

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

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: REV. DOROTY REEVES, absent; KAREN PETERSON, present; LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SSHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPGHEN SHURGOT, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.**

**K. MAXWELL/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:**

**N. RONALLO, PAT MEWS DRIVE:** I wanted to know about the garbage bill, will there be a letter sent out to the residents who pay the discount?

**C. LANG:** yes there will be letters sent out for all the residents who take advantage of the discount.

**C. LANG:** the street lights are scheduled to be fixed tomorrow, weather permitting. They will be fixing the ones in front of the business district and the ones in the park

**J. HARTZELL:** the other thing is parking on yellow lines is not being enforced. Sunday mornings there is always a car parked on the yellow line and they do it down by Pasquale's as well.

**INSPECTOR KEARNS:** I will pass it onto the officers.

**D. WOLSKI:** I am a resident but also work at the East Allegheny Family Center and just want to let everybody know that we would like to be involved in the community more so please come see us.

**T. HICKMAN, AIRBRAKE AVENUE:** I would like some communication with the garbage company, they do a good job picking up but they leave a big mess. I think they should pick up a little more after themselves.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. We received a letter from East McKeesport for a donation to assist in their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2020.

**J. THOMAS TO DONATE \$300.00 TO EAST MCKEESPOR BOROUGH FOR THEIR 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS – L. KIRK:** The EMS had 50 calls. The average emergency response time was 7.9 minutes and the average non-emergency was 10.4 minutes. There is no fire report but they would like to purchase a used Ford Explorer to replace their squad that is broke down. They would like us to release \$3500.00 from their PLGIT funds.

**P. SHURGOT:** I thought the \$8000.00 that we are setting aside for them was to replace their breathing apparatuses?

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**L. KIRK:** they are submitting some grant to help with that.

**G. JAKUB:** what is going to happen to the old squad will that be sold as is?

**L. KIRK:** no, someone was interested in that for parts and we will only be removing the radio out.

**K. MAXWELL:** so on top of buying the vehicle do we have to outfit it with lights and decals?

**J. THOMAS:** it will need to be outfitted; they are talking about it costing around \$7000.00 to do everything.

**L. KIRK/ J. THOMAS TO RELEASE \$3500.00 FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PLGIT FUND TO PURCHASE A USED FORD EXPLORER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**P. SHURGOT:** Linda can you please tell them they need to supply us with a report every month, we haven't has one for 4 or 5 month. Caroline do you remember when we received the last report?

**C. LANG:** I'm not sure off the top of my head.

**L. KIRK:** I have Septembers report.

**S. SHURGOT:** we received a letter regarding the Junior Firefighter Program, we checked with our insurance and everything is good but we told them we wanted them to follow the current rules regarding juniors. They sent a letter back stating they were going to follow the child labor laws and that is not sufficient. I asked Caroline to send a letter on that and have heard nothing.

**C. LANG:** I sent that letter along with a copy of the handbook to Erinn.

**S. SHURGOT:** the next time they want to do a boot drive they need to let us know so we can put it onto the Savvy Citizen app.

**INSPECTOR KEARNS:** On November 22 we had a shooting on Watkins Avenue and Officer Winter was the only officer on at the time. Al Hussey was around and as Andy was attending to the victim Al noticed a guy throwing a bag into the creek. He knew the guy from a prior encounter and struck up a conversation. The guy admitted he was involved in the shooting and that the bag he threw contained guns. He stayed with the guy until another officer got there to take him into custody. The shooting was a dispute but the guy who threw the guns, the homeowner, is a convicted felon and cannot possess a weapon. The victim was the one who brought the gun and the shooting was in self-defense but his possession of a firearm is still illegal. If it wasn't for Al's efforts we would have never been able to resolve the incident so quickly. We would like to recognize Al tonight with Civilian Service recognition. We had 264 events for the month including 1 abandoned vehicles, 1 assaults, 1 criminal mischief, 6 disputes, 2 DUI's, 3 fraud, 3 local ordinances, 7 motor vehicle crashes, 1 motor vehicle theft, 1 narcotics, 7 thefts, 85 traffic stops, and 3 warrants. We made 20 arrests that included 1 fugitives, 2 narcotics charges, 2 DUI's, 1 simple assaults, 2 retail theft, 1 receiving stolen property, 1 Altered/forged documents, 3 disorderly conduct, 2 firearms violations, 1 habitual offender, 1 harassment, and 1 stalking.

