**THE COUNCIL MEETING OF NORTH IRWIN BOROUGH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT THE NORTH IRWIN BOROUGH TOWN HALL**

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Moment of Silence

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor John McIntyre, President Sue Kochman, Vice President, Sharon Ziros and Council: Bob Kennedy, Dawn Ziros, Thom Swenson and John Lipinski.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa Gesler, Secretary, councilwoman: Casey Parker

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS** -

 Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: John Lipinski

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**VISITORS**

Mr. Austin Hatfield

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

 Motion: Sharon Ziros

 Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**APPROVAL OF TREASUERER REPORT**

 Motion: John Lipinski

 Second: Sharon Ziros

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**VISITORS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Austin Hatfield spoke on the topic of First Street. He asked if the engineer inspected the work being done. Sue explained that a punch list was made and all of the issues will be fixed properly. He also inquired about a fence that he wants to put up on his property. Sue explained that we do have zoning laws to be followed, and this will be done by our zoning officer.

**POLICE REPORT**

Mayor McIntyre passed the police report around to be viewed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Community Relations:*** NO REPORT

***Budget and Finance:*** NO REPORT

***Public Works:*** NO REPORT

***Parks and Recreation:*** NO REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Fight the Blight** – Sue Kochman asked for a motion to accept the agreement and resolution to partner with “Fight the Blight”, a program designed to remedy ongoing properties that do not comply with our ordinances. Dawn Ziros made the motion to accept both the agreement and resolution No. 2023-05 with a second by Sharon Ziros, motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution for Rules of Decorum** – Sue asked for a motion to accept resolution NO. 2023-06, pertaining to the rules regarding public comments, limiting comments to three minutes and borough residents only, unless suspended by borough council. Dawn Ziros made the motion, with a second from Bob Kennedy, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

1. **WWMA** – Sue Kochman read a letter of interest from resident, Lisa Kovac to fill the vacant seat on the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority Board. Dawn Ziros made the motion with a second from Bob Kennedy.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Sue Kochman announced that council members need to prepare paperwork and forms, such as residency affidavit and financial interest form (State Ethics Form)

Bob Kennedy asked if we could have another walk through on First Street. Sue explained that we need to give the contractors a chance to come back and fix the issues.

Sue Kochman read a letter we received from Norwin Historical Society, thanking us for the donations of items that we gave.

Sue also thanked John Lipinski for his service on council and announced that our next meeting will be held on January 2nd, 2024 for the swearing in of all incoming council members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dawn Ziros made the motion to adjourn, with a second from John Lipinski.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Lisa Gesler

Secretary/Treasurer