

**BOROUGH OF WHITAKER  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 9, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mike Bogesdorfer, President of Council, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECORDING OF MEETING**

Mike Bogesdorfer, 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: Mike Bogesdorfer, President of Council; Richard Lassige; Daniel Urban; Albert Race; Christopher Prilla.

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

Council Absent: Dave Funk.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mike Bogesdorfer, President of Council, announced that a ***Special*** Executive Session was held on March 27, 2024 regarding litigation and personnel issues.

Mike Bogesdorfer, President of Council, announced that an additional Executive Session was held on April 02, 2024 regarding litigation and personnel issues.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **FILL VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

*Notifications of interest were received from Matthew Pasquantonio and David Lippert to fill the remainder of Thomas Shimpeno's term on Council.*

Introduction of candidates - Matthew Pasquantonio and David Lippert stood, addressed council, introduced themselves and spoke about what they would bring to council should they be nominated.

### **Call for nominations:**

Matthew Pasquantonio - nominated by Dan Urban

David Lippert - nominated by Al Race

As there were no other nominations the nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote:

- Dan Urban – Matthew Pasquantonio
- Rich Lassige – Matthew Pasquantonio
- Mike Bogesdorfer – Matthew Pasquantonio
- Dave Funk – ***ABSENT***
- Al Race – David Lippert
- Chris Prilla – David Lippert

Matthew Pasquantonio was welcomed to Council.

- **Motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2024 providing for the appointment of a registered elector of the Borough to fill the council vacancy in accordance with the provisions of section 45901 of the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:**
  - Motion – Dan Urban
  - Second – Rich Lassige
  - Voice Vote – All in Favor

## **MOTION CARRIES**

**Appointed Councilman get sworn in, fills out Affidavit of Residency and takes seat.**

*Al Race excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Council Meeting:**

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

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Council Meeting:**

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

### **MOTION CARRIES**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** The financial report for March 2024 was presented by Mike Bogesdorfer.

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

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Daniel Urban

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Dan \_Y\_ Matt \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_X\_ Al \_X\_ Chris \_Y\_**

### **MOTION CARRIES**

#### **Streets, Roads & Property:**

Dan is going to check into the fuel usage.  
Dan read the monthly work completed report.  
PA One call going online, this will enable PW to report instantly if a PA One call is needed.

#### **Recreation:**

Community Cares meeting April 18, 2024.

#### **Police & Personnel:**

Rich Lassige reported the Police Department the Durango had new brakes, rotors & wipers installed at Culgan, cost was \$886.00. Previous vendor completed same job in June and charged \$882.00. He recommends changing vendors.

**Health & Sanitation:**

Rich Lassige reported 3 court hearings, 2 continued, 1 fined. One Occupancy Permit was filed. Seven door knockers, 5 complied, 1 complaint was mailed out.

**Fire & EMS:**

Dan stated Baldwin EMS answered 16 calls in March, 79 for the year. Fire company had 12 calls, 5 in the borough.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Whitaker Sewage Committee:** No report.

**Planning Committee:** No report.

**Tax Collection Committee:** Trying to obtain the minutes from the meeting on March 14, 2024.

**Whitaker Community Cares/Recreational Facilities :**

Community Cares meeting April 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
Night at the Races with the VFD April 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm  
Contacted the Food Bank, at this time they are looking for volunteers in order to have the lunch program. They want to have it at the ball field, also reach out to the Methodist Church, have not heard back from them yet.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Rich Lassige reported that Whitaker PD, answered 47 calls for March, 18 of which were answered by PSP.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Joe state the public works employee manual is updated including who to report to in case of injury and they will need to go to the place in Monroeville.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Not read, nothing new was on the report.

**BUILDING INSPECTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Ed was on vacation and report will be next month with April's report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2024 authorizing the disposition of specific records.
  - Motion – Rich Lassige
  - Second – Chris Prilla
  - Voice Vote – All in Favor

## **MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to approve placing a 1/2 page ad in the Whitaker United Methodist Church 100th Anniversary Booklet for \$35.00.
  - Motion – Chris Prilla
  - Second – Rich Lassige

## **ROLL CALL:**

Dan \_Y\_ Matt \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_X\_ Al \_X\_ Chris \_Y\_

## **MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to accept the proposal from Ed Crates to serve as the building inspector, zoning officer and code enforcement officer for a monthly retainer of \$400.00, which includes a monthly written report and an additional \$75.00 for any requested meeting attendance.
  - Motion – Rich Lassige
  - Second – Dan Urban

## **ROLL CALL:**

Dan \_Y\_ Matt \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_X\_ Al \_X\_ Chris \_Y\_

## **MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to approve a \$200.00 donation to Whitaker VFD for food for the Memorial Day Ceremony.
  - Motion – Chris Prilla
  - Second – Rich Lassige

**ROLL CALL:**

Dan \_Y\_ Matt \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_X\_ Al \_X\_ Chris \_Y\_

**MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to approve the purchase a Tamper for the Public Works Department for \$2,435.00 from White Cap.

*There was a counter Motion to table the Motion for now*

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Dan Urban

**ROLL CALL:**

Dan \_Y\_ Matt \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_X\_ Al \_X\_ Chris \_Y\_

**MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to adopt the revised Public Works Employee Handbook including the updates relating to the drug policy.

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

**MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to authorize the Secretary to locate a facility that will administer the drug testing.

*There was a counter Motion to table the Motion for now*

- Motion – Mike Bogesdorfer
- Second – Rich Lassige
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

**MOTION CARRIES**

- Motion to accept the proposal from Culgan to replace the motor in the 2011 GMC Dump Truck for \$4925.00, includes labor and 3 year/100K warranty.

*There was a counter Motion to table the Motion for now*

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Dan Urban

## **ROLL CALL:**

**Dan \_Y\_ Matt \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_X\_ Al \_X\_ Chris \_Y\_**

## **MOTION CARRIES**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Whitaker Community Cares:**

#### Meetings and Events:

- Regular – The next meeting is April 18 at 7 p.m. at the firehall.
- The VFC is hosting a Night at the Races on April 19. Information and tickets are available from any firefighter.

## **CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION**

Bob Galvin 119 Dora Street, would like to ask if the Whitaker Cares Garden Committee can have the Council Chambers for their meeting on April 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Chris Prilla offered to be there to let them in.

Dave Lippert 122 Grant Street, reminded Rich about the storm drain issue on Grant by the VFD parking lot, the “patch” job in front of 117 Grant. Brickhouse Plumbing needs reminded and reminded that it goes from curb to curb for repair of road.

Bob Silvasy 155 Magnolia, stated Community Day will be September 28, 2024 at the ball field.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

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