

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JUNE 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Council met prior to the meeting for a personal matter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

REV. D. REEVES / L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

N. RONALLO PAT MEWS DRIVE: Why is the grass not getting cut on Watkins Avenue?

P. SHURGOT: is it a vacant lot?

N. RONALLO: yes

P. SHURGOT: They are on a 3 month thing so I will talk to Tony and see when he can get over there.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CDBG Grants Orient Avenue Slide Repair approved in the amount of \$200,000.00. Street Reconstruction was denied and Station street Sidewalk Replacement was denied.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: for the month of May Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 46 calls and had 34 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.2 minutes and for non-emergences it was 9.2 minutes.

The fire department responded to 29 calls, 10 were in town and 19 were out of town with 2 work details, 9 trainings, and 15 maintenance hours.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of May there were 380 events for the borough. A brief summary of the calls were as follows: 5 abandoned vehicles, 5 animal complaints, 5 assaults, 1 detail, 14 domestics, 4 DUI's, 2 escort, 2 fraud, 2 fugitive arrests, 5 motor vehicle crashes, 2 mounted details, 2 Narcotics, 5 PFA, 1 physical child abuse, 9 thefts, 112 traffic stops, and 6 warrants. There were 29 arrests made, 5 were for narcotics, 4 DUI, 7 fugitives, 4 simple assaults, 1 theft, 1 habitual offender, 2 EWOC, 1 Hit and run, 1 public drunkenness, 1 resisting arrest, and 1 terroristic threat .

L. KIRK: crime watch bike rodeo will be Saturday at United Community Federal Credit Union from 11-1. There will be refreshments, prizes, and giveaway for the kids.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY – We had 35 Occupancy Inspection, 17 passed and 18 failed. There were 29 code enforcement events and 8 citations filed with the magistrate.

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N. RONALLO: why is nothing being done with 124 Pat Mews Drive?

AL HUSSEY: when we talked earlier I explained that there are more exigent than that and she is focusing her attention on there. I have to have a balance.

P. SHURGOT: the weeds on 400 Caldwell have not been touched.

AL HUSSEY: I have been working with them and they have till the 12th.

G. JAKUB: Glenn street, brown house, has weeds as high as the for sale sign.

K. MAXWELL: are we straight with COG

C. LANG: we have not received our information so therefore we have not paid. We will be deducting the fees that they collected from the 1st quarter when we do pay it but we were holding payment until we get our information.

AL HUSSEY: the problem it causes is that we have no documentation nor do we know if we truly owe them a 2nd inspection. It's taking away a lot of time from the job as we try to research what has been done.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: We only had 1 application for a summer helper. John and I interviewed him today and will be hired for \$8.00/hr. His name is Donald Kircher and he lives on Ice Plant Hill.

P. SHURGOT/ J. THOMAS TO HIRE DONALD KIRCHER AS A SUMMER LABORER AT \$8.00 PER HOUR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0

P. SHURGOT: They have the new truck out, who is handling the bid for the new truck?

G. EVASHAVIK: you must advertise that for bid to open at a public meeting.

P. SHURGOT: they also cut grass throughout the town and cut the viaduct, help set up for the Night at the Races.

P. SHURGOT/ J. THOMAS TO HAVE THE NORTH VERSAILLES BRUSH HOG COME IN AND CUT, MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

P. SHURGOT: we really need to look into purchasing our own brush hog.

J. THOMAS: I know what you're talking about but for as much as we use it I think \$600.00 is a steal. You can buy all kind of equipment but we will only utilize it a few weeks every year.

S. SHURGOT: they are only doing it once a year and it needs done 4-5 times a year. Go up to Summit and you can't make a right, they can't see to go down the road.

ENGINEER – A. PRINCE: 413 Welsh/Orient slides, a hazard Mitigation Grant to demolish the house and regrade was submitted. PA Rock and Soil has submitted a quote of \$16,466.00 to perform the soil testing and engineering design to stabilize the slide.

S. SHURGOT: does that \$16,000 come out of the grant?

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A. PRINCE: I don't believe but I would have to ask Dave on that. The Ice Plant Hill drainage project, ALCOSAN has expressed an interest to fund 85% of the cost in 2020, the 2018 Inlet project has not been completed yet. We will keep on them until it is done, CD 44 Airbrake Park, the rubber surface has been removed and the post for the new whirl has been installed. The new rubber should be poured the week of the 10th. Herman Avenue Sewer separation, ALCOSAN has approved an 85% grant (125,000) for the project. Bids will be opened in a few weeks.

P. SHURGOT: on Airbrake, should we hold up planting grass seed.

A. PRINCE: yes

J. THOMAS: the Ice Plant Hill drainage do we have an estimated cost.

A. PRINCE: I will have to check with Bob on that.

S. SHURGOT: a few weeks ago I contacted Dave about the slide on Morningside; we had the sewers tested and were not the problem so we spend \$2000.00 to have a curb put in. I informed Dave that it was sliding again and he was to go look at it.

A. PRINCE: I will talk to him about it tomorrow.

COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: absent

BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: The 2 trees on Westinghouse Avenue were finished.

G. JAKUB: Are there any plans of replanting?

L. KIRK: I don't know of any plans but I think we would have to be careful of what we would put there.

G. JAKUB: can St. Joe's Lodge replant the tree that was struck by lightning?

L. KIRK: I would think it would be the same as replanting the others and we would just need to watch the height. I also asked Tony to look at the ties over at Avenue U playground. He has an estimate of \$1164.00 but John wants to look into some other options. I also asked Dave Gilliland to see if there was a grant to fix the wall out here. The WCC is going to have a clean-up day on June 24th and 26th and they are looking for volunteers. The Night at the Races was successful and raised over \$2000.00.

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: absent

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: WCC fitness equipment payment was questioned. The Borough sent the 1st payment in which they will hold in escrow. Payments will not begin until the equipment is delivered. This is normal and acceptable. I received a correspondence in regards to Duquesne Light removing 14 poles throughout North Versailles, East McKeesport, Wall and Wilmerding. Legally this is fine but I wanted Dave to review it as well.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

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J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL THE AUTHORIZED BILLE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

J. THOMAS: The discount for taxes was up and we have collected almost 82% of the property taxes.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: We are trying to plan a movie night in July and National Night Out will be August.

PLANING – REV. D. REEVES: there was a concerned citizen, Doris Lodkey, on Wood Street. She says there is water runoff and debris coming down the hill and going onto the street by her house.

J. THOMAS: we had this issue a few years ago but we can send Dave up there to look at it again.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

S. SHURGOT: I would like to thank Rev. Reeves for doing the Memorial Day service and thank everyone who came out. I also was wondering what was going on with Sprague Street and wanted to see if Dave could contact the State to see if they plan on closing this road for repairs. I sent out a property use form for review, please take a look at it and let me know what you think. Once again we have a movie company coming in and we have no procedures set up for what they have to do.

G. EVASHAVIK: We need to pass the Ordinance to recognize St. Joseph Drive as a public Street. This was advertised and has been discussed in detail. It has been changed on the county website and we would like to move forward with it.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE MAKING A PORTION OF ST JOSEPH DRIVE A PUBLIC STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

REV. REEVES: I wanted to get approval for my Block Party.

REV. REEVES/L. KIRK TO APPROVE THE BLOCK PARTY ON CALDWELL AVENUE FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

P. SHURGOT/L.KIRK TO ADVERTISE THE PARCEL THAT WAS SPLIT FROM ST. JOSEPH DRIVE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0. .

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR THE Night at the Races and also everyone who helped.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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