

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

Meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell 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; 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 DECEMBER 6, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. We need to ratify an email vote to award Pitcairn Street sewer repair to Creative Enterprises in the amount of \$2,250.00.

J. HARTZELL/J.THOMAS TO AWARD THE PITCAIRN STREET SEWER REPAIR TO CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR A COST OF \$2,250.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. Police Pension MMO for 2023 will be \$8,624.00 and our state aide will cover that amount so we will not be responsible for a deposit this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK: There is no fire report. The EMS report shows 44 calls, 23 of those were transports with an average emergency response time of 8.4 minutes and an average non-emergency response time of 11.5 minutes. Pitcairn Police had a call that came in, so they are not available at this time.

J. HARTZELL: can you let them know that there is still parking on the yellow line in front of the daycare.

G. JAKUB: I spoke with the owner this week and explained the situation. He did inform me that they are not permitted to use the side door due to state law.

L. KIRK – BOROUGH PROPERTY: I received pricing from Doug on the trees at Avenue U Park, they all include grinding stumps and hauling away large pieces. For all the trees it would be #12,000.00, for the 2 trees we discussed with him and trimming of dead on the other trees it would be \$5,500.00 and for just the 2 trees it would be \$4,500.00.

L. KIRK/J. THOMAS TO HAVE DOUG CUT DOWN THE 2 TREES AND TRIM THE DEAD OFF OF THE REMAINING TREES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – A. HUSSEY: SEE REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS – J. HARTZELL: everyone has a copy of his report.

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K. MAXWELL: Jonathan will be on-call if we need him at the same rate as when he left, he will be listed as an employee and can make up to \$900.00 per pay period.

ENGINEERS REPORT – B. BRANTHOOVER: Act 152 demolition should be underway in the next 30 days. We are waiting on field surveying for the Ice Plant Hill storm water project, once that is received we can finalize the design. We attempted to get a hold of Duquesne Light regarding the manhole cover on Airbrake but had no response back.

C. LANG: I will try and get a hold of someone as well.

L. KIRK: any word on the streetlights that are out?

C. LANG: we need to get pole numbers and corresponding addresses so that they can locate the poles. They have fixed everything that was turned in that they could find but their pole numbers do not always correspond with what is on the pole.

G. JAKUB: speaking of Maple, someone thinks this is a dumping ground, I have already spoken with Scott about it.

B. BRANTHOOVER: We received the estimate to replace the trench drain on Bluff Street. We will also need to repair the catch basin. The estimated cost is \$12,475.00. If the council decides to go for the paving of Commerce Street then this amount could be added in and still under the grant amount. Greg, you had questioned the surface restoration on Herman where peoples gas did the work and I went and checked that out. They must of finished that in between the time you mentioned it and I went out because that was completed.

K. MAXWELL: what about the patch on Herman in front of 425, they did not go curb-to curb.

C. LANG: it was done by WPJWA.

B. BRANTHOOVER: I will look into that and let you know. I also emailed Earl about the sign, Caroline said it was in.

COG – K. BELIN:

J. HARTZELL: we just talked about the demo at 428 Airbrake, it was short since it was a dinner meeting.

UTILITIES – L. BARNES: nothing

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I drafted the firework ordinance per Caroline's request, although there are still some details to work out. Once everything is ironed out we will need to advertise on the website to have a meeting for public input, then we would need to advertise for the ordinance to be voted on at a public meeting.

J. THOMAS: we spoke about having a number of properties scheduled together for hearings, do you have a list for those?

G. EVASHAVIK: yes Caroline sent me a list, one of which we had already done and another is owned by the 3 taxing bodies. The rest I ordered title searches on, I have received those and they have been reviewed. I will be sending the information out for her to move forward.

C. LANG: properties included are 415 Marguerite, 524 Glenn, 62 Morningside, 138 State, 109 Middle, 530 Airbrake, and 532 Airbrake.

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FINANCES – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS/L/ BARNES TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS FROM THE WILMERDING DAYS CHECKING ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/ J. HARTZELL TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\$32,642.03 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND \$4,460.00 FROM THE PLGIT SEWAGE FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/K. BELIN TO HAVE KEYSTONE PRINT THE REAL ESTATE BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO OFFER A GARBAGE DISCOUNT TO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR 2022 BILLS PAID IN FULL. GARBAGE FOR 2023 WOULD COST \$160.00 WHICH IS SAVINGS OF \$20.00 FOR THE YEAR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE PLGIT SURVEILLANCE CAMERA FUND TO THE PLGIT GENERAL FUND AND CLOSE THE ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS: income for the year: Real estate - \$433853.76, delinquent real estate - \$81,067.38, delinquent garbage - \$86,973.24, EIT - \$134,776, LST - \$14,591.87, RAD, \$141,057, and deed transfer - \$64,463.70.

RECREATION – S. VOLPE: we will be starting to work on Easter.

PLANNING – K. BELIN: What is happening with the yellow house on Patton?

C. LANG: the blue one was abandoned and done as an emergency demolition paid for by Big's. The yellow house has a responsible owner and is caught up in litigation at this moment.

K. BELIN: they are going to pursue the conservator issue with abandoned homes in town. They are going to approach a company in Trafford and the CIAC is going down that road as well. Another issue is the white house on Marguerite, there are a lot of people in there and on Caldwell there is a house that is being rehabbed and supposedly will be used as a motorcycle storage place or shop of some sort. They were also worried about WABTEC leaving and not paying their taxes.

J. THOMAS: Allegheny Petroleum did the separation; WABTEC paid their 2022 taxes and we will see what the future brings. All that will be left for WABTEC is half a parking lot and the machine shop.

K. BELIN: We also spoke about a cleaning company coming in and thought it was going into the laundry mat but have not seen anything and the laundry mat has a sign on the door that says closed.

OLD BUSINESS:

J. HARTZELL: does anyone know what is going on with the taco shop and the coffee shop?

G. JAKUB: the coffee shop had problems with the grease traps and had no funds left.

L. KIRK: did Banquets Unlimited sell?

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K. MAXWELL: no it didn't sell and is still listed under bankruptcy.

NEW BUSINESS: none

MAYOR JAKUB: I had a meeting with the Chief Farally and we are going to meet on a weekly basis so if anyone has a concern please let me know. We are also meeting with Monroeville to see if we can get some cameras on the other side of town at the intersection of Monroeville, the tri-boro off ramps and Wilmerding.

J. THOMAS TO ADJOURN MEETING 7:51 p.m.