

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF 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 FEB. 6, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

S. SHURGOT: this is our business meeting; this is not a forum to vent against our building inspectors and what you think you were wronged. We will answer any questions and there will be a 2 minute time limit on each subject.

P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.: why are the minutes not online?

S. SHURGOT: January minutes were posted. Ms. Lang attended a new secretary's class and we are not permitted to post the minutes until they are adopted at the next meeting in case there are any changes.

P. LIVERATTI: how can we ask questions about the last meeting if we have to wait 2 months?

C. LANG: I can give out a copy marked draft for review once they are typed.

K. MAXWELL: can we post them with something that says approval pending?

C. LANG: we can but then we have to make sure that gets changed once adopted.

P. LIVERATTI: how long is our detour going to be continued?

S. SHURGOT: unfortunately at this time, indefinitely.

P. WALSH, Caldwell Ave.: When it was raining last week, Joyce Tomasic had electrical work done and when they were outside there was a spark from the wires on the Odd Fellows Building. The inspector called the electric company and they came out and cut the wires. Also, do you know what they are putting in at 418 Caldwell?

C. LANG: the application was done today for a single residency. They gave me the information for the inspection. They were unaware that they had to have another inspection done after the sale. We contacted them and gave them 1 week to pick up the application. They did show up last week, I was unaware of that, and they got all the information and returned it today. Kyle will try to have the inspection done by the end of the week.

P. WALSH: did they say how many people can live in there?

C. LANG: right now there is a single family there. They will also be renting out the 2nd unit at some point.

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F. COOK, WOOD ST.: why does the borough not plow Wood Street? I see the truck back up the street and come back down. My wife is sick and if we needed to call paramedics they would have never made it up our street.

P. SHURGOT: I will check into that for you and let them know it needs to be plowed and salted. I will tell you, as I've said in the past, if we are low on salt we don't salt every street, we do the hills, intersection, and stop signs.

P. LIVERATTI: we have people who put their garbage out today for Thursday pick up then we have people who put the garbage out on Friday. Can we do something about that?

S. SHURGOT: it's not a police infraction to handle and the code department is to be taking care of it. We have a new guy in town and we will address that with him.

G. JAKUB: just to verify from the last meeting, we had an issue come up regarding a sold property with no inspection. The Borough secretary can clarify that for us.

C. LANG: the question was regarding a property on Card Avenue that was thought to be not inspected for sale. We went through all the paperwork and found the inspection for sale did go through, it actually failed the 1st time and passed the re-inspection, it was noted on the report from COG and we got verification that everything was done by the book. I did contact the person who questioned it and informed them of the information I found.

P. LIVERATTI: who do we call about all the garbage around?

S. SHURGOT: you would call Kyle from COG or you can call Caroline and she can take care of it.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Turtle Creek Valley COG CD43 grant has been advertised for bidding. The lowest bid was received from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$14,392. The CDBG funding is sufficient to cover the bid amount we just need to let COG know if we accept the bid. This is the Demolition of 2 properties on Welsh Avenue.

P. SHURGOT/K.PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM EVEREADY CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,392 FOT THE CD 43 SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOLITION GRANT ADMINISTERED FROM TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COG. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

2. We received notification from our Fire Marshall, AL Hussey, regarding 652/654 Middle Avenue. All of our run card companies, the police, and our fire department have been notified that there are no interior firefighting efforts to be performed. It will be a defensive attack only if something would happen.

P. SHURGOT: the one is definitely vacant, does the other house still have people living in it?

C. LANG: no the other house belongs to Sean Kerrigan and has been vacant for a while. On the other side they are working on it.

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G. JAKUB: the last one is vacant and the guy on the other side was working on it, we told them to vacate and they can come back after we have it inspected.

C. LANG: he contacted me and I passed him onto Craig McVickers because I didn't have any answers but he does want to know when he could get back in and continue work.

3. With the CIAC meeting, Dennis Pitman wanted to know if everyone would be available on March 22 @ 6:30 to meet at Johnny's.

S. SHURGOT: the purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways to get funding for the Castle project and the school.

4. Donation letter from Saddle Up fundraiser trying to raise \$5000 to cover the cost of 2 saddles.

K. PETERSON/REV. REEVES TO DONATE \$100 FROM THE PLGIT GENERAL FUND TO THE SADDLE UP FUNDRAISER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

5. Proclamation discussed during the workshop for Pennsylvania One Call to designate the month of April 2018 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

K. PETERSON/P. SHURGOT TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2018 AS "PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH". MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: I didn't have January's report last month so for the month of January, the fire department had 44 calls, 12 were in town and 32 were out of town. They had 2 work details, 6 training hours, and 5 maintenance hours. For February they had 16 calls, 5 in town and 11 out of town. They had 7 work details, 3 training hours, and 6 maintenance hours. Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services responded to 37 calls and made 26 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.0 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 9.8 minutes. They had 1 Narcan administration. I will let Inspector Kearns give the police report.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of February we responded to 292 events and made 21 arrests. There were 6 animal complaints, 3 assaults, 1 child pornography, 1 community relations event, 2 criminal mischief, 2 Domestic Disputes, 1 DUI, 2 fugitive arrests, 4 hazardous conditions, 10 local ordinance, 5 motor vehicle crashes, 1 motor vehicle thefts, 5 narcotics, 2 overdose, 7 thefts, 89 traffic stops and 1 warrants. There were 21 arrests including 7 narcotics, 2 aggravated assault, 1 DUI, 3 fugitives, 1 simple assault, 1 criminal trespassing, 1 retail theft, 4 endangering the welfare of children, and 1 intimidation of a witness. Also some personal changes, Joe Risher is back from the airport.

P. SHURGOT: can you have them check Maple Alley. There has been a trailer sitting there for the last 2 weeks.

MS. L. KIRK: crime watch will be March 12th. It will be a regular business meeting to vote on some of the bylaws.

S. SHURGOT: everyone received a copy of the TCVCOG report.

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PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: as you all know we had our laborer quit on February 22nd. They were busy doing snow removal, filling potholes with cold patch, cleaned out a few catch basins that were clogged, discovered the Orient collapse, started maintenance on the summer equipment, and replaced lights in the building. We are taking applications for the laborer position.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – D. GILLILAND:

CITF demolition is in the final stages. The slide that developed on Orient Avenue, behind 413 Welsh, the road is closed but the slide is not threatening the house at this point. I di request a quote from Pennsylvania Soil and Rock and their cost which includes 65 feet of soil and rock sampling is \$9905.00. This is the 1st step in the repair. They would analyze the situation and let us know what we need to do to fix it. The 2nd step is more expensive and it would be the repairs.

G. JAKUB: will the repair on that affect anything where the major dip is?

D. GILLILAND: they didn't look at that.

J. THOMAS: that was a sewer issue.

D. GILLILAND: One thing I would suggest is to have Public Works go up and put some cold patch around the slide to keep water from entering the slide area.

C. LANG: the mailman will not deliver mail up there and there is an elderly lady that gets meals on wheels and they are refusing to bring her food. They will not go around through East McKeesport.

P. SHURGOT/K. PETERSON TO HAVE PENNSYLVANIA SOIL AND ROCK PREPARE THE STUDY ON THE SLIDE FOR A COST OF \$9905.00 PAYABLE FROM THE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: the low bid was approved for the demolition and they discussed the Vactor program, which we don't participate in.

J. THOMAS: what was the Vactor program?

K. PETERSON: they are trying to put a Vactor program together again for people to join in.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: I am unaware of anything going on.

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: nothing on utilities

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: I have no bad new at this time.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: we will have the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 24th at noon in the park, weather permitting. In inclement weather we will use the fire hall Rec room.

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K. MAXWELL/P. SHURGOT TO DONATE \$400 TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTER ACTIVITIES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PLANNING – REV. D. REEVES: we are working on 5 year planning but we have something new to present tonight, a charging station for electric cars, to be placed on the other side of town.

S. SHURGOT: where are they proposing to put that?

L. KIRK: Joyce talked to me about that and she was thinking the parking area off of Middle at Pat Mews.

P. WALSH: There are 2 empty lots by Watkins.

L. KIRK: It may be the Watkins lots. What she wanted to do is have the charging station so people may come into eat at those businesses

J. THOMAS: we would have to get the property.

S. SHURGOT: the parking spaces off of Pat Mews at Middle are used for parking for the restaurant. Would a company put that in or how is that done?

L. KIRK: I'm not sure; it was just something that was thrown out to me.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

P. SHURGOT: the new lights were put in on Westinghouse. Are we working on a grant for next year for the next set?

J. THOMAS: they haven't sent any information yet but I think we should utilize the plan we started. We started on Station Street then we went to Airbrake Avenue, then we came back and Westinghouse. The way the program runs is you have to do 10 in a row. I was thinking to go back and finish Airbrake

P. SHURGOT: what about Watkins, it's really dark over there.

J. THOMAS: this is something up for discussion; the program probably won't start until April. They were late on putting those up on Westinghouse, they were approved last August but they had issues with storms and stuff.

K. PETERSON/P. SHURGOT TO PERMIT COUNCIL AND CAROLINE TO ATTEND THE SEVEN SPRING CONFERENCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

P. SHURGOT: are we going to pay and get reimbursed after the conference?

S. SHURGOT: you pay and bring the receipts back to get reimbursed.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I want to thank the inspector, his staff, and Al for responded quickly Saturday to the 652 collapse. I have a meeting Thursday with the administrator at the school to get the loose ends tied up so the building can get its permits and they can open the gym.

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S. SHURGOT: can you find out how many people they have in the school. I saw they are having an enrollment meeting so can you ask if they have any projected figures of attendance for the 2nd year. I know a couple students left there because they were not happy with the online classes. I just want to know if they predict going up or staying the same.

G. JAKUB: part of this meeting is in regards to some grant they are looking at getting and I know that grant depended on a certain number of students so it must be going up. Mr. Graff and I are going to have a meeting in the next 2 weeks.

D. REEVES: Joyce said she has written letters for the approval of the playground that we have planned and she has not heard anything from it.

S. SHURGOT: we haven't gotten anything through the Borough.

C. LANG: we have the ones from the soil testing on Russian Hill but no letter regarding a playground.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm