

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

S. SHURGOT: Council met in an Executive session for a personnel contract matter.

ROLL CALL: REV. DOROTY REEVES, absent; KAREN PETERSON, present; LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

P. SHURGOT / L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. We received a letter from David Markoff regarding his term on the Zoning Board.

K. PETERSON/L. KIRK TO REAPPOINT DAVID MARKOFF TO THE ZONING BOARD FOR ANOTHER TERM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. We received a letter from Ben Gusty regarding his term on the Planning Commission.

P. SHURGOT/K. MAXWELL TO REAPPOINT BEN GUSTY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER TERM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

G. EVASHAVIK: we voted on this at the December meeting but we need to pass an Ordinance to set the 2019 tax milage for the Borough at 11 mil.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO PASS ORDINANCE 1043 SETTING THE 2019 MILAGE FOR WILMERDING BOROUGH AT 11 MIL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK: The fire Department I do not have. The EMS had 50 calls. The average emergency response time was 7.6minutes and the average non-emergency was 8.5 minutes.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: We had 259 events for the month including 4 abandoned vehicles, 3 assaults, 1 burglary, 9 domestic disputes, 2 DUI's, 1 fleeing officer, 1 K-9 Narc assist, 2 motor vehicle crashes, 1 motor vehicle theft, 6 narcotics, 3 thefts, 52 traffic stops, and 5 warrants. I have included the year ending summary report with a total of 3677 events which is down 1000 from 2017. We had 339 arrests in 2018 which is down from 364 in 2017.

L. KIRK: crime watch meeting will be January 14th downstairs in the Rec room. Fire inspector Al Husey will speak on fire prevention and fire safety.

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S. SHURGOT: a few months ago we passed a Resolution from November 1 through April, that there is no parking on Summit. We have the curbs painted and the sign has been installed. We sent them a letter and a registered letter but they are still parking there and we are receiving complaints.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

S. SHURGOT: everyone received a copy of the code report and extras have been placed in the hall.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: they helped decorate the building for Christmas and decorated around town, picked up trash, painted the curbs on Summit, had service to the skid steer, no parking signs on summit were installed, and helped with New Year's Eve set up.

K. PETERSON: somebody posted on Facebook about the light at the bridge and the left turn over the bridge. Can we paint on the road that the left is just a turning lane and can we get a Yield sign. There is one there but it's not very visible.

P. SHURGOT: the problem is that is not our road, it is a County road; I can have Caroline send a letter regarding our concerns.

D. GILLILAND: I will send the letter to the County.

ENGINEERS REPORT – D. GILLILAND: We will be applying for CITF funding in January for the Welsh/Orient slide, we have also applied for a CD 45 Grant for this. CD 44 Caldwell paving will be postponed until 2019 due to winter. ALCOSAN has expressed an interest in the Ice Plant drainage project. We will be meeting in January to discuss it further. 2018 inlet project has been completed but the asphalt has not been done, they filled it with cold patch for the time being. They are responsible for repairs throughout the winter until they can complete the job. The subdivision of land at St Joseph's drive will be submitted to the County. COG will be advertising for bids on the Airbrake Park project which will include replacement of the rubber safety surface, replacing the fence at the basketball court, a new whirl in the playground area, new swing seats, and new baby seats. The bids will be opened January 29th at 1:00pm at the COG office.

J. THOMAS: On Ice Plant Hill, did you meet with representatives from East McKeesport and North Versailles? If ALCOSAN comes through and says they will pay 85%, will the other 15% be split between the other 3 municipalities involved?

D. GILLILAND: I met with East McKeesport. I don't think you would be responsible for anything. I would think East McKeesport would be responsible for that.

P. SHURGOT: on the playground we already received a grant for that?

D. GILLILAND: We applied for it over a year ago and we got approved, it just took this long to get the agreement.

COG & UTILITIES REPORT – K. PETERSON: we had a speaker at COG regarding the walking trails.

S. SHURGOT: I was talking in conversation about expanding ours up onto the road since it's so wide and put a bicycle lane to go up to the bridge. It wouldn't cost a lot to expand it.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: nothing

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SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: we had an outstanding claim for the 2016 street paving contract. We negotiated a resolution in the amount of \$2800.00 for the final payment to A. Liberroni and we need a motion to accept.

J. THOMAS/K. PETERSON TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FROM A. LIBERRONI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800.00 AND ISSUE PAYMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

G. EVASHAVIK: I was asked last month about 106 Herman Avenue, the sheriff sale has been stopped from the creditor. Nick has tried to contact the representative but has not heard back.

C. LANG: Mr. Pelley paid his current taxes on December 28, 2018.

P. SHURGOT: Do you have any updates on 318 Middle/Miller?

G. EVASHAVIK: that is Norene Keyser, my last instruction was to contact Kyle and have him pursue enforcement. The attorney representing her contacted me about this and thought we had an agreement to take a break while they [pursue the law suit. I informed him that we have to move forward because it is a safety hazard. The ball is now in COG's court to continue to move this forward.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

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

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO CONTINUE USING KEYSTON FOR OUR TAX PRINTING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

P. SHURGOT: since the fire department received the money from us they are not to have a donation drive this year. They are already taking our tax payer dollars.

L. KIRK: to me that should be up to the people who want to donate.

P. SHURGOT: you can make a donation but you don't have to mail a request out.

S. SHURGOT: we will discuss this at the workshop.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: the Hometown Christmas, despite being cold, was pretty successful. We had 27 kids write letter to Santa and another 40 kids that came out. Saturday, January 19th from 11-1 we will be holding a Senior Soup and Social in the Rec Room. They will call Caroline to register. I am starting to work on the calendar for the rest of the year.

G. JAKUB: we owe B.C. Electric; they came out and repaired the main breaker that day.

PLANNING – REV. REEVES: absent

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: through the years things don't get passed on. This was put together years ago and has been updated but this is the original packet from 2006 that was handed out to all the Borough workers, firemen, and council. We can compare it to the latest version and see if there is anything else that needs updated or changed. There are some things

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that have not changed like accidents need to be reported within 24 hours, motor vehicle accidents need to be reported within 24hours and the individual involved needs to be drug tested.

J. THOMAS: in line with that technically they are not employees but we should send something to them so they know the rules they need to abide by.

S. SHURGOT: back in 2006 we did.

P. SHURGOT/K. PETERSON TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED MEMBER OF COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE IN SEVEN SPRINGS. ATENDEES MUST HAVE YOUR TAXES MUST BE PAID AND WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR CONFERENCE ONCE RECEIPTS ARE TUENED IN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I JUST WANT TO WISH EVERYONE a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.