

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 7, 2021, 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: 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/L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2021, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. We received the Solvency letter from the PA Department of Labor and Industry. Our 2022 fee would be \$273.34, this would be paid as a relief from charges for benefits. If we decide not to pay this amount, we will be responsible for paying unemployment to eligible employees.
2. We have Resolution 2021-4 to correspond with the NPDES permits. There is a consent order and agreement that has been reviewed from Mr. Evashavik, this is done under the clean streams law, act of June 22, 1937.

G. EVASHAVIK: This is ongoing and goes back at least 20 years. The engineer has review it and approved it for their standards and Nick has been attending the meetings and these are the terms that have been discussed and made in the best regards to the Borough.

K. MAXWELL/P. SHURGOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-4. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: EMS for November had 29 calls. The average emergency response time was 8.3 minutes, and the average non-emergency was 11.4 minutes. I do not have a fire report and the police, I would like to recognize the Allegheny County Police on 5 years of service and dedication. Thank you for embracing our business, citizens, and our community as a whole.

SUPERINTENDENT KEARNS: Well, thank you all on behalf of the entire police department. I always said, "I didn't choose to come to Wilmerding, and I didn't choose to leave, but I hope we made a difference while we were here." We will still be around and will always support the town and Chief Farally. For the month of November, we had 78 events including 2 theft reports, 1 theft of a vehicle. We also, unfortunately had an armed robbery, we thought we would make it the whole 5 years without one, but it happened at the Dollar General during the daytime shift. We also had 3 arrests in November.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: they have finished with leaves and are preparing for snow. They have decorated around the park and did normal clean up around town. There was also a second camera purchased for the dump truck.

J. THOMAS: The handicap building has not had their leaves picked up all year and I think a letter may need to be sent.

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J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO SEND A LETTER TO MANAGEMENT AT THE HANDICAP BUILDING REGARDING THE LEAF PICKUP. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

ENGINEERS REPORT – D. GILLILAND: report was given at premeeting but there were bids opened for the CITF demolition. The low bid was from DJ” s Demo in the amount of \$18,400.00 for demolition of 334 and 336 Wood Street.

L. KIRK/K. MAXWELL TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO DJ’S DEMO FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$18,400.00 TO DEMOLISH 334 WOOD STREET AND 336 WOOD STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

D. GILLILAND: the repair of the Morningside Avenue slide will need a liner that I would like to get quotes on.

J. HARTZELL/J.THOMAS TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR A LINER TO PLACE IN THE PIPE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COG REPORT/UTILITIES – J. HARTZELL: We have a meeting on Thursday and there is nothing for utilities.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. MAXWELL: Just a thank you for the guys for getting the decorating completed.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: nothing to report

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / K. MAXWELL TO PAY ALL BILLS PRESENTED, \$23,299.31 FROM GENERAL, \$136,941.27 FROM SEWAGE AND \$5,271.62 FROM MOTOR LICENSE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO ADVERTISE THE WORKSHOP AS A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO ADVERTISE THE 2022 BUDGET OF \$1,097,094.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/K. BELIN TO RAISE THE MILAGE FROM 11 MIL TO 13 MIL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO INCREASE THE GARBAGE FROM \$36.00 A QUARTER TO \$45.00 A QUARTER AND CONTINUE THE DISCOUNT AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE \$160.00 FOR 2022. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

RECREATION & PLANNING – K. BELIN: NOTHING FOR Recreation and for Christmas I am meeting with the school and will keep you posted.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

J. HARTZELL: are we going to do anything with the delinquent real estate that you gave us?

J. THOMAS: yes, but I thought we would wait until the new year.

J. HARTZELL: what comes after the final demand letter?

J. THOMAS: they threaten sheriff sale and wait on us.

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MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: Myself, Officer Risher and some students from the school are going to go to stuff a store, donations are still being accepted. Thanks to Chief Farally for joining us tonight and we will be setting up a meet and greet soon. Lastly, I want to thank Superintendent Kearns and the Allegheny County Police for all that they did over the years.

J. HARTZELL motion to adjourn 7:20 p.m.