

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 21, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF BOUROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY BELIN, present; JOE HARTZELL, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

J. HARTZELL: I have a correction on the minutes, under FINANCE the vote on the milage should be 6-1.

J. HARTZELL/L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2021, MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. We received A DENIAL LETTER FOR THE Keystone Communities Grant for the Street Light in the business district and Street Signs throughout the town.
2. The CIAC sent a letter to all of council regarding a meeting in January to go over new changes in the Borough and to talk about upcoming development in the town.
3. Tax levy Ordinance #1051. This ordinance will increase the real property tax to 13 mils for the tax year 2022.

K. MAXWELL/L.KIRK TO ENACT AND APPROVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #1051 RAISING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX FROM 11 MIL TO 13 MIL BEGINNING IN TAX YEAR 2022. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

S. SHURGOT: I received a call from Roy Deer who currently does our towing for the Borough. He would like to set up a meeting with the police and members of the new council.

G. JAKUB: I have a meeting set up already.

J. THOMAS/ K. MAXWELL TO PASS THE 2022 BUDGET AS ADVERTISED.

J. HARTZELL: I thought we were going to use some of the American Rescue relief money to help pay for the police.

J. THOMAS: it is listed as a transfer from Savings.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO INCREASE THE RENTAL LICENSE FEE FROM \$35.00 TO \$50.00 PER UNIT PER YEAR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO TRANSFER \$8000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PLGIT FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO GIVE A 3% SALARY INCREASE TO THE 4 CURRENT EMPLOYEES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO REPAY THE \$50,000.00 TO THE PLGIT SEWAGE ACCOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF DECEMBER AND MOVE IT BACK TO THE GENERAL IN THE BEGINNING OF 2022. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO TAKE 14 PROPERTIES FOR ASSESMENT APPEAL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/L.KIRK TO GIVE ALL 4 EMPLOYEES A \$100.00 AFTER TAX CHRISTMAS BONUS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS: I talked to Keystone regarding the address on the tax forms. They will send Mr. Tylka a letter to see if there are any changes but it is up to him.

L. KIRK: doesn't he need to be ADA compliant?

K. MAXWELL: yes, and we vote that he had to start doing business in the building at the beginning of the year.

J. HARTZELL: what would happen if we just told Keystone to use this address?

J. THOMAS: you cannot tell the tax collector what to do or where he can or cannot collect.

S. SHURGOT: Lawson Excavating has been the best firm that I have dealt with in several years. They were very courteous of the residents and the job they did was fantastic. They are an excellent company, and they were very thorough in their work.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: The school has hired a transportation manager who will be looking into the bus situation with hopes of resolving the problem of the buses blocking the roadway and driveways.

J. HARTZELL motion to adjourn 7:30 p.m.