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The July 14 minutes are a retained DRAFT. This bundle does not represent them as a verified final approved edition. The designation letter is retained unsigned and includes its original template placeholder.

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Borough office contact details, official names, relevant vendors, amounts, check number 59387, vouchers and Western Berks invoice references PM00126 and PM00125 are retained. No private emails, legal correspondence, signatures or editorial working notes are included.

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Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to deny the request for Borough staff to evaluate options to create a leaf composting area in the Parklands, and compare the cost of hauling the leaves offsite against the cost to create and maintain a leaf composting area, based on the information provided during the October 2024 Infrastructure committee meeting, all in favor, 7-0.

LIBRARY BOARD: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Library Board report dated October 21, 2024.

Councilmember Weinhoffer reviewed the report.

Councilmember Weinhoffer indicated the Library Board has developed a strategic plan and will share the plan with Council.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire and Police Committee report dated October 28, 2024.

Councilmember Jenckes reviewed the report.

Councilmember Jenckes indicated there will be no Western Berks Ambulance fee increase imposed on the Borough for 2025.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to authorize activation of the Civil Service Commission for the hiring of one Police Department Patrol Officer, contingent up budget approval, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner to authorize ordering two Police Department patrol vehicles for 2025, for a cost of $125,000 including upfitting, to be delivered in 2025, and budgeted and paid for in 2025, contingent upon budget approval, all in favor, 7-0.

Chief Holmes shared that the fire engine upfitting is coming along.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Finance and Administration Committee Special Budget Meeting report dated October 29, 2024.

Councilmember Brunner reviewed the report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Finance and Administration Committee Special Budget Meeting report dated November 4, 2024.

Councilmember Brunner reviewed the report.

FIRE & POLICE COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2024 – NOON

The Borough of Wyomissing Fire and Police Committee met in the Borough of Wyomissing Council Chambers on the above date and time. Committee Chair William S. Jenckes called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Committee members Ronald C. Stanko, Frederick R. Mogel, and Mayor Frederick C. Levering, Fire Chief Ethan Holmes, Police Chief John Phillips, Borough Manager & Economic Development Coordinator Michele Bare, Borough Solicitor Christopher Hartman, and Borough Secretary Melissa Miller. The following person was absent: Committee member Stephen D. Brunner

Councilmember Visitors:
Jana Barnett
Jennifer Reimer

Visitors
Paul Baur – Wyomissing Police Department
Jesse Magil– Western Berks Ambulance
Adrian Jadic – [redacted]

Public Comment:
No public comment was provided.

Western Berks Ambulance:
Jesse Magil, Western Berks Ambulance (WBA) indicated WBA is proposing an increase per household to the municipal membership program, potentially increasing from $35 to $45. Borough administration was unaware of this proposed cost increase and asked that it be provided as soon as possible for budgeting purposes. The committee also questioned the rate break that was being given to West Reading due to the WBA unit being housed in West Reading's fire station, however a WBA unit is currently housed at Wyomissing, and does not appear that a rate break has been implemented. Jesse indicated that he will speak to Tony Tucci about both topics discussed.

Westside Regional EMA:
Westside Regional EMA Coordinator's absence, there was no further discussion.

Fire Department:

Monthly report review:
Fire Chief Ethan Holmes reviewed the October month to date report with the committee. The October month to date response number is 142, with 97 calls in the Borough and 45 outside the Borough. The YTD calls total 1,488, with 993 in the Borough, and 506 mutual aid calls, with many of these being calls to accidents, medical calls, or alarm activations. Total year to date fire loss is $30,250. To date, there have been 654 fire safety inspections, fire activity, and re-inspections completed with total billables of $62,195. Chief Holmes further shared that various community engagement activities occurred for the month in conjunction to fire prevention

WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59378	6/25/2026	REIMER50	JENNIFER REIMER	26-01625	1	REIMBURSE - CONFERENCE	Expenditure	01-00-400-331	MILEAGE & LUNCHES	1,105.56	0	1,105.56	8/4/2026	1705	73	1	7500017
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59379	6/25/2026	ROHRBA50	BRUCE D. ROHRBACH	26-01603	1	JULY 4TH PARADE HAPPY DUTCHMAN	Expenditure	01-00-452-480	4TH OF JULY	450.00	0	450.00	8/4/2026	1705	57	1	06/14/26
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59380	6/25/2026	SAXTON50	SAXTON & STUMP LLC	26-01605	1	LOBBYING SERVICE - APR 2026	Expenditure	01-00-463-000	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	4,150.00	0	4,150.00	8/4/2026	1705	59	1	174602
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59380	6/25/2026	SAXTON50	SAXTON & STUMP LLC	26-01606	1	LOBBYING SERVICE - MAY 2026	Expenditure	01-00-463-000	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	8/4/2026	1705	60	1	179069
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59381	6/25/2026	SECURE50	SECURERX	26-01607	1	SENIOR RX - JUL	Expenditure	01-00-486-156	CAPITAL BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	512.94	0	512.94	8/4/2026	1705	61	1	2616600021906
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59382	6/25/2026	SEWERS50	SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES CO	26-01608	1	2026 SANITARY SEWER CCTV/CLEAN	Expenditure	01-00-436-201	STORM SEWER MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	3,950.00	0	3,950.00	8/4/2026	1705	62	1	06-17-26-01
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59383	6/25/2026	TOMMAS50	TOM MASANO	26-01612	1	PARTS - TK #17	Expenditure	01-00-455-180	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE-TREE DEPT	102.83	0	102.83	8/4/2026	1705	63	1	329555
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59384	6/25/2026	VERIZO50	VERIZON	26-01615	1	TIMBERLINE DR RADIO REPEATER	Expenditure	01-00-409-321	TELEPHONE SERVICES	911.91	0	911.91	8/4/2026	1705	64	1	[redacted]
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59385	6/25/2026	VERIZO55	VERIZON WIRELESS	26-01616	1	WIRELESS SERVICE/VOIP	Expenditure	01-00-409-321	TELEPHONE SERVICES	5,312.65	0	5,312.65	8/4/2026	1705	65	1	[redacted]
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59385	6/25/2026	VERIZO55	VERIZON WIRELESS	26-01617	1	PUBLIC SAFETY 1ST RESPONDER	Expenditure	01-00-409-321	TELEPHONE SERVICES	160.16	0	160.16	8/4/2026	1705	66	1	[redacted]
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59386	6/25/2026	WEIKEL33	WEIKEL SPORTSWEAR INC	26-01618	1	FIRE DEPT SHIRTS - CHIEF	Expenditure	01-00-411-191	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE -SUPPRESSION	379.00	0	379.00	8/4/2026	1705	67	1	E57989
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59386	6/25/2026	WEIKEL33	WEIKEL SPORTSWEAR INC	26-01619	1	T-SHIRTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT	Expenditure	01-00-411-191	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE -SUPPRESSION	1,188.20	0	1,188.20	8/4/2026	1705	68	1	SH57988
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59387	6/25/2026	WESTER25	WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE ASSOC	26-01620	1	2025 CATCH UP PAYMENT	Expenditure	05-00-413-339	EMS - AMBULANCE SERVICES	38,770.00	0	38,770.00	8/4/2026	1705	69	1	PM00126
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59387	6/25/2026	WESTER25	WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE ASSOC	26-01621	1	2026 MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIP PAY	Expenditure	05-00-413-339	EMS - AMBULANCE SERVICES	87,232.50	0	87,232.50	8/4/2026	1705	70	1	PM00125
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59388	6/25/2026	WITMER50	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	26-01622	1	FIREFIGHTER BOOTS - NEEDLE	Expenditure	01-00-411-191	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE -SUPPRESSION	629.00	0	629.00	8/4/2026	1705	71	1	INV911928
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59389	6/25/2026	REEDYS50	REEDY'S MULCH PRODUCTS	26-01597	1	SEEDSTARTER/SUPERIOR MIX	Expenditure	01-00-452-202	STONE HOUSE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	95.38	0	95.38	8/4/2026	1706	1	1	140211
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59390	6/25/2026	RIDGEW50	RIDGEWOOD SOILS INC	26-01598	1	STRAW BALE/LANDSCAPER MIX	Expenditure	01-00-452-202	STONE HOUSE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	549.52	0	549.52	8/4/2026	1706	2	1	207681
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59390	6/25/2026	RIDGEW50	RIDGEWOOD SOILS INC	26-01599	1	LANDSCAPERS MIX	Expenditure	01-00-452-202	STONE HOUSE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	46.64	0	46.64	8/4/2026	1706	3	1	207770
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59390	6/25/2026	RIDGEW50	RIDGEWOOD SOILS INC	26-01600	1	SCREENED TOPSOIL	Expenditure	01-00-452-202	STONE HOUSE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	273.60	0	273.60	8/4/2026	1706	4	1	207557
WORKING ACCOUNT	WORKING ACCOUNT	59390	6/25/2026	RIDGEW50	RIDGEWOOD SOILS INC	26-01601	1	SCREENED TOPSOIL	Expenditure	01-00-452-202	STONE HOUSE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	273.60	0	273.60	8/4/2026	1706	5	1	207600
	Total												***3,188.14***	***1,145,309.12***	***17,467,744.00***				

