

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 6:10 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, present; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; SANDRA SMITH, present; WILLIAM PRICENER, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present.

M. TRKULA / S. SMITH TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2014 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a request from the E.A. Touchdown Club for advertising in their program book. A ¼ page ad is \$40, which we bought last year, but they also have stadium sign advertising for \$50.

S. SMITH / J. THOMAS TO PURCHASE THE STADIUM SIGN AD FOR \$50. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. Received a notice from the Wilmerding Y.M.C.A. that they will be holding their annual Gomer Davis 5K race on Saturday September 13, 2014.

M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO GRANT THEM PERMISSION TO HOLD THE RACE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. Received a notice from SHACOG that bids have been received for rock salt for the 2014 – 2015 winter season. The low bid was \$79.29 per ton from Cargill. To take advantage of this bid the municipality must accept the bid by September 26, 2014.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$79.29 PER TON FROM CARGILL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

4. Received a request for a handicap sign to be placed at 438 Airbrake Avenue. All the necessary paper work has been received.

S. SMITH / K. PETERSON TO GRANT A HANDICAP SIGN FOR 438 AIRBRAKE AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. S. Shurgot: as you all know Mayor James Wright has resigned effective August 1, 2014. We received three letters of interest for this position. All three were interviewed by Council and at this time does Council want to appoint someone one. We have thirty days to fill the vacant seat and if we do not then it goes to the vacancy board.

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S. SMITH / W. PRICENER TO APPOINT MR. HENRY SLACZKA AS MAYOR.

MR. M. TRKULA: I would like to have a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, Henry Slaczka; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, Henry Slaczka; KAREN PETERSON, Henry Slaczka; SANDRA SMITH, Henry Slaczka; WILLIAM PRICENER, Henry Slaczka; JOHN THOMAS, Henry Slaczka; STEPHEN SHURGOT, Henry Slaczka.

Henry Slaczka was appointed as Mayor until the next election.

MR. H. SLACZKA: I would like to thank Council for their vote of confidence in me. Mr. Evashavik, since you are a ward of the court can you swear me in.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: I have never done this before.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK SWORE MR. HENRY SLACZKA IN AS MAYOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION – S. SMITH: tonight is our night out in the park.

MR. M. TRKULA: are we going to donate the money we raised to North Versailles for their dog.

MS. S. SMITH: we are going to discuss that at our workshop on August 13th.

PUBLIC SAFETY – M. TRKULA: for the month of July EAPS responded to 52 calls with 41 of them transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.3 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 7.4 minutes. For the month of July the fire department responded to 27 calls with 15 calls in town and 12 calls out of town. Three members are attending State Accredited Classes.

CHIEF MATRAZZO: for the month of July we had a total of 214 calls and had 3 arrests. A summary of the calls are: 4 assaults, 3 burglaries, 6 criminal mischief, 14 disturbances, 9 domestics, 1 driving under the influence, 9 juvenile complaints, 6 parking complaints, 2 public intoxication , 4 suspicious activity, 5 suspicious incidents, 3 suspicious persons, 5 terroristic threats, 7 thefts, 4 traffic accidents and 2 landlord ordinances.

PUBLIC WORKS – W. PRICENER: the park is looking good; they weeded and re-mulched the plants. We put down some hot patch in places and there are still a few more holes that we need to fill. They were out with the weed killer and Airbrake Avenue is completely done. The walking trail is coming along nicely. The contractor broke a concrete bench and he is going to replace it. The catch basin in Lilac Alley is still not working. The curbs in the business district are crumbling. I do not know if you want our guys to try and repair them or did you want to get some proposals.

MR. D. GILLILAND: to do it right it should be contracted out.

MR. W. PRICENER: I will get a list together and get it to you. We are looking for a new generator and we are going to purchase a chain saw.

MR. S. SHURGOT: at the bottom of Station Street hill there is a dip, can you have the guys take a look at that. Also, down by Wilmerding Beverage, there are a lot of water weeds that need sprayed.

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ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:

CD 39 Demolition of 710 Middle Avenue is complete.

Verizon has not taken any action on the removal of their poles on Clara Street, Airbrake Ave. and Maple Ave.

The Airbrake Avenue Walking Trail is currently getting graded in preparation for seeding and the construction of the trail. The fence has been completed.

We will prepare specs for the demolition of 223 Third Street (Maple Ave.) once legal clearance is completed. This project is under CD 40.

PennDOT has acknowledged the washout problem near the end of the new wall on Maple Avenue where debris from the Tri-Boro is washing onto Maple Ave. They said that they would correct the problem but so far they have not done so.

Don met with engineers from Allegheny County and Mr. Brashear from PA. Soil & Rock to discuss the proposal of \$15,318 from PA. Soil & Rock. This cost would be split three ways, \$5,000 from the county, \$5,000 from the borough and \$5,318 from the YMCA. This proposal includes site visits, soil & rock sampling, drilling and monitoring, analysis & report and a design recommendation. This proposal does not include an actual design nor specifications and bid documents. Mr. Brashear indicated that a recommended design to include specifications and bid documents by PA. Soil & Rock can be prepared at a lump sum fee of \$5,000 - \$10,000. If this amount is divided by the three parties, each shall be responsible for \$3,333. If you recall at the first meeting, Mr. Johnson from Allegheny County indicated that engineering fees for a completed package could range between \$50,000 to \$60,000. PA. Soil & Rock's proposal at \$25,318 is an extremely fair price. The next step is to request the YMCA to match the \$3,333 design package.

MR. W. PRICENER: it is a shame that the YMCA, a non-profit organization, has to contribute \$5,318 towards this study while the school district does not contribute anything. The three taxing bodies are responsible for the hillside and as far as I am concern we do not have any representation on the school board.

**K. PETERSON / J. THOMAS TO HAVE THE SOILS ANALYSIS DONE AT A COST OF \$5,000.
MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

MR. S. SHURGOT: we talked about removing the cobblestone around the monument and replacing it.

COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: no report.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. PETERSON: no report.

PLANNING – REV. D. REEVES: Mr. Filia has submitted an application to Allegheny County Vacant Property Program to purchase the lot at the old Tonaluka Club across from his business.

REV. D. REEVES / M. TRKULA TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MR. FILIA TO PURCHASE THE VACANT PROPERTY TO THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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UTILITIES – REV. D. REEVES: everyone should take a look at the electric bill and compare the prices you are paying with other electric suppliers.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIKZ: the first case against Thomas Altman is finally done. We just filed a brief and motion on the second case which is on occupancy permits.

We filed a Municipal Claim against the property at 710 Middle Avenue for \$16,000.

We reviewed the draft of the Floodplain Ordinance. It must be adopted by Sept. 26, 2014

W. PRICENER / K. PETERSON TO ADVERTISE THE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

There are three COG's working together to form an entity for a Land Bank. It is in the beginning stages and we will keep you informed.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MS. K. PETERSON: have we heard anything on the WABTEC appeal.

MR. J. THOMAS: nothing as of today.

OLD BUSINESS

REV. D. REEVES: I looked into getting a farmers market and I contacted a list of farmers who will bring out their produce. Right now they do not have enough to share but they should be getting a lot of tomatoes and corn.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: we will be having a 125th Anniversary meeting tomorrow at 6:30 pm for anyone that is interested. Also, next Wednesday we are going to have a workshop for Council at 7:30 pm.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – H. SLACZKA: as you all know I have been involved in the borough with different entities and now we can all start working together. I am looking forward to being the Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm