

WILMERDING BOROUGH  
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

**J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2024 MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**BOB CODDINGTON – PATTON STREET:** I just wanted to see if we have an update on the house on the corner of Patton Street.

**A. HUSSEY:** on July 26 they received 3 proposals for demolition and have sent those over to their insurance company. On August 1 the attorney from Big's responded with a lower proposal then on August 8 Gambridge's attorney replied and they are considering the proposals. They did receive a favorable ruling at the hearing that was downtown. He has not been cited because he is trying to take care of the situation.

**B. CODDINGTON:** you told them that he would be cited but now you haven't done anything.

**G. EVASHAVIK:** We told them they would be cited when they were here last.

**K. MAXWELL:** Al, please cite them immediately.

**A. HUSSEY:** they are just waiting to decide on the company they will be using.

**B. CODDINGTON:** I just finished renovating 430 Patton Street and saw that you have posted the house next door. I wanted to apply to the vacant property recovery program to try and get the front house, the back house is in disrepair and does need to be torn down.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Wilmerding Borough Pension plan MMO contribution for 2025 is \$0.00

**L. BARNES/ T. SIEBLES TO APPROVE THE 2025 MMO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

2. Resolution 2024-2 indicating intent to work with Allegheny County Health Department and the TCVCOG to create a climate resilience plan.

**J. HARTZELL/J. MARCOZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND BEGING WORK WITH ACHD AND TCVCOG ON A CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

3. Ratify concurring resolutions for GEDTF grant in the amount of \$371,885.92 for street reconstruction and \$171,360.00 for demolition.

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**J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO RATIFY CONCURRING RESOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$371,885.92 FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND \$171,360.00 FOR DEMOLITION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

4. Donation request to East Allegheny Marching Band for the Program Ad

**J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO DONATE \$50.00 TO THE East Allegheny Marching Band for a program ad. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – T. SIEBLES** – no fire or EMS report due to the Holiday.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT –:**

**A. HUSSEY:** we should be doing a zoning hearing for a tiny home to be built on the vacant lot on Marguerite Avenue.

**PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ:** they painted yellow curbs, cut the Borough lots, cleaned garbage on all streets, removed all ruined salt from the bin and met with the contractor for a bid, did tune ups on all leaf equipment, cut back weeds on sidewalks, and cut curb lines.

**ENGINEER – BRAD BRANTHOVER:**

Dakoma: Cog has issued the contract documents to Satira for the Wilmerding Park Improvements. The bid opening for the 2023 GEDTF inlet repair will be opened on 9/17/24. We have submitted 2 projects for the 2024 GEDTF, Street Reconstruction and Demolition. CD-51 Pre Applications are due and we have started application for Street Reconstruction, Handicap ramp, Catch basin replacements, and WCC fencing. We will need to get a list together for the 2024 Act 152 Application and also the LSA grant information.

**COG REPORT – J. HARTZELL:** no meeting yet.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – S. VOLPE:** ASBENT

**UTILITIES – S. VOLPE:** absent

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** Some good news, the re-assessment for 106 Herman Avenue went from \$325,000 to \$981,000. We do anticipate an appeal, but we will keep you informed on that. Our last pension recipient has passed away and Mockenhaupt suggested that we terminate our Police Pension Plan to avoid a MMO. The only reason to not terminate this plan was if there is any possibility of starting a police department in the future.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:**

**J. THOMAS / L. BARNES TO PAY BILLS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TOTALING \$44,166.93 AND FROM THE PLGIT SEWAGE FUND TOTALING \$107,445.92. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS:** I was not able to get all of the other information together due to the early meeting.

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**RECREATION– L. BARNES** – we are thinking about doing Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Have the kids party in the park at 5 then go into trick or treating from 6-8.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. HUSSEY:** just asking for fire prevention in the newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS: none**

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

**J. HARTZELL MOTION ADJORN AT 7:31 P.M.**