

WILMERDING BOROUGH

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 11, 2017 MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:01 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; LINDA KIRK, present; SANDRA SMITH, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

REV. D. REEVES / L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2017 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

S.SHURGOT: At this time we are going to break away from our regular order of business and have our solicitor Mr. Evashavik conduct a condemnation hearing for property listed at 133 Watkins Avenue.

The hearings were recorded by a court reporter.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH: TO FOLLOW THE SOLICITORS ORIENTATION ON THE CONDEMNATION AND RAZING OF 133 WATKINS AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

S. ZIBRAT AIRBRAKE AVE: Has there been anything done on the part of council for the building on Miller Ave, owned by Noreen Keyser, the one that the bricks fell done? We have cleaned up other properties, can we not clean up the rubbish that is out there and send her a bill? It's been since February and nothing is being done.

S. SHURGOT: Whenever I got back from vacation I saw the stuff out there. I immediately called the code enforcement officer and he went by. He was going to try to get ahold of the property manager and he did not return that call. We can certainly clean up the debris cause once people see stuff being dumped it's going to grow and grow. He said he was going to start citing her again for failure to get anything done on it. Other than citing her is there a time limit?

S. ZIBRAT: for Wilmerding not to do anything about that.

S. SHURGOT: I will follow up with a phone call and Paula if you could have our street guys clean it up because I agree with her.

S. ZIBRAT: that just shows the Wilmerding people, if you're letting that go, then whenever you cite someone else for their grass or something else they're going to turn around and say you didn't do anything about that rubbish why do I have to worry. This town could really be looking pretty bad.

S. SHURGOT: I don't disagree.

S. ZIBRAT: I'd like to see something done by the next meeting.

S. SHURGOT: I don't know if something will be done by next meeting. They have structural engineers involved; it's not just putting the bricks back up back up.

S. ZIBRAT: I don't mean all that, I understand that could take a while. Just asking about the rubbish.

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S. SHURGOT: We would have to put a lien on that property.

P. SHURGOT: was there a lien already put on that property?

J. THOMAS: Yes.

S. SHURGOT: Mr. Livoritti had a couple questions and he gave me a little bit of notice to get answers for him. The 1st question he had was why we don't have updates online of the zoning ordinances, the last update was May. We do not have the money to update the ordinances. It's roughly \$2500.00 to get it posted online and update the ordinance book. We are trying to wait until we pay back the taxes to the Airbrake. You may remember somebody paid monies to us that should of gone somewhere else so we have to pay back the Airbrake. We are hoping when that is done we can update all the ordinance books. The 2nd question: He wants to know why there has been no update with the garbage collection. To be honest with you we have not taken any action on the garbage for months. It seems that we have 2 or 3 sets of numbers for who owes what on garbage. The ordinance you put 10% tax, then there's something else that says we took 2% tax on for the program so anytime we took those people to court the numbers didn't match and they got thrown out of court. Ms. Lang had been working to get the figures to me and we just about got it figured out and we are going to get the numbers to the garbage collection people so we can get started on that. We are also examining the possibility of COG collecting our garbage so this doesn't happen in the future. We are working very hard and Caroline got the computer program pretty much figured out. With a little bit of luck we should start doing stuff in 30 to 60 days.

P. LIVORITTI: Steve this has been going on for years. Lately you haven't done anything. The last report went out in February and we haven't had a report since.

S. SHURGOT: We haven't done anything since the last report. The numbers in our computer are not uniformed and do not match the numbers the collection people have. When we go to court they are thrown out so it's a waste of money until we get data fixed. Caroline is getting the data that we need and we hope to have it ready within 30 to 60 days. I can't tell you anything else, you may not like the answer but that's the answer.

P. LIVOTITTI: but Steve if it had only happened yesterday or 2 months ago I'd agree with you but this has been 6 months.

S. SHURGOT: Yes, that's how long it's been going on.

P. LIVORITTI: you have the garbage bills, are they up to date?

S. SHURGOT: The current garbage bills are good we are having problem with the delinquent.

P. LIVORITT: When the last time you published delinquents?

S. SHURGOT: We could put the old list up but we haven't done anything with it.

P. LIVORITTI: Why aren't we doing anything when monies involved? What about the taxes?

J. THOMAS: Maiello sends out letters. They send out notices trying to set up payment plans with the delinquent property owners.

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P. LIVORITTI: last time you published a list for the concerned citizens and that was in February. Can we get one for July?

