

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; 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 8, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

S. ZIBRAT AIRBRAKE AVENUE: How can we suddenly open the road and why?

S. SHURGOT: we watched the building during the winter and nothing has changed so after advisement we decided to keep the sidewalk closed but open the road up permanently.

S. ZIEBRAT: If the fair wasn't going on would it of got open.

S. SHURGOT: yes

N. RONALLO PAT MEWS DRIVE: Why is the park on Avenue U is not being cleaned.

P. SHURGOT: I will have them take care of it tomorrow.

N. RONALLO: the minutes for April are not posted.

S. SHURGOT: I will have him take care of it tomorrow morning.

J. HARTZELL, CALDWELL AVENUE: It seems that no one is stopping at the stop sign at the YMCA. Can we have the police watch this or have the Y point their cameras toward the sign?

INSPECTOR KEARNS: we can have officers sit there but we cannot issue citations from video.

J. HARTZELL: are we going to inforce the yellow curbs? Parking on the wrong side of the road isn't being enforced so why did you paint the curbs yellow.

T. FRYDRICH: There's is a water problem on Wood Street but the steps. The sewer might need cleaned.

S. SHURGOT: I will can Dave in the morning and have him look at it.

T. FRYDRICH: Who repairs the park after the Festival?

G. JAKUB: we do every year with money left from the festival.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resolution for the ALCOSAN GROW project for Herman Avenue. States that we designate Steve and myself as contacts and that we will follow the guidelines for the project.

K. PETERSON/REV. REEVES TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ALCOSAN GROW PROJECT ON HERMAN AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. Handicap application for 329 Marguerite Avenue. All paperwork is in order.

P. SHURGOT/ L. KIRK TO APPROVE THE HANDICAP SIGN ON MARGUERITE AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

P. SHURGOT: one of the signs approved is still not placed do you know why?

C. LANG: they were waiting on the weather then posts. Then they got busy with Memorial Day and the Festival but we have everything and they will be starting them soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: for the month of May Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 48 calls and had 29 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.6 minutes and for non-emergences it was 9.2 minutes.

The fire department responded to 33 calls, 10 were in town and 23 were out of town with 2 work details and 5 trainings. They will also be having their Gun Bash this Saturday...

INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of May there were 372 events for the borough. A brief summary of the calls were as follows: 2 abandoned vehicles, 1 ammo recovery, 12 animal complaints, 8 assaults, 4 criminal mischief, 1 death investigation, 14 domestics, 5 escort, 2 fraud, 3 fugitive arrests, 2 missing persons, 5 motor vehicle crashes, 1 overdose, 1 PFA, 14 suspicious persons, 4 thefts, 97 traffic stops, and 1 warrants. There were 35 arrests made, 5 were for narcotics, 1 DUI, 4 fugitives, 6 simple assaults, 3 disorderly conduct, 1 false ID, 1 theft, 2 harassment, 2 burglary, 4 retail theft, 1 access device fraud, 2 criminal trespass, 1 criminal mischief, 1 stalking, and 1 REAP.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – T.C.V.C.O.G. – everyone has a copy of the report.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: They have been spraying weeds and collecting garbage around town. The summer help started. They prepared for Memorial Day and Kelly did a wonderful job with the flowers. They placed a new flag in the park with the help of Monroeville FD #4 and now they are preparing for the festival.

ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND: report given during caucus before meeting.

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COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: New program for pollinator seeds to help restore the bee population. I will check into it and get the information.

S. SHURGOT: I saw on the news that they are dropping stuff to kill the mosquitoes. Can you see if Amanda can put us in touch with someone to do that?

BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: I asked for an estimate on paint and was told approximately 15 gallons. Now we just need to fit it into the schedule.

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: offer to change from Duquesne Light, if you change you will be removed from the budget.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: We advertised an ordinance that pertains to abandoned, vacant properties and the maintenance of them. This ordinance will establish a foreclosed property registration and identify contact person. It also has a requirement for mortgage companies and there will be penalties for violation.

R. REEVES/K. MAXWELL TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE ABANDONMENT OF REAL PROPERTY AND REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THESE PROPERTIES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

G. EVASHAVIK: as for 318 Middle, last month council did authorize a 30 extension because she has an attorney representing her against her insurance company. I spoke to him and the suit is underway in Federal Court but this will take time. This doesn't excuse her from complying now but it's her obligation whether it be now or later. If you want to take action we will have to go to COG and have them issue a notice of violation.

K. PETERSON/REV. REEVES TO ISSUE THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND CONTINUE THE PROCESS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

G. EVASHAVIK: I have prepared a ticket form to follow up on the code violation ordinance. You need to approve the ticket form and let COG decide which form works better for them.

K. PETERSON: is this going to be a 1st time and no warning involved.

K. MAXWELL: and COG will keep track of them.

C. LANG: they use them in Pitcairn with the carbon copy. He will log it in their computer program and give me the carbon copy to file.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO BEGIN USING THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION TICKETS, MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

G. EVASHAVIK: I was directed to reach out to the CIAC regarding the Faller Building. They have ideas about how to push the mortgage the company with their inactivity. They would like to get the building as a charitable donation then the CIAC has legal authority to close on the property and take ownership. The bank will not finish the foreclosure because they don't want to own it. I gave Mr. Pittman information about the amount of the debt and we have been exchanging emails.

G. JAKUB: the gentleman who owns the school came to me about the economic development and they have interest in working with the CIAC to get some progress on this building.

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G. EVASHAVIK: that sounds positive and we are trying everything we can. We achieved the 1st step with success but the DA's office didn't follow through on step 2. We just need to explore other options at this point.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL TH AUTHORIZED BILLE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS – LED conversions on Patton Street. Monroeville had done 43 watt lights on the upper side of Patton and I believe we should follow suit.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO DO THE 10 LED LIGHT CONVERSION ON PATTON STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

J. THOMAS: in our discussions in past workshops the subject of the Fire Department fund drive was brought up but never voted on. Since they have been turned down again for the Federal Grant I would like to do the fund drive again for 2018.

J. THOMAS/K. PETERSON TO HOLD THE YARLY FUND DRIVE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 2018. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 6-1.

J. THOMAS: our auditor will be resigning I believe so we may have to advertise for a new auditor. Also, I spoke to Caroline, several times at workshops we have questions and no one knows the answers so I would like her to attend the workshops.

J. THOMAS/REV. REEVES TO HAVE THE SECRETARY ATTEND THE WORKSHOP MEETING WITH PAY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: we sold all but 3 baskets; these were planted in the park. We made \$210.00 which will be applied to National Night Out.

PLANING – REV. D. REEVES: we are concerned about the sewers on Westinghouse.

C. LANG: they are running FIOS into the apartment buildings on Westinghouse. I'm not sure if they are doing any more.

R. REEVES: the alley next to my building is in bad shape.

J. THOMAS: Bank Way is our responsibility along with Central Way from Herman to Clara. He is aware and was waiting for the plants to open then other things came up but hopefully we can get that resolved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

P. SHURGOT: Is there anything we can do with people moving in and out after 11 pm?

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S. SHURGOT: I asked this to North Versailles before and there was nothing they could do about it. So I thought about a 2 part form for Occupancy inspection so we could see if they were legally aloud to move in. Is that something we could inforce?

INSPECTOR KEARNS: yes we could inforce it but that's not going to stop them moving in after 11. If we had a noise complaint we could inforce that.

K. PETERSON: can we get children at play sign on the 200 and 300 block of Marguerite?

K. PETERSON/REV. REEVES TO INSTALL "CHILDREN AT PLAY " SIGNS ON THE 200 AND 300 BLOCK OF MARGUERITE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

T. FRYDRICH: that ordinance about the fines, is there a provision in there about repeat offenders?

G. EVASHAVIK: the fine increases for the 2nd violation but after that it would go to the full citation at the magistrates.

REV. REEVES: nobody stops at the Stop Sign at Caldwell and Clara. Can get the blinking lights?

S. SHURGOT: some places are putting the green on the poles. We can get prices on both.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: We did not pay to have the grass cut at the Castle. Mr. Graff was billed. It needed done for the graduation.

I want to thank Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Maxwell for all the work preparing for Memorial Day and planting.

S. SHURGOT: I would like to also thank everybody that attended.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.