

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM MARCH 2, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

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: LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY BELIN, present; JOE HARTZELL, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPGHEN SHURGOT, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

J. HARTZELL: correction needs made to the Planning report.

J. HARTZELL/L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 WITH NOTED CORRECTIONS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. We received a letter from John Marcoz who is interested in continuing as a member of the zoning board and also a letter from Barbara Richardson who is interested in continuing as a member of the Planning Committee.

J. HARTZELL/L. KIRK TO REAPPOINT JOHN MARCOZ TO THE ZONING BOARD AND BARBARA RICHARDSON TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, BOTH FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

K. MAXWELL: what do we do about the vacancy?

C. LANG: I had a few people interested but wanted more information. I sent them the information but I have not heard back from them. It is being advertised on the electronic sign and Savvy Citizen.

- B. We have the modified transfer agreements for the T-22 & T-24 lines to be taken over by ALCOSAN. I had sent the documents to Mr. Evashavik and Mr. Gilliland for review. Mr. Evashavik stated that legally the contract was good but he feels we should wait until we hear from the Engineers to vote on this.
- C. We have sent our 2020 delinquent garbage to Maiello, Brungo & Maiello in the amount of \$26,008.56. Marcy will also be working on a list of judgement so we can work on a list to take for this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK: I had emailed everyone the past due fire reports and for the month of February they had 28 calls. 6 were in town and 22 out of town. The EMS had 36 calls. The average emergency response time was 8.0 minutes and the average non-emergency was 9.3 minutes.

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: We had 207 events for the month including 2 animal complaint, 1 criminal mischief, 10 domestic disputes, 4 harassment, 1 missing person, 6 motor vehicle crashes, 2 shots fired, 2 thefts, 37 traffic stops, and 8 warrants. There were a total of 7 arrests made, 1 Dui, 1 false Identification to L.E., 1 resisting arrest, and 4 warrants.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – A. HUSSEY: Refer to report.

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PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: There was a lot of snow removal done, they removed trash around town, filled some potholes, and kept the building clean.

P. SHURGOT/K. MAXWELL TO RATIFY THE EMAIL VOTE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 4 NEW TIRES FOR THE PICKUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

ENGINEERS REPORT – L. HEMPHILL:

P. SHURGOT/J. HARTZELL TO RATIFY THE EMAIL VOTE TO PAVE AIRBRAKE AVENUE FROM 2ND STREET TO 5TH STREET AND INCLUDE 5TH STREET FROM AIRBRAKE TO MIDDLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,821.50 WITH WPJWA PAYING THE OTHER PORTION OF THE FUNDS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

L. KIRK: Greg and I were talking to a gentleman from WPJWA, and he said they are looking at June to do the paving.

COG REPORT – J. HARTZELL: the demolition grant will be opened in March. They passed the Resolution for the building ramp. There was a lot of road reconstruction awarded and I wonder why we did not submit anything for that?

C. LANG: when it was discussed Dave felt that only 1 project would be awarded and council voted to apply only for the handicap ramp.

UTILITIES – J. HARTZELL: I will begin working on the lights that we will be changing over to LED.

J. THOMAS: I hope we get more information from COG on the monies from the deed transfers and this demolition project. I'm surprised we did not get more notification on this and there is not enough lead time.

J. HARTZELL: I agree but that's how they are doing it. This year there will only be 1 round of funding and in the future it will be semi-annual. If you have questions you can always contact the County.

J. THOMAS: who is going to be the lead person on this, will we be applying through COG?

J. HARTZELL: I would go through the county.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. MAXWELL: nothing

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I covered everything in the pre-meeting.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL PRESENTED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS: our real estate taxes will begin coming in April, RAD money is coming in good, EIT & LST have been fine as well.

K. MAXWELL: can we get an updated list of the delinquent garbage and taxes?

J. THOMAS: Yes, I just got that all together going up to 2019.

RECREATION – K. BELIN: nothing

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PLANNING – K. BELIN: nothing

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

S. SHURGOT: I feel that we may be able to open the Borough Building to meetings of 10 people or less with the guidelines still in place.

J. HARTZELL: I think that's a good idea, most have at least 1 of the shots.

S. SHURGOT: lets look toward April 1st then to reopen for meetings of 10 people or less.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: nothing

K. MAXWELL TO ADJORN MEETING AT 7:29 P.M.