J. THOMAS: We can contact Maiello and get the list. They send a report every month of the money they collected. They have those records. We will request an up to date list.

S. SHURGOT: I missed the tax part, I apologize. I saw the garbage but I didn't see the tax.

P. LIVORITTI: that's not the point. You said to bring the questions up before the meeting and you'd have an answer at the meeting.

K. MAXWELL HERMAN AVE: I understand what Mr. Livoritti's talking. We haven't been able to see how much has come in or who still owes and what the changes are but at the end of last year what was the balance some of these people owed and are they still continuing to owe and not pay it. We're not talking about \$20 that I might throw out the window but we are talking about a lot of money to this borough. You keep saying we don't have money to do this or that. I think one of your priorities should be to get that money collected. Get your company that's doing it and start cracking down on this to get some of that money in. They're not going to pay you if you're not going to ask them to start making payment or sending out delinquent notices it's just going to continue to grow. Their garbage is going to get picked up because the garbage men don't know they can't go to that house. That has to be one of the priorities of this borough so that we can actually have income into this borough for other projects that need to be done.

K. PETERSON: Here's the problem. If we send out the delinquent notices how many people pay?

K. MAXWELL: So they don't pay you lien their house. Yes you might have to pay for that lien.

K. PETERSON: a lien cost money and if we lien it won't be collected for years and years because those people don't care.

K. MAXWELL: there are people that live in this town that owns their houses that don't pay those bills. There are people that have sold their houses and their bills are still outstanding. I don't know how it didn't get paid when they sold that house. So there's a problem with this collection process, it just keeps getting bigger and bigger. Somebody needs to sit down and look at the procedure and I think we just have to start making a decision as to am I going to spend \$175.00 to lien something or am I just going to let it keep adding up and never get it either way.

K. PETERSON: that's the thing we go to put a lien on and their still not going to pay.

J. THOMAS: every year we lien the delinquent real estate tax and we cannot force the people to pay. Maiello, Brungo, & Maiello send out letters requesting payments and they set up payment plans. A lot of times it's ignored. You talk about property in Wilmerding when it's sold. The way it's supposed to be done when you sell a property is it's should go through an attorney and they check. The secretary should get a letter, East Allegheny should get a letter, and all these entities should get a letter asking what is owed. We fill it out and we send it in but the sale still goes through.

G. EVASHAVIK: the problem is that there is not a law that mandates them to come to us so what happens is if you're borrowing money to buy the house the lender wants to guarantee good title. The lender wants to make sure all liens are paid so they go through this process and go to the school, the county, and the borough and say I want a no lien letter which guarantees there's no lien. So those thing get paid but if you don't use a lender and I buy my neighbor's house for cash they just pay and he gives me a deed, there's nothing illegal

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about that, but the borough doesn't get paid. That's how these things fail and we don't get paid those liens. The liens will follow the property but we didn't get paid. We're doing what we can. We have professionals that are attempting to collect these delinquent liens and when the people don't pay it's not a crime. We can't put them in jail so they continue to live there and everyone gets outraged about it, I do too. The only thing we can do in the end, if it's real estate tax, is run a sheriff sale and sell their house but that's expensive. It has to be a lot of taxed before we can consider spending that money because we're not likely to get it back. So short of that Pete there's not much, we send out lien letters and hope they get them on a payment plan.

P. LIVORITTI: what about people that have businesses in town and still owe taxes

G. EVASHAVIK: well it's the same thing. We can pursue them and sue them but it's not a crime, we can't have the police go arrest them. We have to decide do you want to spend the money on it. If someone owes these liens and isn't paying are we going to get anything? You have to evaluate each case.

P. LIVORITTI: so we have individuals that are in town in business, can't we lien on the business'. They're in this town making money and not paying taxes.

G. EVASHAVIK: yes we can pursue them but we have to check with the delinquent collector and see if they're making attempts. I know people are frustrated and think there's an easy solution but there isn't. All these people that owe, I'm sure our delinquent collectors have sent letters. All these steps have been taken but people ignore you.

P. LIVORITTI: there are business people in this town making money and not paying taxes. Isn't there something we can do?

G. EVASHAVIK: yes they can be sued.

P. LIVORITTI: what are you waiting for?

G. EVASHAVIK: It's not my job, we have a delinquent collector. The council has hired professionals to do that; council can't do this on their own.

S. SHURGOT: Mr. Livoritti, looking at the budget we have collected \$23,306.04 in delinquent taxes and \$2412.21 in delinquent garbage so far this year.

