

WILMERDING BOROUGH  
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 2022, MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell at 7:05 pm.

K. MAXWELL: council met in an executive session to discuss personnel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

**ROLL CALL: LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY BELIN, absent; JOSEPH HARTZELL, present; STEVE VOLPE, present; LEAHMANDA BARNES, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.**

**J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. We received our new insurance premiums in the amount of \$26,069.00 for property, auto and liability, and \$13,343.00 workers compensation.

**J. THOMAS/L. BARNES TO ACCEPT THESE INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE POLICY EFFECTIVE 8/10/2022-8/10/2023. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

- b. We received a letter from Michael Giglio regarding property located at 215 Marguerite Avenue. He would like to propose a collaboration between himself, the CIAC, and the Borough to raze this home.

G. EVASHAVIK: I would recommend that the Borough receive information from the CIAC in writing stating that they will be responsible for the cost of the process including the condemnation hearing, cost to advertise for bid, asbestos survey, and the demolition itself.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO AUTHORIZE MR. EVASHAVIK TO PREPARE THE TITLE SEARCH NEEDED FOR CONDEMNATION ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 215 MARGUERITE AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK** – I would like to thank all of the first responders that spent most of the day on Patton Street due to the accident. Chief Farally is unable to attend due to a meeting in Pitcairn and the hiring and swearing in of a few more officers. According to his report there were 119 calls for the month of July. The fire department responded to 34 calls, 12 in town and 22 out of town. The EMS report for July was 50 calls with an average emergency response time of 9-9 minutes and an average non-emergency response time of 10.9 minutes. Also, during the storms and power outages we used the Rec Room as a cooling center, and I noticed that the blinds in there are pretty bad. I will be looking into prices to replace those.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY:** I will refer to my report.

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**PUBLIC WORKS – J. HARTZELL:**

**J. HARTZELL/ L. KIRK TO CHANGE THE RATE OF PAY FOR MATT LEKOVITCH TO \$18.00/HR EFFECTIVE ON THE NEXT PAY PERIOD. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**J. HARTZELL:** Matt continued cleaning some of the streets, cutting grass, did some hot patch, and painted parking lines and crosswalks. I also met with Allegheny County Public Works about the creek bed. They have stated that they will not do this because it is not their property, it belongs to the railroad. They will however come out and clean up around the bridge and cut the weeds. Caroline spoke with a railroad representative and was told that the contract between them and Allegheny County has not been signed in several years and is not currently in place.

**ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:** Act 152 Demolition bids for 428 Airbrake will be opened August 23, 2022, at the TCVCOG. East McKeesport received approval of a CD 48 Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Ice Plant Hill Storm Water. An additional LSA grant was submitted but will not be announced until November. We are working on the final design of the project and will bid out in 2 separate phases if needed. State Pipe will be starting work in September and October for the ALCOSAN takeover of the Patton Street sewer. I was asked to look at a wall at 210 Caldwell that has partially collapsed. This wall was constructed of smooth concrete block and laid without cement mortar. The wall failed because it has no strength to withhold lateral forces. The adjacent alley is sloped away from this property and there is a storm inlet across the alley so surface water has not contributed to this collapse. Lastly, CD 49 pre-applications are due September 16<sup>th</sup> so I will need to know what Council would like to apply for. We did not receive anything from CD 48 so we can just reapply for those projects if you wish.

**COG REPORT – K. BELIN:** absent

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK:** nothing

**UTILITIES – L. BARNES:** nothing

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** nothing

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:**

**J. THOMAS / S. VOLPE TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,189.84 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, \$2,543.75 FROM THE PLGIT SEWAGE FUND AND \$5,571.83 FROM THE PLGIT MOTOR LICENSE FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS:** we receive a tax collector report ever week and we have collected 85% of what was budgeted although WABTEC has not paid. To date we have collected \$75,317 in delinquent garbage, \$58,941 in delinquent real estate, \$80,143 in EIT, \$10,099 in LST and \$96,283 in RAD.

**J. THOMAS/L. KIRK TO MOVE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PLGIT GENERAL ONCE THIS MONTH'S BILLS ARE PAID. THE PLGIT ACCOUNTS ARE COLLECTING MORE INTEREST AT THIS MOMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**RECREATION/PLANNING – S. VOLPE:** We had a good turnout for National Night Out The police, crime watch, AIU and Historical Society set up tables. We also had Bobs eats, Pasquale's, and Kona Ice. We will take what we did this year to hopefully build onto next year.

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**PLANNING – K. BELIN:** absent

**C. LANG:** I received a request from Joyce to send 4 members of planning and 1 member of zoning to a virtual class on Community Economic Development Key Stat and Federal Programs. The cost is \$25.00 each with a total due of \$125.00.

**J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO APPROVE THE CLASS FOR PLANNING AND ZONING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125.00 FOR 5 MEMBERS. COUNCIL VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**S. VOLPE:** has anything been done about the parking in front of the Daycare on Station Street?

**C. LANG:** I know Chief Farally said he was going to address that, but I am not sure if he has. I will touch base with him before the workshop.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**J. HARTZELL:** we need to find a new person for the planning committee, can you add this to the sign?

**C. LANG:** yes, and actually we need 2 now, we have not received any interest on Lenny's seat that he resigned from.

**MAYORS REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** nothing

**J. HARTZELL MOTION TO ADJORN AT 8:02 P.M.**