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23- A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORTING DIRECT EMS REIMBURSEMENTS LEGISLATION

Councilmember Barnett made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Valente to adopt Resolution No. 2026-23 as to supporting direct EMS reimbursement legislation, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Valente to authorize issuing a refund check in the amount of $34,807.88 to [redacted] due to a meter reading discrepancy, and the fact that a credit would take more than ten years to utilize, all in favor, 7-0.

Based on concerns from Council about data centers, Solicitor Gombar shared with Council the opportunity to begin the Municipal Curative Amendment Process, which allows the Borough to be proactive to data center land development submissions. Once entering the process, the Borough would have six months to develop a proper Ordinance with specifications related to data centers, and during that six-month period, would not have to entertain any land development plans for such centers. Solicitor Gombar indicated that the Borough would not be permitted to use the Municipal Curative Amendment Process again for another three years. He then mentioned that he was not aware of any municipality invoking the process and regretting it. There was brief discussion about getting a head of data center development, as it is speculated that centers will eventually get smaller, and be more applicable in size to spaces that Wyomissing may have available. Council was in favor of moving further data center discussions to the Infrastructure committee.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the June 2026 Treasurer's Statement of Operation and all financial statements.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Scott Boehret reviewed the financial report provided to Council.

ACOUNTS PAYABLE: Councilmember Reimer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to ratify and approve the Accounts Payables report for June 2026, all in favor, 7-0.

General Fund	601,540.55
EMS Tax Fund	153,249.82
Water Fund	147,280.36
Sewer Fund	144,019.54
Refuse Fund	53,703.42
Liquid Fuels Fund	46,015.43
	$ 1,145,809.12

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:
Due to the Tax Collector's absence, there was no further review of the report.

Councilmember Valente made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Berkeley to approve the June 2026 Tax Collector's report, all in favor, 7-0.

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January 13, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Designation of Western Berks Ambulance Association as Primary Emergency Medical Services and Rescue Provider

Dear Western Berks Ambulance Association:

On behalf of Wyomissing Borough, I am pleased to formally designate the Western Berks Ambulance Association as the primary provider of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and associate rescue services for our community.

This designation reflects the Borough's confidence in Western Berks Ambulance Association's ability to deliver high-quality, timely, and professional emergency medical and rescue services, including but not limited to:

- Responding to all 911-dispatched medical emergencies within the boundaries of Wyomissing Borough.
- Providing rescue and support services at motor vehicle accidents (MVA), including patient extrication and trauma care.
- Assisting with fire scene rehabilitation to support the health and safety of first responders by providing medical monitoring, hydration, and care during prolonged or high-stress incidents.
- Offering critical response during large-scale incidents, mass casualty events, and natural disasters.

We recognize the vital role that Western Berks Ambulance Association plays not only in the direct care of individuals but also in the collaboration with other emergency response agencies, including fire and law enforcement, to ensure comprehensive incident management.

This designation signifies our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of public health and safety for the residents and visitors of [Municipality Name]. We trust that the Western Berks Ambulance Association will continue to uphold its dedication to professionalism, preparedness, and community care.

