

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2022, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell 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; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEVE VOLPE, present; KELLY MAXWELL. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2022, MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**J. NALVANKO, 750 AIRBRAKE AVE:** I would like to thank the Wilmerding Fire Department, Al Hussey, and the Pitcairn Police for their response to the shooting on Middle Avenue. That was my building and my tenant who passed away. My one concern was that we do not know who these officers are and though we may need to have a meet and greet with them. I also want to express my concern regarding the playground on Airbrake Avenue, there is a lot of times that there are numerous people gathering, the children are not being supervised and there is a ton of trash being thrown. My concern is for the small children with all of the profanity, drug use, and loud music.

**G. JAKUB:** there will be a meet and greet sometime around June once they are done with their hiring.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Wilmerding Community Center use request for lower parking lot on May 22, 2022, from sunrise to sunset.

**L. KIRK/S. VOLPE TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE LOWER LOT TO THE WCC FOR SUNDAY MAY 22, 2022. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

- b. We have 2 Resolutions from ALCOSAN for the T-22 line and T-24 line Resolutions 2022-3 and 2022-4. It is a Resolution authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement.

**J. HARTZELL/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2022-3. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**J. HARTZELL/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2022-4. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

- c. Resolution 2022-5 for the Vacant Recovery Program to accept transfer of property at 223 Maple Avenue to Bob Coddington.

**J. THOMAS/K. BELIN TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2022-5. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK:** For the month of April Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services responded to 40 calls and made 21 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 6.4 minutes and for non-emergencies

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it was 11.8 minutes. The fire department responded to 42 calls, 13 in town and 29 out of town. They had 5 work details, 3 trainings and 23 maintenance hours. Chief Farally could not be here this evening but there were 101 incidents and 4 assists. Mr. Thomas brought it to my attention that the local fire departments are discussing a merger of all departments in the East Allegheny School District.

**S. VOLPE:** is that going to affect our fire insurance?

**J. THOMAS:** I am not sure how that works but we are only in the preliminary stages so it will be a while still I just wanted to give everyone a heads up as to what is being discussed at this time.

**L. KIRK:** we received a bill for repairs on the Fire truck in the amount of \$3,572.01.

**J. HARTZELL:** can we pay that from the fire department PLGIT fund?

**L. KIRK:** we have always paid for the maintenance on the trucks.

**J. HARTZELL:** I know, and that money is ours that was put there.

**L. KIRK/K. BELIN TO PAY LOWERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,572.01 FROM THE PLGIT FIRE FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**K. MAXWELL:** what are they doing about this squad that is just sitting here.

**J. THOMAS:** I am not sure at this moment.

**S. VOLPE:** can we have Caroline write a letter to them?

**K. BELIN:** can't we step in and get rid of it?

**J. HARTZELL:** it is a joint title.

**K. MAXWELL:** Caroline, please send a letter to the fire department for an update on that.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY:** I will just refer to my report.

**P. SHURGOT:** did you figure out where the furniture is coming from at Laurel Square?

**A. HUSSEY:** yes, and she is in the process of being evicted. There have also been citations issued to her even though she does not show up to the hearings.

**K. BELIN:** how are we doing on the rental registrations?

**A. HUSSEY:** I would say we are doing okay.

**C. LANG:** We just finished collection for late fees, so I need to go through them and get a new report to AI but so far, we have collected 467 out of 617 properties.

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**PUBLIC WORKS – J. HARTZELL:** Everyone has a copy of his report and a copy of the inventory that was completed.

**J. THOMAS:** I'm not sure if you have seen where he has been working lately but he has been on Maple for a few days, and it looks fantastic.

**K. MAXWELL:** has he mentioned the problems in the park with the dogs?

**J. HARTZELL:** no but I know there has always been an issue there.

**J. THOMAS:** Linda do you ever see anyone from American Wire because there is a tree that is just leaning on another?

**L. KIRK:** it is just getting worse, and I will try to talk with the owner's son who lives over there.

**K. BELIN:** can we consider making all the parks no pets permitted?

**K. MAXWELL:** we can and would need to pass an ordinance but to enforce it the police or code enforcement would have to see it happen.

**ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:**

**K. MAXWELL:** Dave gave his report in the pre-meeting, but we need to vote on the Welsh Avenue sidewalk.

**P. SHURGOT/J. HARTZELL TO AWARD SATIRA CONSTRUCTION THE WELSH AVENUE SIDE3WALK REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3250.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**COG – K. BELIN:** the next meeting will be in person at Roman Bistro on the 26th. They talked about the conference and their hospitality room, they are still working on their 501c3, they have the vector available, but the prices have not changed, and they have an intern to help them with the code enforce program.

**UTILITIES – P. SHURGOT:** nothing new

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK:** I have a call into the tree guy, and he is hoping mid-May for the trees.

**J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO TAKE THE HOOPS DOWN AT AIRBRAKE PARK. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**L. KIRK:** We also need to post signs with the park hours.

**P. SHURGOT:** what about the whistle?

**K. MAXWELL:** we will have that tested and it is scheduled to begin on Memorial Day.

**SOLICITOR – N. EVASHAVIK:** there are Borough appeals scheduled for Monday.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS**

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**P. SHURGOT/J. THOMAS TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS INCLUDING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE BILL FOR A TOTAL OF \$113,688.96 FROM GENERAL, AND \$1810.00 FROM PLGIT SEWAGE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**K. MAXWELL:** how is the tax collection going?

**J. THOMAS:** So far, we are a little under what we collected last year but the discount goes to the end of May.

**G. JAKUB:** the union has been offered a contract and they are going to accept it. There is no timeline on the closing of the facility at this time.

**RECREATION – S. VOLPE:** are the flowers done by Recreation or Public Works?

**K. MAXWELL:** maybe we can get together as a council to do it.

**S. VOLPE:** I tried to contact Alex Boyd and I'm waiting to hear back from him.

**PLANNING – K. BELIN:** Joyce signed the for the parcel separation for WABTEC, so they ratified that.

**C. LANG:** as the chair of the Planning Committee, she had to sign off, Dave has to sign off, then eventually it will come back to council to vote on.

**K. BELIN:** Joyce has also asked about descriptions of committees for council, they have been talking about a playground on this side of town, and Pastor Reed offered to donate his parking lot. They also voted on Officers, Joyce is president, Pastor Reed is Vice President, and Pauline Walsh is Secretary. Also, I have been questioned about the whole in the sidewalk by the post office.

**J. THOMAS:** I think we need to contact the Post Office, if we replace it do we assume responsibility?

**N. EVASHAVIK:** yes, you would be taking the reasonable steps for the safety of the residents.

**C. LANG:** Bill and I have spoke about this and he has contacted North Versailles and also the main office. Dave is looking into this at this moment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**J. HARTZELL:** I think we should hold off on summer help.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** Saturday there was a rally in the park, and it was very peaceful. The community clean-up on Saturday May 14 meeting at the Borough Building at 8:30 am. I am still working on getting the cameras in the park up and working.

**S. VOLPE MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.**