

BOROUGH OF WHITAKER
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Others Present: Gina Rosso, Solicitor; Michele Lippert, Borough Secretary

Council Absent: Mike Bogesdorfer, President of Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Funk, Vice President of Council, announced that an Executive Session was held on January 7, 2025 regarding litigation and personnel issues.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting:

- Motion – Dan Urban
- Second – Chris Prilla
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: The financial report for December 2024 was presented by David Funk.

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

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Chris Prilla

ROLL CALL:

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

Streets, Roads & Property:

Dan Urban read the PW report. Al & Dan stated what a great job PW did on the streets during the snow days/nights. Al reported that the Bobcat has all the wires cut on the ignition switch. Al said they check the equipment once a week. Al stated there is a rumor he is resigning; he is not resigning at this time and he has not decided if he will run again or not. Al wants to get authorized to buy the PW truck we have a grant for, Dave Funk stated more discussion needs to happen before buying the vehicle.

Recreation:

No Report.

Police & Personnel:

No Report.

Health & Sanitation:

Rich Lassige reported all is going good except for some putting their trash out too early.

Fire & EMS:

Dan Urban read the report – December Calls = 18 Baldwin EMS calls & 12 Fire Department calls. EMS YTD = 226 calls. Dan stated the fire department is not closing, he stated someone if going around spreading rumors they are closing and they are not. They are in a recruitment drive and have three applications for people that are capable of going into a fire. They have manpower now. Dan stated that whomever is spreading the rumors should get their information from the proper source and that source is him. His number is posted and he is available. Dan stated they still need help. Wants people who are willing to help and to help their neighbors and reiterated again they are not closing.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Whitaker Sewage Committee:

Rich Lassige stated the work on 837 by Ackerman's should be starting this week, Rich stated he checked the storm sewers on the corner of Whitaker & Schwab & Schwab & Fedora, both need to have the grates removed to check further. Had 5 hearings, 1 fined, 1 dismissed, 2 had to pay, 1 postponed until February.

Planning Committee:

No Report.

Tax Collection Committee:

Secretary Lippert reported next meeting September 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dave Funk read the report for December 2024.

BUILDING INSPECTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Secretary Lippert read the report for December 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Bogesdorfer effective January 14, 2025.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio
 - Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to accept the resignation of Kenneth Mack from the Zoning Hearing Board.**
 - Motion – Rich Lassige
 - Second – Dan Urban
 - Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to appoint Susan Mack to the Zoning Board.**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Rich Lassige
 - Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to hire Kenneth Mack for \$10 per hour as a crossing guard, effective January 15, 2025.**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to hire Carrie Roman for \$10 per hour as a back-up crossing guard, effective January 15, 2025.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Al Race

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to transfer \$41,186.50 from the Sewage Surcharge Fund to the General Fund as 25% reimbursement of 2024 administration and public works salaries, fuel, truck payment, supplies, communications, equipment repairs & truck repairs for estimated sewage work.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Al Race

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to adopt resolution 1 of 2025 to appoint Mark C. Turnley, CPA, as the Borough's independent auditor to conduct the audit for the year 2024 in the amount of \$5000.**
 - Motion – Rich Lassige
 - Second – Dan Urban

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to adopt resolution 2 of 2025 authorizing the disposition of specific records.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio
 - Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to purchase a Barnes & Noble gift card for \$50 for the West Mifflin Area School District Library to purchase a book in memory of John Chuha:**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Dan Urban

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to purchase a Barnes & Noble gift card for \$50 for the West Mifflin Area School District Library to purchase a book in memory of Catherine Ratay:**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Chris Prilla

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to authorize the SRCOG to perform street sweeping for the borough at a rate of \$110 per hour twice a year.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Mike _X_ Dave _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker Community Cares meetings and events:

- Regular – The next meeting is January 16, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the fire-hall.

CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

Bob Silvasy, 155 Magnolia Street, wanted to commend the borough crew for their hard work on the roads.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motion – Chris Prilla
- Second – Matt Pasquantonio
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD FOLLOW THE REGULAR MEETING.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session to discuss the cleaning contract.