Should you require additional documentation or further clarification regarding this designation, please contact our office at 610-376-7481 or info@wyomissingboro.org.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to emergency medical and rescue services. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to support the well-being of our community.

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Sincerely,

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Councilmember Weinhoffer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to appoint Pamela Wetzel to serve as a voting member on the Recreation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2026, all in favor, 7-0.

PARK AND SHADE TREE COMMISSION: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Park and Shade Tree Commission report dated January 22, 2025.

Councilmember Reimer reviewed the report.

Councilmember Reimer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to approve the installation of a plaque at the Sofia's Make-A-Wish structure at the Happy Hollow playground, contingent upon the review of the Wyomissing Area School District Facilities Committee, utilizing similar design parameters as the plaque discussed for the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club viewing platform donation, all in favor, 7-0.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire and Police committee report dated January 27, 2025.

Councilmember Jenckes reviewed the report.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to authorize sending the Western Berks Ambulance Association designation letter to WBAA, dated January 13, 2025, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to authorize the unbudgeted expense to fit out our new entry-level Firefighter/EMT with firefighter protective gear and uniforms not to exceed $6,500.00, pending the successful completion of the required physical, background, and psychological evaluations, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to approve activating the Civil Service Commission to establish the testing process and timeline for creating a certified Entry-Level Firefighter/EMT hiring list, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Jenckes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mogel to authorize the electrical work at the fire station to accommodate the 220 amperage electrical needs of the Police Department Special Services Unit, not to exceed $5,000, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

Borough Manager Bare shared with Council that after the last Fire and Police committee meeting, a large piece of the fire station façade fell in the vicinity of the side parking lot were personnel park and enter the building. Due to the eminent safety concern, a lift was rented to access and inspect the top elevations of façade. The Public Works team will be able to make the temporary repairs to last through the remaining freeze and thaw, but it was noted permanent repairs will be required sooner than later with a cost estimate between $70,000 and $90,000.

Councilmember Mogel made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weinhoffer to authorize the

FIRE & POLICE COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 2024 – NOON

The Borough of Wyomissing Fire and Police Committee met in the Borough of Wyomissing Council Chambers on the above date and time. Committee Chair William S. Jenckes called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Committee members Frederick R. Mogel, and Mayor Frederick C. Levering, Fire Chief Ethan Holmes, Police Chief John Phillips, Borough Manager & Economic Development Coordinator Michele Bare, Borough Solicitor Christopher Hartman, and Borough Secretary Melissa Miller. The following persons were absent: Committee members Stephen D. Brunner, and Ronald C. Stanko.

Councilmember Visitors:
Jana Barnett
Jennifer Reimer

Visitors
Paul Baur – Wyomissing Police Department
Tony Tucci– Western Berks Ambulance
Thomas Bausher – West Side Regional EMA
Adrian Jadic – [redacted]

Public Comment:
No public comment was provided.

Western Berks Ambulance:
Tony Tucci, Western Berks Ambulance (WBA) indicated that the CELG meetings featuring the EMS in Crisis presentation, were well attended, and that an opinion has been formed that the EMS crisis is a matter for local municipalities, not the county. Tony mentioned there is still consideration to form an EMS Authority with the larger six municipalities served by WBA. There was no further review of the monthly EMS report, and Tony lastly shared that membership and donation letters have been sent. The committee questioned the use of the Wyomissing Fire Department building by the WBA crew. It was previously noted that West Reading was getting a reduced membership amount for the use of their fire department as housing for the WBA unit and questioned why Wyomissing wasn't getting the same. Tony shared that the unit housed at Wyomissing is a reserve unit that is not staffed regularly.

Westside Regional EMA:
Thomas Bausher, Westside Regional EMA Coordinator shared with the committee that he met with Police and Fire Department representatives to discuss emergency management services, and had a demonstration of the interoperability radio box. He also shared available documentation with Borough Solicitor Hartman regarding the data collection for the previously discussed Penn State University MOU discussion. EMA loaned the Borough the message board for detour information during the recent water main replacement project in the vicinity of Oriole Drive, and the Code Red program contract was renewed for another three years to expire 2028. He lastly mentioned that a County training session was held of which it was determined that only 11 of 63