \$11 per hour.**

- Motion – Matt Pasquantonio
- Second – Dave Funk

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ Y _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

▪ **Motion to install two SLOW - CHILD AT PLAY sign at or around 207 Magnolia Street.**

- Motion – Chris Prilla
- Second – Bob Silvasy

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ Y _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

▪ **Motion to donate \$200 to Whitaker VFC for Memorial Day Ceremony expenses.**

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Matt Pasquantonio

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MOTION CARRIES

▪ **Motion to enter into a 2025 Vactor Contract Agreement with TVCCOG for \$9,520 for 7 days.**

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Matt Pasquantonio

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MOTION CARRIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker Community Cares meetings and events:

- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 12, 2025. 11am at the ballfield.
- Regular – The next meeting is April 17, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lori Urban – 271 Washington Avenue – Wants council to stop the homeowner at 276 Henry Street from spraying the alley on her half of the alley. This is borough property and the homeowners have been taking care of the alley behind their properties. Lori stated she has called the pest control company and also let them know she does not want that portion of the alley sprayed. Lori stated she called the police department but no one called her back. She wants it to be on record so when she takes this further, she can show she tried to get it taken care of but no one ever called her back. Lori stated that she has been told it won't hurt the animals, but does not want to take any chances. Lori does not think she is asking a lot as it is not her property

Ken Mack – 171 Grant Avenue, wanted to know if council had received receipts for what was spent for the fire tax money that was released to the VFD, Dave Funk responded not yet, but that they will supply the receipts as they spend the money.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Chris Prilla
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES