

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2016**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

S. SMITH / P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.: are we making any progress on our delinquents, garbage and real estate. We haven't had a report out since last year.

MR. J. THOMAS: we have a meeting scheduled for March 17th with our delinquent collector. We are going to see what the cost is to take certain individuals to court.

MR. A. FRYDRYCH, WELSH AVE.: did Council discuss having the petitions and memorials at the end of the meeting.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we did discuss this and right now we are going to keep it the same as it is.

MR. A. FRYDRYCH: can I ask you for what reason. How can we question something that comes up during the meeting?

MR. S. SHURGOT: we agreed that if it is a hot subject we would allow the audience to comment on it.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: there is a requirement that citizens are permitted to speak before Council takes action. This gives you the chance to let Council know your thoughts and opinions on the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: for the month of February Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 42 calls and had 23 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.7 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 9.4 minutes.

We had a meeting with the fire department and they showed us the equipment they have and would like some help in applying for grants.

MS. S. SMITH: I forwarded to Dave some information on grants for the fire department.

MS. L. KIRK: some of the fireman used their own money to buy an app for their phones to get dispatched as soon as they are entered at the 911 center. They will also start providing us with their monthly reports.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT – S. SHURGOT: for the month of February Dave Buskirk worked a total of 28 hours. He attended hearings at the Magistrate's office. He performed 28 occupancy inspections.

MR. A. HUSSEY – FIRE MARSHAL: an update on the Wall Avenue fire. A demolition application has been applied for. The Health Department will be capping the sewer. They would like to start next week and I would like to thank the homeowner for stepping up and tearing the house down.

MS. S. SMITH: he inspected 28 properties but there were 19 properties that he did not issue permits for.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: if it was not inspected then why are they living in the house?

MS. S. SMITH: they have been inspected but the permits have not been issued. They should not be in the building.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we cannot evict them but the code official should cite them. There are 36 cases coming up on this matter.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: the guys were out patching pot holes. Mike is out getting quotes on a new mower. They are doing regular maintenance on the vehicles. They are still out there salting and plowing. They put some more rat bait down in the sewers on Watkins Avenue. They boarded up 524 Glenn Street. There is a catch basin at Marguerite and Frank that needs repaired. They also bought a sweeper to maintain the carpets in some of the offices. They are going to put up some no dumping signs on Sprague Street.

MS. S. SMITH: there is a catch basin on Pat Mews Drive that is collapsing. Can you have them take a look at that?

ENGINEER'S REPORT – D. GILLILAND: Allegheny County has approved our request for additional funds to fix the Ice Plant Hill slide. We now have all the funds in place. The low bid for the project was Geo Build LLC in the amount of \$352,500. Council would need to make a motion to award the bid subject to review of the agreement from the county by the engineer and solicitor.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO AWARD THE BID TO REPAIR THE ICE PLANT HILL SLIDE TO GEO BUILD LLC PENDING APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FROM THE COUNTY BY THE ENGINEER AND SOLICITOR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MR. D. GILLILAND: bids were opened at COG on Feb. 25th for the demolition of 104 State Street. The low bid was received from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$9,450. The grant is for \$8,767 therefore the borough would have to contribute \$683.

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO AWARD EVEREADY CONTRACTING THE BID TO DEMOLISH 104 STATE STREET WITH THE BOROUGH CONTRIBUTING \$863 TOWARDS THIS PROJECT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MR. D. GILLILAND: as requested we obtained quotes for the replacement of the public works door. The lowest quote was from AGL Enterprises in the amount of \$2,953.

P. SHURGOT / J. THOMAS TO AWARD THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DOOR TO AGL ENTERPRISES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,953. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

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COG REPORT – S. SHURGOT: Council attended the COG meeting last Thursday and there is a change in how CDBG Grant money will be distributed. There is less money in the fund and it is going to be difficult to get funds to tear down houses.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – S. SMITH: report was given at the workshop.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: report was given at the workshop.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: the real estate tax bills will be going out the end of March.

RECREATION – P. SHURGOT: we are going to have our Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th at noon in the park, weather permitting. If we cannot have it outside we are going to see if we could have it in the school.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MR. J. THOMAS: there was a catch basin at the corner of Frank and Marguerite that collapsed. Lawson did the emergency repairs at a cost of \$1,200.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS TO THE CATCH BASIN AT THE CORNER OF FRANK AND MARGUERITE BY LAWSON CONTRACTING AT A COST OF \$1,200. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MR. J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO APPOINT THE COG TO DO OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST.

MRS. P. SHURGOT: how much notice do you have to give our current code official.

MR. S. SHURGOT: his contract calls for thirty days' notice.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO APPOINT COG AS THE BOROUGH'S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MRS. P. SHURGOT: with the accident that happened on Ice Plant Hill over the weekend, is there some way we can contact them to pay for the barriers that were damaged.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we will notify their insurance company once we get the police report.

MS. S. SMITH: I talked to Bruce and Todd at the Y and they said that we could use the old salt storage area if we need to store those barriers someplace.

MRS. P. SHURGOT: can we have either the Property Committee or Joe send the Historical Committee a letter to clean up their room.

MS. S. SMITH: I will take care of it.

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MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: Paula already asked if we could get reimbursed for the damages to the barriers on Ice Plant Hill.

MRS. P. SHURGOT: can you get the police report for us.

MR. A. FRYDRYCH: is there any progress being made on a new police contract.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we are still meeting but North Versailles will be here until December 31st.

S. SMITH / P. SHURGOT TO ADJOURN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.