

BOROUGH OF WHITAKER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
March 12, 2024 – 7 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

“THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED FOR A MATTER OF RECORD AND IN ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION OF THE MINUTES.”

ROLL CALL

“AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON March 05, 2024 REGARDING LITIGATION & PERSONNEL ISSUES.”

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Council Member Funk

- Motion to approve the report as presented and to pay the bills on the check register.

Streets, Roads & Property

Recreation

Police Department & Personnel

Health & Sanitation

Fire & EMS

Council Members Race & Urban

Council Members Shimpeno & Prilla

Council Members Race & Lassige

Council Member Lassige

Council Member Urban

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Whitaker Sewage Committee

Planning Committee

Tax Collection Committee

Whitaker Community Cares/Recreational Facilities

Council Members Bogesdorfer, Lassige & Prilla

Council Members Bogesdorfer, Funk & Race

Secretary Lippert & Assistant Secretary Warren

Council Members Shimpeno, Funk & Lassige

MAYOR’S REPORT

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

ENGINEER’S REPORT

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Mayor Lassige

Dodaro Matta & Cambest

Glenn Engineering

Martone Engineering

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2024 increasing fees for zoning permits from \$25 to \$50; residential inspections for 1-2 units from \$50 to \$75; and residential inspections for multi-units from \$75 per unit to \$100 per unit; commercial inspections from \$100 to \$200; and industrial inspections from \$100 per use/structure to \$200 per use/structure.
- Motion to adopt a proclamation recognizing April 2024 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.
- Motion to open a checking account for the Fire Tax at First National Bank with the same signers as the other accounts.
- Motion to add Michele Lippert to the Borough credit card at First National Bank.
- Motion to approve \$.50 per hour increase for Kelvin Brooks from \$11.50 to \$12.00 effective April 1, 2024.
- Motion to approve \$.50 per hour increase for Neal Jones from \$11.50 to \$12.00 effective April 1, 2024.
- Motion to approve \$.50 per hour increase for Sue Lippert from \$14.00 to \$14.50 effective April 1, 2024.
- Motion to reject the bids received for Act 152 demolition 2022 round and notify Steel Rivers COG.
- Motion to authorize PA Municipal Services to lien current and future properties with delinquent sewage balances over \$1,000.
- Motion to accept the quote **MUNIBIT** for the building and hosting of a website for the Borough. Includes building the website & unlimited support. Cost is 6 months free, then \$49.00 per month for life of contract, 1st year = \$249.00
- Motion to approve filing a sheriff sale for property located at 213 River View Blvd., parcels 180-D-310 and 180-D-312.
- Motion to authorize the Secretary to transfer the Memorial Day funds CD from PNC Bank to First National Bank upon renewal date.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Thomas Shimpeno as a Councilman effective March 12, 2024.
- Motion to authorize the Secretary to advertise a vacant Council position.
- Motion to authorize the Secretary to purchase a new police computer for a cost not to exceed \$1,000 and authorize set-up by the IT contractor for the police department.
- Motion to donate \$100 to WCC for the kids Easter Egg Hunt.
- Motion to approve payment to Bob's Autotorium in the amount of \$2,495.13 for work completed on the 2011 Dump Truck.

- Motion to purchase a 2023 Ford Interceptor police vehicle for \$39,380 with upfitting cost of \$11,671.99 for a total cost of \$51,051.99 from Laurel Auto Group; trade-in the 2015 Taurus for \$4,000; and authorize the Secretary to apply for a vehicle loan from First National Bank.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Whitaker Community Cares meetings and events:
 - Regular – The next meeting is March 21 at 7 p.m. at the firehall.
 - Easter Egg Hunt March 23, 2024 at the ball field 11 – 12.
 - Requests and payments for new veteran banners are due March 15.
 - The VFC is hosting a Night at the Races on April 19. Information and tickets are available from any firefighter.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD)

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn.