

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 6, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 6:45 p.m.

S. SHURGOT: everyone has a copy of the minutes.

J. HARTZELL / L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

E. BARRETT – HERMAN AVENUE: On the minutes from November there is a mistake on the ALCOSAN information. The letter said that the customer service will be increased by \$1.17. The minutes state from \$16.69 to \$174.86.

C. LANG: I'll get it fixed and have it reposted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. We received a letter from TCVCOG for the sponsorship. Last year we did the Bronze Sponsor for \$200.00 and that gives us recognition within the Hospitality Suite at the ALOM Conference.

P. SHURGOT/ K. MAXWELL TO DO THE BRONZE SPONSOR FOR \$200.00. Members voted approval, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

S. SHURGOT: We have no standing committees because they were appointed tonight we will revert back to last year's committees for updates.

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK: I am up to date on the fire reports. The fire Department for the month of December responded to 29 calls, 6 in town, 23 out of town, 6 work details, 1 training, and 18 maintenance hours. The EMS had 58 calls. The average emergency response time was 8.7 minutes and the average non-emergency was 9.1 minutes. Inspector Kearns was unable to make it tonight.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - A. HUSSEY: There was a total of 9 Occupancy Inspection this month, 8 passed and 1 failed. There were also 17 Code Enforcement issues.

ENGINEERS REPORT – D. GILLILAND: 1st is in regards to the Orient slide, PA Soil & Rock is working on a cost estimate to prepare specifications for the remedial work in their study that will relieve pressure on the slide. There are 2 slides that began about 2 years ago due to heavy rains. We had one a number of years ago that was resolved by building a retaining wall unfortunately they cannot do that with this one. They found that there is 40 ft. of fill before they hit bedrock. We have 2 grants for this project in the total amount of \$300,000.00. They propose that we remove 10-12 ft. of soil and close the road. This will not stop the slide but it will slow it down. The secondary problem that was recently found is a large hump on Welsh Avenue and the curbs are shifting. We are hoping that if we take pressure off of the top it will slow down the effects on Welsh Avenue. Ice plant Hill road drainage project is due to a problem when we have heavy rains where the water from East McKeesport goes through the vacant land and washes out the Community Center parking lot and is now washing debris onto Westinghouse Avenue. ALCOSAN has expressed an interest in funding 85% of the project but they tested the water and found that it has a high concentration of acidic mine water drainage. This is still in the study phase. Herman Avenue we have a Sewer Separation project that will take storm water out of the sanitary sewers and it is scheduled to start in March. The Public Works garage ceiling is leaking water, we have tried for

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over 10 years to find the source of the water with no success. Our latest suggestion is to replace the trench drain that used to be across Bluff Street. When the trench began to fail and the Borough didn't have much money they filled it in. There is still a catch basin along the curb but it is not catching all the water. We suggest that you get prices to rehabilitate that trench and also televise the catch basin on the corner of Bluff to make sure that the pipe is not broken.

J. THOMAS/L. KIRK TO TELEWISE THE CATCH BASIN AND GET A PRICE TO REHABILITATE THE TRENCH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

D. GILLILAND: one final thing, we had a project awarded last year to replace some catch basins in town. They are planning to begin sometime in January, weather depending.

P. SHURGOT: Morningside Avenue has a crack again.

D. GILLILAND: I haven't seen any movement but I will go up and check again.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: an update on Wilmerding Community Center lease. We need a lease agreement signed and after extensive update I think we are down to the narrowest of changes. Joe Lawrence asked for specific language changes and I made those so now the newest version has been sent to all of you. If you all agree then we will need a vote to execute this.

P. SHURGOT: on the changes made is this still in the favor of the Borough?

G. EVASHAVIK: yes, I would not agree to it if there was any compromise on the Boroughs part.

K. BELIN: I assume that when you refer to schedule A and B that is the lease payments.

G. EVASHAVIK: yes the equipment lease.

K. BELIN: are they paying rent in addition to this?

G. EVASHAVIK: no

K. BELIN: So once the lease is paid off they are there rent free but must maintain insurance on the building.

S. SHURGOT: they are responsible for their utilities and other costs of the building upkeep.

K. BELIN: so they Borough still owns the building?

S. SHURGOT: yes

K. BELIN: it also says it is a triple net lease but there is language in there that we are paying insurance.

G. EVASHAVIK: I took that out because that was the wrong language.

J. HARTZELL/K. BELIN TO SEND THE REVISED LEASE TO THE WILMERDING COMMUNITY CENTER FOR REVIEW.

L. KIRK – abstain

K. BELIN – yes

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- J. HARTZELL – yes
- K. MAXWELL – abstain
- P. SHURGOT – yes
- J. THOMAS – yes
- S. SHURGOT – abstain

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

K. BELIN: I have an affidavit that my company requires me to read.

I, Kelly A. Belin, having been duly cautioned and sworn hereby state the following based upon personal knowledge:

1. I am a member of the Council with the Borough of Wilmerding.
2. I am also an employee of KeyBank National Association and serve as Lead Service Officer/Assistant Vice President.
3. KeyBank is a subsidiary of KeyCorp.
4. I am not an officer or employee of KeyCorp.
5. I own stock in KeyCorp, which represents less than .1% of the outstanding shares of that company.
6. In connection with my commencement of service on Council of Wilmerding Borough, I am providing notice of my association with KeyBank, and plan to withdraw from all decisions and deliberations related in any manner to matters related to my employer.

Further Affiant Sayeth Naught.

J. HARTZELL: I have mentioned at the last couple meeting about the parking and lack of tickets being written. I would like to have Al Hussey take on that duty and assist the County police in writing parking tickets.

G. EVASHAVIK: that's not encompassed in his duties and you would have to get clearance from the police.

L. KIRK: I don't think that would be part of his job, that's what we pay the county for.

J. HARTZELL: yes, he would be assisting the County since he is always around.

P. SHURGOT: I think we should discuss this further at the workshop.

G. JAKUB: the county has signed off stating that they have all responsibilities so to write a ticket we would have to have their approval to designate Al.

A. HUSSEY: HOW THIS WORKED WITH North Versailles is that I would issue the parking ticket, we would track it, once the ticket was not paid I would be given back the tickets and take them to North Versailles. The police there would write the state citation and subpoena me as a witness.

P. SHURGOT: when you went to the magistrate did we get paid for those tickets?

A. HUSSEY: it would depend on Eichler.

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J. HARTZELL TO HAVE AL HUSSEY WRITE PARKING TICKETS PENDING COUNTY APPROVAL

S. SHURGOT: motion died for lack of a second.

J. HARTZELL: do we have any ordinance regarding repairing automobiles on the streets?

C. LANG: we have an ordinance but it is not very specific.

J. HARTZELL: I would like to reopen the budget.

P. SHURGOT: is there a good reason to reopen it?

J. HARTZELL: I would like to move some around and question some of the amounts.

S. SHURGOT: I would like a roll call vote on to reopen the budget.

L. KIRK – YES

K. BELIN – YES

J. HARTZELL – YES

K. MAXWELL – YES

P. SHURGOT – YES

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J. THOMAS – YES

S. SHURGOT – YES

MEMBERS VOTED TO REOPEN THE 2020 BUDGET, 7-0.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY APPROVED BILLS.

J. HARTZELL: I do not have a copy of the bills so I do not know what they are paying. I cannot vote on this.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO PURCHASE THE MATERIALS TO DO THE REPAIR OF THE SEWER THAT COLAPSED ON THE 200 BLOCK OF CARD AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO RENEW THE SERVICES OF THE ENGINEER, THE SOLICITOR, THE BOROUGH SECRETARY, FIRE MARSHALL, CODE OFFICER, AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/ L. KIRK TO RETAIN KEYSTON COLLECTION TO PRINT OUR REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS AT THE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

K. MAXWELL MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:30 P.M.