T. FRYDRICH WELSH AVE: Do you have any idea when the next sheriff sale will be?

S. SMITH: September 5th.

J. THOMAS: 105-111 Herman Ave better known as 324 Commerce its Kerrigan's 3 story building.

T. FRYDRICH: there's nothing else on there.

J. THOMAS: I didn't see anything else. What happens is when postpone something they don't put it on every month, it's only up the month it's originally schedule. We don't know when it's postponed.

T. FRYDRICH: We have an individual again that can stay in her house till the end of the month then she has to vacate cause of sheriff sale. 269 Welsh Avenue.

J. THOMAS: I haven't seen that, I saw 524 Airbrake. I wonder if the mortgage company is coming after it.

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T. FRYDRICH: There are quite a few properties that the mortgage companies are taking over. The tenants are willing to buy the house but they won't let it go.

J. THOMAS: they should contact somebody, if they can't afford an attorney go to legal services, and make sure someone's down at the sheriff sale.

S. SMITH: see me before you leave. Bill Mullen has a program out there and I'll make sure I get the numbers for you. It's for foreclosures and saving homes, he might be able to help that lady.

T. FRYDRICH: What happened to the summer help?

P. SHURGOT: the summer help is going to be done the middle of next week because they are going to school. They were both seniors this year and had commitments to go on college visits and other things.

T. FRYDRICH: They should have said something and you should have hired somebody else.

P. SHURGOT: nobody else applied for the job. I think next year we are going to go with Sandy's idea. She got those people to help and then we're not responsible for it. OVR and they pay for it.

T. FRYDRICH: Station street should be one of the best kept streets and the sidewalk is a shame. People come into the town and that's the 1st site they see. It should have never happened this way where the people you hire can't perform.

P. SHURGOT: they are performing.

T. FRYDRICH: The businesses down there are doing the same thing.

P. SHURGOT: The people in the town, I understand that you are the few that do care about your houses, if the rest of the people in the town would take the time to care for their grounds then none of you would have a complaint. We cite them and there's nothing we can do if they don't want to listen.

T. FRYDRICH: you have ordinances on the books for that, my god that sidewalk ordinance is on of them. 1 house I turned in last week and nothing was done about it.

P. SHURGOT: well I have a problem with the garbage cans. We have to send a letter to the new company we hired because I've come home and I'm picking up my garbage cans, I'm taking the neighbors back to them too. It's not just where I live because I'm riding down the streets and seeing garbage cans in the street. It's the people who are doing the garbage collection.

T. FRYDRICH: the code enforcement officer has a lot to do with it to. There was garbage last week on Welsh Avenue that was put out on Thursday evening and it was there the following week up until the next garbage collection was. Nobody said anything about it. That guy's supposed to be running around looking for this stuff.

S. SHURGOT: I don't know Tony because there was garbage on 400 block of Airbrake at least 40 ft. long and he called the people and told them to get it off the curb or pay \$150 for special delivery. They got everything off the curb. They did the responsible thing but unfortunately we have irresponsible people in this works. Greg talked to the company about the garbage cans.

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G. JAKUB: I talked to the gentleman that owns the company about the cans being left all over the place and he will address that with all of his drivers.

T. FRYDRICH: we have the school starting now and we will have people coming in from all over the place. They're going to get a bad impression when they come into town.

K. MAXWELL: I understand that you hired the summer help and that they are going to go on vacation and that but if their senior's maybe you should try to find a sophomore or junior so that you can keep them for a little bit.

P. SHURGOT: these ones have worked for us for the last 3 years. I don't think they will be back next year because they will be getting real job since they will be in college. I think I'm going to try the program that Sandy found this year because the boroughs not responsible to pay for them that company is and if they get more than 3 of them working they will send out someone to supervise them.

K, MAXWELL: Can you tell me what Chris is supposed to be doing all day long aside from riding around in the truck and cutting grass. That's all I see, he's never outside, just drives around. Actually the summer help cleaned up the park for nation night out and I walk every day and only see him driving in the truck. Is this something you are addressing with him?

T. FRYDRICH: We were told last meeting that there was supposed to be a schedule made where certain duties were to be performed everyday by the street department. Has that schedule been made yet?

K. MAXWELL: last summer the high weeds that grow in the cracks were sprayed, the curbs were re painted and none of that has been done this summer. All I've seen them do is cut grass and maintain the park. I really haven't seen them maintain or clean up. There is so much debris on the sides of the streets from rain. The other thing is down by the bus stop there is a really bad smell. Allegheny County, do we know when they are paving that section?

P. SHURGOT: we can contact Port Authority and have them come out and wash down that bus stop.

P. LIVORITTI: is Maple part of Wilmerding because it's not taken care of and hasn't been for years.

E. BARRETT HERMAN AVE: business' that owe taxes do they get a yearly permit to conduct business in town?

G. EVASHAVIK: not that I'm aware of, I'd have to look in the book. We don't license them. When they first open a business they have to be properly zoned and certified to begin. Once they meet that approval then they are free to continue, there's not an annual renewal.

S. SHURGOT: the only renewal we have is for electronic games and pool tables.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received an Invitation to attend the Fall Conference for Allegheny County & Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners. Conference to be held in Seven Springs September 28 – October 1.

S. SMITH/ J. THOMAS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FALL CONFERENCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

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2. Letter from CIAC regarding 2016 real estate taxed on property purchased at 432 Westinghouse Avenue. They received a letter from Maiello about delinquent taxes and they are asking to have the interest of \$25.80 and the fee of \$100.00 removed from the payment that is scheduled.

S. SHURGOT: basically what happened, I met with a few of the members from CIAC, they have no problem paying the taxes but evidently when they went to pay they couldn't take personal checks and it slipped through the cracks.

J. THOMAS: you're going to have to send that letter to Maiello, that's their fees. Greg we're under contract with Maiello, Brungo & Maiello to collect our delinquent real estate taxes. When they signed a contract we signed a contract with them, each party had to do certain things. I'm not sure in our contract that we can do that to them.

G. EVASHAVIK: I agree and that's a valid concern that should be addressed with them. My concern is the interest, why didn't they pay it on time?

S. SHURGOT: they didn't own the property at the time and they tried to pay some stuff but they wouldn't take personal checks.

G. EVASHAVIK: they didn't search to see if there was a lien or delinquent taxes on the property.

K. PETERSON: there was no money changed on that property, it was donated.

P. SHURGOT: are we still going to be responsible for that \$25.80?

S. SHURGOT: in my opinion, they work for us if they want to keep our business, when we need a favor they can help us out.

S. SMITH/K. PETERSON TO HAVE CAROLINE CALL MAILLO AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION AND RECOMENT TO THEM THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO WAIVE THE \$100.00 FEE AND THE \$25.80 LATE FEE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

3. A letter was received from the residents on Welsh Avenue regarding the work being done on Wall Avenue.

T. FRYDRICH: can I ask what address' they were? Just about everybody I know up there got a letter.

S. SHURGOT: this letter came out on July 6th; Caroline's letter wasn't to go out to 2 weeks before the paving. The only way we know utility work is being done is when they get a street opening permit scheduled through engineering. We were told that there would be rolling stops and the road would be closed at certain times but wouldn't be closed overnight. If that didn't happen I will check with our engineer to see why not. We had everything we thought in place and I'm sorry about that but this letter came out before our information went out.

F. ACE 218 WELSH AVENUE: I apologize to the resident of Welsh. I was the one that started that letter. I knocked on doors in the time frame that I had some people were not available. It was sent before the letters. Now as far as the road being closed, prior to them closing those signs there was a lot of mess. You would come up Marguerite to go up Wall and have to stop, turn around and find an alternative route. That could have been addressed from the very beginning with a road closed sign. Now there is so it's a mood point.

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G. JAKUB: you and I have talked about this and the other problem is we of course had no crystal ball to see when this started by digging the road up. The gas company found their bad lines and intern ruptured the water line, which you were a casualty of that, but that is a catastrophe that we would not have had any knowledge of. I have said this on the record before, I didn't go for that project, there was nothing wrong with that street, and I didn't see a need for it. However, it has moved along but it became a free for all when the utility companies just started causing each other damage and then that caused the whole road to get blocked off. I don't know if we could have changed that any differently, I think that the utilities should have been more involved with us to let us know in advance that they were having a lot of problems.

S. SHURGOT: usually when a utility company comes to your door to tell you they are going to be working and you may not have service during these hours, we will have our engineer see why that didn't happen.

F. ACE: from my understanding, whenever the gas company broke the water line that's when the water company new about the project. The point of the letter was the lack of communication for upcoming projects. This is something that we knew about. The planning was poor.

