

Thought for the Day – “Mistakes are proof that you are trying!”
~ Jennifer Lim

The Youngwood Borough Council held its regular session on the above date with the meeting being called to order at 7:00 PM and the following members present:

President Palmquist, Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty, Mr. Crago, Mr. Hajdukiewicz, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Peoria, Mayor Long, Solicitor DiMascio and Borough Manager Schaefer.

Mr. Cowherd arrived at 7:08 PM.
Junior Councilperson Wentzel was absent.

President Palmquist opened the meeting with a prayer.
Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Attendance – 2

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Danna Schwartzmiller of 106 Prevenslik Lane was present to ask for consideration when the fireworks are set off at the Ballfields that they get moved back further and redirected from her property as her husband was burned and debris was on her roof.

When asked if she contacted the Borough regarding the issues, she stated she did not contact the Borough at the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty, seconded by Mr. Peoria, to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025, as presented.

Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Borough Manager presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2025.

<u>Treasurer's Report of Fund Balances as of January 31, 2025</u>	
Capital Improvement Fund – General	\$200,310.91
Liquid Fuels Fund	230,745.01
Capital Improvement Fund - P & P	37,181.35
Fire Equipment & Apparatus	51,426.97
Fire Equipment & Apparatus – C.D.	51,260.27
Fire Equipment & Apparatus – C.D.	51,224.51
Act 13 Fund	35,096.81
Cemetery Fund	10,283.46
Perpetual Care Fund	8,165.63
Perpetual Care – C.D.	6,300.52
Perpetual Care – C.D.	13,655.97
C.D.-Mellon Bank	4,136.78
Playground Fund	4,390.05
ARPA Fund	120,311.86

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTORS

The Borough Manager distributed the report from Tax Collector, Kenneth W. Reger for the period ended February 28, 2025, all taxes were turned over to Westmoreland County for delinquent tax collections.

The Borough Manager distributed the report from Berkheimer Tax Administrator for February 28, 2025, Earned Income Tax \$70,774.08; Local Service Tax, \$10,939.71.

Report of permits issued February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025.

Report of Realty Transfer Fees for the period January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025 total received \$1,699.50.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The secretary presented Bills for Approval dated March 3, 2025, List 03-2025, General Fund \$173,907.23.

Motion by Mr. Crago, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to approve Bills for Approval List 03-2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crago	- Yes	Mr. Hajdukiewicz	- Yes
Mr. Peoria	- Yes	Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty	- Yes
Mr. Cowherd	- Yes	Mr. Palmquist	- Yes
Mr. Lutz	- Yes		

7 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received deposit in the amount of \$804.54 from Crown Communications for March rent.
2. Received and emailed Code Enforcement Reports for the month of February as submitted by Mark Cypher.
3. Received deposits in the amount of \$100,735.28 for Act 655 and \$6,520.00 for Act 32 liquid fuels allocation. Total amount deposited into Liquid Fuels account is \$107,255.28.
4. Received deposit in the amount of \$11,325.73 from Comcast for 4th quarter 2024 franchise fees.
5. Received meeting notice of the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association meeting on March 27th at 5:30 PM. Program will be the Keystone Purchasing Network and the National Cooperation Purchasing Program. Mary Beth Brennan will be the speaker. RSVP is needed by March 21st.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Community Updates

Attended the Five Star Trail meeting. They will be improving the infrastructure of the trail.

Reported the 125th Committee is working on the History Book. A flier is being printed requesting pictures of events, roads, etc. They will be gathering this information in the next month or so.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Finance/Personnel – Mr. Cowherd

Property Appraisal

Motion by Mr. Cowherd, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to ratify the approval of the appraisal for the property located at 815 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$1,750.00 from Professional Real Estate Appraisal Services Inc.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crago	- Yes	Mr. Hajdukiewicz	- Yes
Mr. Peoria	- Yes	Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty	- Yes
Mr. Cowherd	- Yes	Mr. Palmquist	- Yes
Mr. Lutz	- Yes		

7 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carried.

CoStars Salt Order

Motion by Mr. Cowherd, seconded by Mr. Crago, to approve the 2025-2026 Costars Salt Order of 400 tons.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crago	- Yes	Mr. Hajdukiewicz	- Yes
Mr. Peoria	- Yes	Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty	- Yes
Mr. Cowherd	- Yes	Mr. Palmquist	- Yes
Mr. Lutz	- Yes		

7 – Yes 0 – No
Motion carried.

WCBA Banquet Reservations

Motion by Mr. Cowherd, seconded by Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty, to approve the reservations for the WCBA Annual Banquet on April 25th at Lakeview Lounge.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crago	- Yes	Mr. Hajdukiewicz	- Yes
Mr. Peoria	- Yes	Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty	- Yes
Mr. Cowherd	- Yes	Mr. Palmquist	- Yes
Mr. Lutz	- Yes		

7 – Yes 0 – No
Motion carried.

Part-time Employees

Motion by Mr. Cowherd, seconded by Mr. Crago, to hire Steve Steiner and Thomas Stoves as part-time seasonal temporary employees at \$15.00/hour with total cost not to exceed budgeted amount of \$9,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Crago	- Yes	Mr. Hajdukiewicz	- Yes
Mr. Peoria	- Yes	Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty	- Yes
Mr. Cowherd	- Yes	Mr. Palmquist	- Yes
Mr. Lutz	- Yes		

7 – Yes 0 – No
Motion carried.

Public Works/Equipment/Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Lutz

Road Grader

Motion by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Cowherd, to list the sale of the road grader, as is, on Municibid
Motion carried.

1999 F-350

Motion by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty, to list the sale of the 1999 F-350, as is, on Municibid.
Motion carried.

Ordinance/Public Safety – Mr. Crago

Handicap Parking Request

Motion by Mr. Crago, seconded by Mr. Cowherd, to approve the handicap parking space renewal at 502 Depot Street on the North 5th Street side of the street.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President Palmquist announced the following dates:

March 31	- Agenda Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 7	- Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Motion by Mrs. Wojtseck-Carty, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Diane M. Schaefer
Borough Manager

Scott Palmquist, President
YOUNGWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL