

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE JAN. 4, 2016 REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

PRIOR TO THE MEETING THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: PAULA SHURGOT, COUNCIL; KAREN PETERSON, COUNCIL; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, COUNCIL AND GREGORY JAKUB, MAYOR WERE SWORN IN BY JUDGE SUSAN EVASHAVIK. ALSO, MICHAEL TRKULA WHO WAS ELECTED TO COUNCIL, WAS NOT PRESENT TO BE SWORN IN.

The Mayor called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

ROLL CALL: KAREN PETERSON, present; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; MICHAEL TRKULA, absent SANDRA SMITH, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present, STEPHEN SHURGOT, present.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: at this time I will accept nominations for President of Council.

MS. K. PETERSON: I would like to nominate Sandra Smith for President of Council.

MS. S. SMITH: I decline the nomination.

MR. J. THOMAS: I would like to nominate Stephen Shurgot for President of Council.

REV. D. REEVES: I will second the nomination.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: are there any other nominations. There being no other nominations members voted approval for Stephen Shurgot as President of Council. Congratulations.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: at this time I will accept nominations for Vice President of Council.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I would like to nominate Sandra Smith for Vice President of Council.

MR. J. THOMAS: I will second the nomination.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: are there any other nominations. There being no other nominations members voted approval for Sandra Smith as Vice President of Council. Congratulations. I will now turn the regular meeting over to President Shurgot.

S. SMITH / REV. D. REEVES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DEC. 15, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

None

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a notice from the Allegheny County Borough's Association on their annual banquet to be held on Saturday Feb. 6th at the Rivers Casino. The cost of the dinner is \$65 per person.

K. PETERSON / J. THOMAS TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. Received a letter from the Tri-Cog Collaborative that they are conducting a business district analysis in ten municipalities. This analysis would give the municipalities a better understanding of the current property and economic conditions within their business district. There is no cost for this analysis and if the borough is interested they should send a letter in intent along with a name of the contact person.

K. PETERSON / S. SMITH TO SEND A LETTER OF INTEREST AND NAMING K. PETERSON AS THE CONTACT PERSON. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

3. Received a notice on the Turtle Creek Valley COG annual dinner to be held on Jan. 22nd at the Holiday Inn Ballroom in Monroeville. The cost for the dinner is \$50 and the guest speaker is Sean Logan, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

S. SMITH / P. SHURGOT TO SEND OUR COG REPRESENTATIVES, K. PETERSON AND REV. D. REEVES, TO THE DINNER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. S. SHURGOT: being that this is the first meeting of the year and having just been elected President, there are no committee assignments. I would ask the Mayor to give the public safety report.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: for the month of December Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Service responded to 52 calls and had 38 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 6.3 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 10.3 minutes. For the fourth quarter of 2015 they responded to 160 calls and had 121 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 6.9 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 9.8 minutes. For the year of 2015 they responded to 630 calls and had 428 transports. Their average response time was 7.0 minutes for emergencies and 9.4 for non- emergencies.

ENGINEER – S. GLENN: the 2015 CCTV Sewer Project will begin the second week in February, weather permitting. Insight Pipe is the contractor for this project.

The county has not yet responded to our request for additional funds, however, their engineers were on site last week to inspect the slide area. One lane has been opened after installing larger concrete barriers.

We did submit an application for a grant for cameras at the dump site. Nothing is going to happen until spring.

MR. J. THOMAS: we authorized up to \$5,000 for the barriers, what was the total cost.

MS. S. SMITH: the cost for the barriers was \$2,160 and for the delivery it was \$1,000. We had to use two different trucking companies because the county could not wait for them to make another trip to New Castle.

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SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: I reviewed the cooperation agreement for the C.I.A.C. and the Keystone Communities Program. Wilmerding is taking the lead on getting a \$25,000 grant for this study. This resolution enters into an agreement with DCED and the C.I.A.C. I am recommending that the resolution be approved so that we can move forward with this study.

We have reviewed the paperwork for a \$200,000 loan for paving. We need your C.P.A. to prepare a debt statement so that we can proceed. There is also an ordinance and resolution that would need to be passed.

K. PETERSON / S. SMITH TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE FOR THE \$200,000 LOAN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: in the resolution it says the Community Improvement Action Committee, it should read Community Improvement Advisory Committee.

S. SMITH / K. PETERSON TO PASS THE RESOLUTION, WITH CORRECTIONS, FOR THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

FINANCE

J. THOMAS / REV. D. REEVES TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. THESE ARE THE REGULAR NORMAL BILLS WE RECEIVE EACH MONTH.

MS. S. SMITH: what are we going to do with the high water bill?

MR. J. THOMAS: I don't know what we can do, if anything.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO TRANSFER \$40,000 FROM THE PLGIT SEWER FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND TO REPAY A LOAN FROM 2009. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MS. S. SMITH: are we going to apply for a tax forgiveness loan.

MR. J. THOMAS: we will use this money first.

OLD BUSINESS

MS. S. SMITH: are we or are we not going to rent the room out downstairs. The Eastern Star ladies come every third Saturday of the month. We can discuss this further after the committees are formed. Also, the key pad on the door downstairs is not working. There is a key lock built in, can we switch over to that.

NEW BUSINESS

MS. S. SMITH: the new Magistrate asked us if we have community service. Greg is looking into this to see if we can use them in our public works department.

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MS. P. SHURGOT: a resident from the borough approached me and asked if he could fix up the entrances to Wilmerding so that he can earn his Eagle Scout Badge. We can discuss this later after the committees are formed

MR. S. SHURGOT: can we have a "G" made at a metal shop or have the whole sign redone.

MS. S. SMITH: the fire department asked us that if anyone is interested in seeing what they have they can go downstairs and the firemen will take them on a tour.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I would like to thank everyone that was involved in my campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.