T. FRYDRICH: just out of curiosity what did the project cost?

S. SHURGOT: \$148,000.00.

J. THOMAS: the borough along with all the other municipalities in Allegheny County that are serviced by Alcosan have to abide by certain things. Alcosan recently signed off with the state and federal about controlling storm water. They had to come up with projects to do this with a cost to the consumer. So one of the things they came up with is the porous paving project. There were certain guidelines on the streets you could utilize for that. We're no engineers so we gave it to Glenn Engineering to come up with a street we could use that would satisfy Alcosan and everybody. This will hopefully take some of the water that's going down the sewers, down the creek, down to the river and let it go into the ground. That's what we did, we put it out for bid, and it came in at \$148,000 but one of the individuals that work for Glenn engineering got grants through Alcosan. So more than likely we will get a grant to cover some of this project. This is all coming out of our sewer fund which is paid for when you get your water bill. The problem in this area with all our antiquated sewers is so much water that should not be in the sewers is and it's going into the sanitary sewers. With all the rain and high waters it's causing Alcosan to shut down they can't take the flow.

G. JAKUB: It didn't matter what we were saying. I had said this before at a meeting, we had a good paved road, it's a hill, why cause problems. Now were putting paver in so what do you think is going to happen on the next sleet storm but they can care less what we thought.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK – the EMS for July responded to 51 calls and had 35 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7 minutes and for non-emergences was 10.1 minutes.

The fire department responded to 28 calls, 12 were in town and 16 were out of town, 1 work detail and 3 training classes and 4 apprentice meetings.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of July we had 410 events. 9 abandoned vehicles, 17 animal complaints, 4 assaults, 68 assist to other police departments, 3 criminal mischief, 10 domestic disputes, 8 local ordinance, 1 fugitive arrest, 1 Megan's law violation, 3 vehicle crashes, 2 narcotics, 2 overdoses, 9 thefts, 79 traffic stops, and 10 warrants. There were 28 arrests made 3 fugitives, 3 retail thefts, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 narcotic, and 1 Megan's Law offender.

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We had our 1st crime watch meeting last month and had 21 people that came. It's going to be the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. downstairs in the community room. There's going to be a speaker to talk about Megan's Law and when we are notified of who's in our area. Frank Ace is our captain for crime watch.

S. SHURGOT: one other thing, we just got the schedule for the flu shots and Eastern Area will be doing flu shots, free to the public, on October 17th from 3-6 in council chambers.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: the catch basins were cleaned after heavy rainfalls, an handicap sign was removed on Welsh Avenue, they checked a complaint about the railings on Sprague Street and did a survey about which ones needed to be replaced, cut high weeds along curb on State Street, removed skunks on a couple different streets, they did 2 loads of hot patch, met with the engineer about the garage and the painting of the lines around the school, weed wacked along the curbs on Westinghouse Avenue and Clara Street, boarded up and installed pad locks at 103 Middle Avenue, put new signs at Middle Avenue and Avenue U for parking and children at play, replaced a missing swing at Airbrake park, got curbs around Airbrake, pulled weeds in Westinghouse park and the flower bed around the viaduct, tires were moved off of Maple Avenue, watered trees on Station Street. Sprayed curbs on Watkins, State, alleys behind Middle and business district, put a new sign at Second and Middle, attended 2 training classes, and the summer help will be done by next week.

COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: NO REPORT

BOROUGH PROPERTY – S. SMITH: Allegheny County came in and removed a couple of the dead trees off the Patton Street ramp for us and Verizon is in town running stuff for fiber optics. I talked to the guy, the were on Westinghouse and they were working up at Ice Plant.

J. THOMAS: FiOS over in your plan is everything underground?

S.SMITH: we cannot get it.

G. JAKUB: I thought what they're going to run now on Westinghouse is going underground?

J. THOMAS: they promised that 2 years ago.

S.SMITH: they've been telling me no way.

L. KIRK: A lady I work with said right around the strike time last year they had stopped pushing the FiOS.

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: No report

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: we advertised at direction of council last month for a new ordinance. This is a noise hearing so we will have a public hearing. Council will consider a new ordinance that regulates noise that is a nuisance. If the sound produced is plainly audible at a distance of 75 feet from the source of the notice that will constituted a violation to include motor vehicle and other instances. There are exceptions as example for lawn care, construction activity, certain types of commercial vehicles, etc. This includes a fine of the violation. Any questions or comments before council votes on this?

T. HICKMAN: who's going to enforce the ordinance?

G. EVASHAVIK: the police

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T. HICMAN: We have more ordinances and nobody enforces them including you.

G. EVASHAVIK: I don't enforce an ordinance, that's not part of my job. I provide legal services and legal advice at the council meetings and draft ordinances.

