

Business Meeting Agenda

Borough of West Reading Council Tuesday, December 28, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**
 ___ Jack Gombach, President ___ Philip Wert, Vice President
 ___ Christopher Lincoln, Pro-Tem ___ Jennifer Bressler, Member
 ___ Patrick Kaag, Member ___ Samantha Kaag, Member
 ___ Ryan Lineaweaver, Member ___ Andrew Kearney, Mayor
 ___ Daniel Becker, Solicitor ___ Dean Murray, Borough Manager
2. **Public Comment:** **Per Resolution 2016-1: Time limited to 5 minutes per person. Only residents and taxpayers of the Borough of West Reading will be permitted to address Borough Council. Please state your name and physical address for the record. Written comments can be submitted to info@westreadingborough.org prior to noon on the date of the meeting. Please include: the meeting date "(i.e., 8/17/21) Public Comment" in the subject line of your email and include your name and address.*
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. November 16, 2021 – Regular Meeting
 - b. November 23, 2021 – Budget Meeting
 - c. December 9, 2021 – Special Meeting

1) **Action Item:** Consideration to approve the minutes.
4. **Ordinances / Resolutions**
 - a. **Ordinance ____ - Animal Amendment**
 1) **Action Item:** Consideration to authorize advertisement of an amendment to the animal ordinance that would prohibit tethering as a means of restraint.
 - b. **Ordinance 1144 – Tax Rate Amendment**
 1) **Action Item:** Consideration to adopt an amendment to increase the tax rate for infrastructure purposes to a rate of 1.00 mill for the year 2022.
 - c. **Ordinance 1145 – Sewer Disposal Rates**
 2) **Action Item:** Consideration to adopt an amendment to increase residential and commercial sewer disposal fees 10% effective January 1, 2022.
 - d. **Resolution 2021-22 Refuse and Recycling Collection Services**
 1) **Action Item:** Consideration to increase refuse/recycling fee to \$100 per unit, per quarter.
5. **Consultants' Reports**
 - a. Solicitor's Report
 - b. Engineer's Report
 - 1) **Action Item:** Consideration to award a storm sewer cleaning, televising and inspection contract to Utility Services Group, Inc.
 - 2) **Action Item:** Consideration to approve a final Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$163,020 to H&K Group for the 2021 Road Project.
6. **Executive Session:** Borough Council held an executive session on Friday, December 3, 2021 to discuss personnel matters, and Tuesday, December 28, 2021 to discuss personnel and contract matters.
 1) **Potential Action Item:**
7. **Council President's Report**
8. **Borough Manager's Report**
 - 1) **Action Item:** Consideration to approve an amendment to the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement to include an Acting Crew Leader rate increase for a senior crew member in the absence of the Director and Crew Leader.
 - 2) **Action Item:** Consideration to reject the landfill proposals for service to request new proposals that would span one year to coordinate terms with the trash and recycling hauler contract, and for the solicitor to draft a lease agreement.
 - 3) **Action Item:** Consideration to approve listing fire apparatus for sale with the assistance of Brindlee Fire Apparatus.

		<p>4) Action Item: Consideration to enter into an agreement with the Animal Rescue League for the year 2022.</p> <p>5) Action Item: Consideration to approve an amendment to the Employee Handbook to include a description of a full-time seasonal position.</p> <p>6) Action Item: Consideration to approve the list of 2022 meeting dates and times.</p> <p>7) Action Item: Consideration to accept a letter of resignation from Glenn Granitz, Jr.</p> <p>8) Action Item: Consideration to reappoint Ronald Bechtel to the Civil Service Commission with a six-year term ending December, 31, 2027.</p> <p>9) Action Item: Consideration to approve the closure of South Sixth Avenue from Penn Avenue to Court Street on Friday, January 28, 2022 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for West Reading Tavern's Fire and Ice event.</p> <p>10) Action Item: Consideration to approve the 2022 Municipal Tax Sheet respective millage rates.</p>
9.	Mayor's Report	
10.	Department Reports	<p>a. Police Department</p> <p>1) Action Item: Consideration to approve a college course reimbursement request.</p> <p>b. Public Works</p> <p>1) Action Item: Consideration to approve listing Police Vehicle 38-3 for sale on Public Surplus.</p> <p>c. Fire Department</p> <p>d. Code Department</p> <p>e. West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation Report</p>
11.	Committee / Commission Reports	<p>a. Recreation Commission – December 7, 2021</p> <p>1) Action Item: Consideration to approve the list of 2022 Recreation events and dates.</p> <p>b. Planning Commission – December 1, 2021</p> <p>c. Economic Development Committee – December 13, 2021</p> <p>d. Environmental Advisory Council – November 22, 2021 – Cancelled</p> <p>e. Traffic & Infrastructure Committee – December 8, 2021</p> <p>f. Shade Tree Commission – December 6, 2021</p> <p>g. Safety Committee – November 16, 2021</p>
12.	Treasurer's Report	<p>a. Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement Health Insurance</p> <p>1) Action Item: Consideration to approve an agreement between the Borough and Teamsters Local Union No. 429 for health insurance in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.</p> <p>b. 2022 Budget</p> <p>1) Action Item: Consideration to adopt the 2022 budget.</p> <p>c. Financial Statement – 11 months ending 11/30/2021</p> <p>d. Payment Approval Report – 11/17/21 to 12/16/21 & 12/17/21 to 12/27/21</p> <p>1) Action Item: Consideration to approve the financial statement ending 11/30/21 and payment approval reports of 11/17/21 through 12/27/21.</p>
13.	Public Comment	
14.	Adjournment	