

**BOROUGH OF WHITAKER**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 8, 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; David Funk, Vice President of Council; Daniel Urban; Richard Lassige; Albert Race; Christopher Prilla; Matt Pasquantonio; Dawn Jensen, Mayor.

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

Council Absent: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mike Bogesdorfer, President of Council, announced that an Executive Session was held on October 1, 2024 regarding litigation and personnel issues.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIES**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**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\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_**

## **MOTION CARRIES**

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

Al Race reported that both trucks are in service. Putting lawn mowers away, hoping the cutting season is over, patching holes.

Sue Lippert read the report of work performed in the borough.

### **Recreation:**

None.

### **Police & Personnel:**

None.

### **Health & Sanitation:**

Rich Lassige reported two door knockers, both complied. Four court hearings, all were postponed. Eight notices were mailed out, three were extended, three to citation & two are pending.

### **Fire & EMS:**

Dan Urban reported Baldwin EMS answered 32 calls in September. There were 11 fire calls.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Whitaker Sewage Committee:**

Still waiting on Glenn Engineering for the storm sewers, for Frank, Grant & 837.

### **Planning Committee:**

No report.

### **Tax Collection Committee:**

Secretary Lippert reported they passed the budget for next year and accepted the 2023 audit.

### **Whitaker Community Cares/Recreational Facilities :**

- Regular - The next meeting is October 17, 2024, 7 pm at the fire-hall.
- Comedy Night is November 8, 2024. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Whitaker Community Cares. Information is also available on the borough's website: Whitaker.gov

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dawn Jensen reported 71 calls for the month of September 2024.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Dave Funk read the report for September 2024.

### **BUILDING INSPECTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Secretary Lippert read the report for September 2024

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Motion to accept the 2023 Audit.**
  - Motion – Dave Funk
  - Second – Rich Lassige
  - Voice Vote – All in Favor

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to return 98 incorrect inlet bags for a credit of \$5,096.00 and to purchase 7 correct bags with frames for \$5,537.00 from Pleasant Unity, the borough will need to pay \$441.00 from the Sewage Surcharge Fund.**
  - Motion – Rich Lassige
  - Second – Chris Prilla

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

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to adopt Concurring Resolution 8 of 2024.**
  - Motion – Dave Funk
  - Second – Matt Pasquantonio
  - Voice Vote – All in Favor

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to adopt Slums & Blight Resolution 9 of 2024.**
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  - Motion – Chris Prilla
  - Second – Matt Pasquantonio
  - Voice Vote – All in Favor

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to authorize the secretary to order an Philips HeartStart OnSite Complete AED Package for \$1,499.00 from American AED, using \$1,111.80 left from the EDCDI Police Vehicle Grant, the borough will need to pay \$387.20 from the General Fund.**
  - Motion – Rich Lassige
  - Second – Chris Prilla

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

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to authorize the secretary to advertise in The Valley Mirror for a Crossing Guard.**
  - Motion – Dave Funk
  - Second – Al Race

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

### **MOTION CARRIES**

- **Motion to ratify the phone vote to accept the quote for insurance submitted by Christie & Associates for \$60,176.**
  - Motion – Rich Lassige
  - Second – Dave Funk
  - Voice Vote – All in Favor

### **MOTION CARRIES**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION**

Jim Amrhein, 130 E Schwab Avenue – Wants to know when the no parking signs for the alleys will be obtained. He said he heard in the spring we were supposed to be getting them. Mike stated that was for signs for Schwab Avenue and that they were put up. Jim Amrhein stated it was for the alleys not on Schwab back in the spring, Mike again stated that it was for the street, that Jim Alloy was in asking for the street “speed limit” signs for 15 miles per hour, not for the alleys.

Darleen Boger, 163 Grant Avenue – Stated she feels the dumpster ordinance should state wheeled vehicle and not just wheeled. She does not feel that residents should be made to obtain a dumpster permit each time one is obtained in order to make improvements to your home.

Lawrence Geisler, wanted to bring up why he was let go, he is not able to discuss it at this meeting, he will need to bring it up at an executive meeting.

Ronnie Martorelli, 129 Magnolia Avenue – Wanted to congratulate the mayor as being the first female mayor. Wanted to hold a prayer for the ones in the path of the hurricanes. However, she did not start the prayer. She was born in the home she lives in now. She is in the process of moving back to the borough and is very excited. She elaborated on many personal details. She believes Whitaker is a historical town. Mike wanted to know her complaint, she does not have any complaints, just all positive things to say. She does have one complaint, the traffic. She loved lived here before and is looking forward to moving back.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Dave Funk
- Voice Vote – All in Favor