P. SHURGOT: what is the time frame?

G. EVASHAVIK: 24 hours.

F. ACE: so if you have a get together it has to be hush.

G. EVASHAVIK: there's going to be common sense first of all and it has to be from a distance of 75 feet. The ordinance was not intended to quash picnics, if you see cars driving down the street with the music on and volume on 100 with the language coming out of the window for example, we're trying to address that and similar situations and we have to have an ordinance to do it.

F. ACE: so assume we have an ordinance that address loud foul language not noise

G. EVASHAVIK: you have a strongly protected right under the 1st amendment to free speech so that's a slippery slope. We are trying to deal with the noise nuisance which we can legally regulate in compliance with the constitution.

G. JAKUB: you will see the inspector and his staff use common sense with a lot of it.

E. BARRETT: You said the businesses are exempt?

G. EVASHAVIK: no I didn't say that, there are certain businesses exempt that certainly make noise.

S. SHURGOT: There are hours that you can cut grass and do other work. It is 7:00 a.m. to start work

G. EVASHAVIK: that concludes the public hearing. Council can vote to enact the ordinance if they so desire.

S. SMITH / R. REEVES TO ENACT THE NOISE ORDINANCE.

G. JAKUB: is there a fine associated with this.

G. EVASHAVIK: Yes, up to \$600.00

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL AUTHORIZED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTTED APPROVAL 7-0.

Time frame for real estate tax to be paid at face value was July 31 so anything Frank collects now would be under penalty. Frank has collected approximately 85% of the amount we have budgeted for real estate taxes.

RECREATION – P. SHURGOT: National Night Out was last week, not to many people showed up but all had a good time. We will be working on the Halloween festivities coming up.

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REV. REEVES: I was told by a few that they knew nothing about it.

P. SHURGOT: It was on the board for over a month and if they go online we mentioned it in the minutes before. Since we haven't been getting a good turnout I was thinking for next year to have block parties and have the mayor drive around to see who has the best block party. Something to think about for next year.

PLANNING – REV. REEVES: no report but I do want thank you for your permission to have our annual block party. It was the 6th year and there were quite a few people out. The mayor was out and we had our own security so there were no issues. The girl scouts is coming along but I do need volunteers to help. It will be on Thursday or Friday beginning in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

S. SMITH: I have not heard anything from the Pitt student since the Spring on the Red Up program. Caroline if you happen to get something please let me know. I did fill out our initial application.

P. SHURGOT: could Caroline send a letter of Thank You to Sean Marcoz for doing his scout project.

NEW BUSINESS:

L. KIRK: I just want to mention the County police had the bike rodeo in July for the children of Wilmerding to have their bikes checked over. There was a skills challenge and a bike give a way to 1 lucky resident of Wilmerding and he was grinning from ear to ear.

O. SPAGNELLI: September 21 we will be doing a car seat check and I know you mentioned Halloween. I have some Halloween stuff once you guys come up with an idea. I have some bags and reflective stuff and other stuff.

P.SHURGOT: We will take it and as for the car seat check I have 2 people that are certified at the ambulance if you need more help.

O. SPAGNELLI: actually we would cause we have people coming that we'll go through the inspector to get their names and contact info. We have people coming that are techs and instructors and we can use more help. We also have more bike helmets.

MAYORS REMARKS – G. JAKUB: last Wednesday I was invited, by the engineering group, to tour the school. What we know as the front is around the circle. The front of the school as it is now will be directly across from the castle driveway. It was amazing, all the noise Mrs. Barret, I know you're putting up with a lot but it's amazing. I walked in and you go down the one level, everyone remembers all the lockers, they have a health center, a piano lab, a computer lab, a dance lab and one other lab. They have a small area where that the staff will eat and cool foods from East Allegheny. They have a large cafeteria they are going to make for the kids. At this point they have 128 students; they feel they could get 150 by the start of the school year. The 2nd floor, where all the classrooms were, was in decent condition and is being painted and cleaned. This will be the core subjects. By next year they feel they can have 300 students and they will be going for grant money to turn the gymnasium will be a dance theatre and the auditorium stage will come out and the top row wooden seats will all be replaced. They have a lot of plans and by this Wednesday everything will be dry walled and they will be ready for the beginning of the school year. Our cameras are up. We have 6 cameras and views all through the park. I really feel that this is something that is going to help us. We are still working with the DA to get some grants for next year. We are hoping to get one at the red light and our goal is to get some cameras on the other side. With crime watch I already have 4 benefactors for signs.

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Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.