**L. KIRK:** crime watch will have its Christmas party on Monday December 10th at 6p.m. at Johnny's. Please let Regina know if you will be attending.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY:** Thank you Inspector Kearns and thank you to all of you for affording me the opportunity to serve Wilmerding in that capacity. There were 17 inspections in which 15 of them passed, 2 failed and there were 10 Code Enforcement Incidents.

**P. SHURGOT:** The repair shop on Airbrake had a ton of tires again. Do they do that monthly or just whenever they feel like it?

**A. HUSSEY:** he has a program with a company; whenever he gets 100 they come and take them.

**PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT:** they did some cleaning around town and in the building. They installed 2 CO detectors; they had State Pipe out to do the catch basins, dropped the truck of for new tires, cleaned up more leaves and started doing the decorating for Recreation.

**K. PETERSON:** are they going to be coming around for leaves again?

**P. SHURGOT:** no they had to take it off due to the change in the weather.

**ENGINEERS REPORT – A. PRINCE:** I covered everything in the pre meeting.

**COG & UTILITIES REPORT – K. PETERSON:** nothing.

**J. THOMAS:** the LED lights were installed. There are 2 on Summit, 5 on Sprague, and 3 on Station.

**P. SHURGOT:** are they going to continue this program?

**J. THOMAS:** As far as I know they will continue it next year. We were going back and forth so it is time for the north side and they have to be continuous.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK:** We authorized the repairs for ELK on the boiler, they have the parts ordered and will schedule when they receive them. The Ceiling is still up in the air so that was all I had.

**SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK:** I discussed everything prior.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:**

**J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO OFFER THE 2020 GARBAGE DISCOUNT TO ACCOUNTS IN GOOD STANDING. WE WOULD LIKE THE DUE DATE BACK TO THE END OF FEBRUARY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS / K. MAXWELL TO ADOPT THE 2020 BUDGET WITH REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES EQUALING \$989,514.00. THE MILAGE WILL REMAIN THE SAME AT 11 MIL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS/K. PETERSON TO PAYBACK THE PLGIT SEWER FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR OPERATING EXPENSES THAT WE USED IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO TRANSFER \$8000.00 FROM GENERAL FUND TO THE PLGIT FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE BOROUGH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

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**J. THOMAS:** With the help of Al Hussey we received the money from the Faller building and along with that we had raised Milage so now that money is in our General Fund.

**J. THOMAS/K. PETERSON TO TRANSFER \$50,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PLGIT GENERAL FUND.  
MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**RECREATION – K. MAXWELL:** We are applying for the Banner Community recognition. The application is almost complete, Caroline and I have a few more things to complete. The Hometown Christmas in the park is on Saturday from 5-7:30. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. to pass out gifts, Westinghouse Arts Academy will have kids singing, and the Family Center will be open for bathrooms and crafts. We had 20 children put letters in the box. We will have hot dogs, chips, and hot chocolate. The luminary will be for sale again this year.

**PLANNING – REV. REEVES:** absent

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**P. SHURGOT:** Caroline is this the information on the street lights?

**C. LANG:** yes, East McKeesport does not own those poles they belong to the construction company.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** I would like to thank Inspector Kearns for the increase in his officers and I want to ask our Ordinance committee if we can meet sometime in January.

**S. SHURGOT:** just a reminder, the Council meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January. We will be doing swearing in, reorganization, and general business.

**K. PETERSON** motion to adjourn 7:37 p.m.