

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES FROM JUNE 23, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:39 pm.

Council met in an executive session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

**ROLL CALL: JOSEPH HARTZELL, present; KELLY BELIN, present; LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK:** I received a fire report from May. They had 26 calls, 5 in town 21 out of town, 1 work detail, 2 birthday parades, and 25 maintenance hours. They need to take the truck to GLICK for some issues. It will go in on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and we will be borrowing an engine from Level Green.

**P. SHURGOT:** what is the difference between the one they want to borrow and the one that is in the garage now? Do we need a second truck?

**J. THOMAS:** 306-1 holds more people; you can only get 4 on 306-2.

**L. KIRK:** They will get me a quote on the repairs.

**S. SHURGOT:** have you ever done a study on how much our maintenance costs would reduce if they didn't go out of town.

**L. KIRK:** well the brakes are original from 2005 and the tires we got last year. The light brow was put on last year from Glick so that may not cost us anything. I asked them to get the list of new members and drivers information. Tom said the requirements are going to be changing and they are going to need a certain CDL but he is not sure when it will be mandatory and he is not sure what cost that will be.

**PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT:** We had made this a business meeting so we could hire a laborer but unfortunately he accepted another job. I feel we may need to increase the starting wage. I will be giving them daily sheets of what we expect to be done. Our summer helpers are to work Monday – Friday unless they request off. Their shirts have been ordered and they should get them soon.

**C.LANG:** They were delivered yesterday and given to them

**P. SHURGOT:** Great. I think we need to advertise for a laborer, how much is that going to cost?

**C. LANG:** we advertised in the Tribune Review last time because it was cheaper. I will work on getting prices.

**P. SHURGOT:** we did get a lot the last time but with the Pandemic we couldn't interview. We called a few of them and didn't hear back from them. I also have another summer helper. He is an older gentleman and has lived here all his life. He has been going out and doing the vacant lots but we need to make sure he is covered if something would happen. He will not be working with Tony directly and he will have to come over and punch in and out to be paid.

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**P. SHURGOT/L. KIRK TO HIRE MIKE KELLY TO CUT VACANT LOTS AROUND TOWN FOR \$8.00 AND HOUR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.**

**P. SHURGOT:** Caroline requested some pricing on a street sweeper. Steel Valley COG is \$85.00/hr. plus a minimum of 1 hour travel time.

**S. SHURGOT:** I think we should just use the brush attachment for our machine.

**P. SHURGOT:** the line sprayer is \$150.00 per day or \$300.00 a week. We need to paint around the park and can get crosswalks and curbs done around town.

**G. JAKUB:** so they don't paint curbs by hand anymore?

**P. SHURGOT:** we could but I would think it would get done faster with the machine. Caroline can you explain the handicap signs again.

**C. LANG:** We can now charge for the sign but we would need to order an extra sign with their handicap number on it. The cost would be \$202.76. This sign would be specifically for that person. We can still do the regular signs which residents do not have to pay for but they are open for anyone with a handicap permit to park in.

**COG REPORT – J. HARTZELL:** the COG meeting is this Thursday and the agenda is Resolutions for grant applications. Wilmerding's is the Road Reconstruction for \$500,000.00. Westinghouse is on the list so can we change this since the road is partially completed.

**S. SHURGOT:** you would have to ask Amanda or Mr. Evashavik.

**C. LANG:** they said they didn't get enough participation from the communities and we should apply ourselves. We need to work on a list to get over to Adam.

**S.SHURGOT:** there are 2 homes up on Morningside.

**J. THOMAS:** there is only 1 house that we have condemned. There is a house in the Middle of Airbrake that could be done and I have Edward's home on the list and Caroline has information on 114 Caldwell.

**C. LANG:** Red Knot was to be giving 114 Caldwell to the CIAC. Pasto Reed met with Sunny Kim right before the Pandemic and I have not heard anything since then.

**S. SHURGOT:** so we can only do the one that is condemned?

**C. LANG:** I don't know if we need to have the hearings done before the application goes in but I can ask Adam. Do you want me to give a few addresses to Adam? Even if we can't do them now we could have them condemned for any future grants.

**J. THOMAS:** That's a good idea.

**J. HARTZELL:** also COG is buying a new Vector.

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**BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. MAXWELL:** JJ's Tree Service is coming Saturday or Sunday to cut the tree down and look at the tree on Westinghouse. To remove the tree from the salt bin is \$700.00.

**P. SHURGOT:** is the salt bin covered under our insurance?

**C. LANG:** it is not listed on our insurance but I will add it.

**S. SHURGOT:** Kelly Maxwell and Kelly Belin, I forwarded an email to you about the connect program. Can you to look over this information and handle it.

**UTILITIES – J. HARTZELL:** we put in for 18 lights and we are waiting to hear when they will be installed.

**K. BELIN:** there is a street light on Card and Lydia that needs replaced.

**J. HARTZELL:** just get the pole number off of it and we can send it in for repair.

**C. LANG:** so back to the grant, the application is due on July 31<sup>st</sup> but we do not need to have the hearings done. We will need to pass a resolution at our July meeting. If we pick a group of houses now that should be plenty of time to get those to Adam and have some figures.

**J. THOMAS:** so if 8 of us pick a few houses we can put them on a list and go from there.

**C. LANG:** we have to have them to Adam so he can ensure we can condemn those homes. We can pass the resolution and have a concrete list of homes and move forward from there.

**J. HARTZELL:** it's a longer process than that, we have to pass the resolution then COG has to approve the resolution at their meeting.

**J. THOMAS:** COG is out of the picture.

**C. LANG:** Glenn Engineering is going to apply for the grant; we are not doing it with COG.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:** We have received 75% of our real estate taxes collected and we are basically at the same collection amount as last year. Our EIT and LST are basically the same so far and our RAD tax dropped a few thousand but we are saving money with not having a laborer. The budget is in great shape so far but we haven't received an invoice for our police.

**P. SHURGOT:** Caroline did you get all your Rental fees?

**C. LANG:** we are still missing some and the list was given to Al in June. He was trying to make contact with the owners and said he was going to issue citations.

**P. SHURGOT:** I will talk with him then because he needs to get on the ball.

**K. MAXWELL:** what about the delinquent taxes on those.

**C. LANG:** That was something Joe asked about as well, we have an ordinance that says they cannot receive a rental license if they have delinquent taxes but most that are delinquent have had the same tenants in them or are Vacant, there are only a few that have new tenants.

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**J. HARTZELL:** can you call section 8 and get a list of rental properties?

**C. LANG:** we get one every year.

**J. THOMAS:** we have it and they are all current with their taxes.

**RECREATION – K. BELIN:** Nothing to report since everything has been cancelled

**PLANING – K. BELIN:** nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**K. MAXWELL:** can we turn the curfew whistle on?

**J. THOMAS:** Tony can do that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**S. SHURGOT:** What is this civil emergency information?

**C. LANG:** that is a new program through COG. It is citizens that go help assist in certain situations. I am not sure of the training these members receive or many details as Amanda just sent this over to us.

**K. BELIN:** in the talks for the printing and the cost to us, have we thought about just doing our meeting information by email.

**C. LANG:** most of the printing cost comes from the garbage bills and the newsletters.

**S. SHURGOT:** have you ever looked at the price of a printing company.

**C. LANG:** our price for black and white is relatively cheap.

**S. SHURGOT:** I think Kelly is right; the only thing we should receive at the meeting is an agenda.

**E. BARRET:** there has been nothing posted in a long time.

**S. SHURGOT:** I will check on them.

**C. LANG:** We have the SIM card and wireless account set up; they will be out July 2<sup>nd</sup> to program everything.

**E. BARRETT:** we passed the Ordinance to reduce the speed on Herman Avenue and nothing has been posted. Don't you have to post that change?

**C. LANG:** per Mr. Evashavik we do not have to post anything because we advertised the Ordinance. We need to schedule this so that we can send a letter to the residents.

**S. SHURGOT:** we have to rent a tool and he needed help to do that.

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**J. HARTZELL:** when we do the street sweeping can we post the area so no one parks there?

**P. SHURGOT:** yes

**MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** nothing

**K. MAXWELL MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:49 p.m.**