

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE FEB. 18, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, absent; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; SANDRA SMITH, present; WILLIAM PRICENER, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR JAMES WRIGHT was also present.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. S. VOLPE, CARD AVE.: can the street department plow the portion of Lydia Street that goes up to my house every once in a while.

MR. W. PRICENER: Mike, are there cars parked there.

MR. M. JAKUB: when we were up there a car was parked at the bottom of the road.

MR. S. VOLPE: that was my car, I couldn't get up the hill. That section is only about 50 feet.

MR. S. SHUGOT: a few years ago we were considering vacating that portion of Lydia Street.

MS. M. MEIGHAN, NORTH VERSAILLES, PA.: I am a property owner and I heard that you were going to change Mr. Miller and raise the rental license. Are you going to use an in house agent. I don't think raising the rental license is a good idea.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we will be hiring a new guy but we did not talk about raising the residential license fee only the occupancy permit fee would go up. We cannot raise the residential license fee, we have to break even.

MR. S. VOLPE: what can the borough do for me to get tenants out if they do not want to leave.

MR. S. SHURGOT: it sounds like it is a civil matter.

MR. S. VOLPE: can the borough cite the tenant if there are drugs involved or there is a criminal offense.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the police would cite them in that case and again it is a civil matter.

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 PM.

COUNCIL RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a notice from Allegheny County that they do not have our Emergency Management Coordinator on file.

W. PRICENER / S. SMITH TO APPOINT STEPHEN SHURGOT AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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2. The Mayor informed Council that he intends to perform Civil Marriage Ceremonies.
3. Resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the death of George Westinghouse on March 12, 2014. I will be 100 years since the man who built Wilmerding died.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – W. PRICENER:

1. We do have salt available. We did have to borrow some from Wall and Turtle Creek because our shipment did not come in. It was supposed to come in today.

2. We received a bid from Cleveland Brothers for a new bobcat. The selling price is \$39,242 and they are giving us \$12,000 for our trade in. The total cost will be \$27,242. Financing is available through Caterpillar Financial at 2.25% for 60 months. We also received a bid from Walsh for \$35,567 for a new bobcat.

3. There is a problem in the public works office. Water is dripping on the desk. They would like to move their office up to the GW room.

W. PRICENER / K. PETERSON TO MOVE THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE UP TO THE OLD GW ROOM.

MS. S. SMITH: I have a lot of stuff in that room for recreation. I would like to keep everything upstairs. Is there room back by the jail cells. Everything would be in one place.

MR. W. PRICENER: we can make room for you.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO MOVE THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, 6-0.

4. Mike has been called out 121.25 hours in overtime. If he was getting paid straight time he would have received an additional \$2,024.

W. PRICENER / REV. D. REEVES TO GIVE MIKE JAKUB A BONUS OF \$1,200 FOR WORKING OVERTIME.

MR. J. THOMAS: when we do this all of his time will be gone.

MR. W. PRICENER: yes.

MR. S. SHURGOT: what we did in the past was that we gave them comp time for any hours over 50.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO GIVE MIKE JAKUB A BONUS, 6-0.

UTILITIES – REV. D. REEVES: the water company is changing their billing. Instead of receiving a bill quarterly they will be sending it out monthly.

RECREATION – S. SMITH: we are working with the Y to bring some activity to the Avenue U playground. We are also looking for funding.

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FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. PETERSON: I got some estimates for carpet in the Mayor's office. It will be under the \$450 that the committee can spend.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: myself, John Thomas, Karen Peterson, the Mayor, the engineer, the county, Dan Biesler from the school district, George Thompson, and the YMCA all meet to discuss the Ice Plant Hill slide. The first thing is that we need to seek help to get funding for this project. The county wants the cost sharing to be based on the tax millage where the school would pay 68%, the borough 24% and the county 8%. I am going to contact the Daily News to let them know that it is going to be closed for a long period of time. I also talked to Joe Markosek to keep him informed of the situation. Don Glenn is going to check the possibility of using one lane. We are looking for a permanent fix. The first slide happened in 1992 and it was fixed in 1997.

MR. W. PRICENER: after the meeting with Compass Bank we met with the County Housing Authority about the Section 8 housing in Wilmerding. They told us that they couldn't do anything unless they were delinquent. They wanted a list of Section 8 housing that is delinquent so that they can take action against them.

W. PRICENER / S. SMITH TO HIRE INTERNATIONAL CODE CONSULTANTS AS THE NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT AT \$55.00 AN HOUR NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600 PER WEEK WITH A 30 DAY NOTICE TO TERMINATE SERVICES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

S. SMITH / W. PRICENER TO HAVE MIKE JAKUB SERVE AS THE TEMPORARY CODE OFFICER EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2014 AND TO INCREASE HIS PAY TO \$80.00 A WEEK AND NOT TO EXCEED 10 HOURS PER WEEK. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – JAMES WRIGHT: there will be a meeting next Wednesday Feb. 26th at 5:30 pm with John Graf to discuss the purchase of the Castle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm