

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Council met in an executive session for a personnel matter.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Linda Kirk at 7:16 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Vice President.

**ROLL CALL: REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, absent; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, absent; LINDA KIRK, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**R. REEVES/K. PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK:** for the month of April Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services responded to 33 calls and made 28 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.7minutes and for non-emergencies it was 10.3 minutes. The fire department responded to 36 calls, 5 in town and 31 out of town. There were 3 work details, 4 trainings, and 10 maintenance hours. The Crime watch meeting will be next Monday at 6 p.m. at the Borough Building.

**INSPECTOR KEARNS:** for the month of March we responded to 373 calls. They included 1 assaults, 1 child sex assault( turned out to be North Versailles), 8 domestics, 1 escort, 1 fraud, 2 fugitive arrests, 9 local ordinance, 1 missing person, 4 motor vehicle crash, 4 narcotics, 1 PFA, 1 protest, 6 theft, 89 traffic stops, 2 warrants, and 1 weapons. There were 18 arrests made that included 3 fugitive arrests, 1 firearms charges, 1 habitual offender (driving while under suspension), 1 simple assaults, 6 narcotic charges, 2 public drunkenness, 1 resisting arrest, 1 robbery, and 2 thefts.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY:** we did 18 occupancy inspections, 6 passed, 8 failed, and 2 were temp for sale. There were a total of 79 violations for the month and a full copy of the report is available.

**PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT:** absent

**ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:**

Caldwell Avenue paving from Station to Lydia has been completed. 2018 Inlet project was completed last year and the asphaltting should be done within the next few weeks. Airbrake Avenue park playground improvements will be starting soon and should be completed by the end of May. Bids for the Herman Avenue Sewer Separation will be opened in June. We had an extensive discussion in work session about the 413 Welsh/Orient slide, I will be applying for a PEMA grant to start the process.

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**G. JAKUB** – when they broke up the street on Airbrake are they responsible to repave?

**D. GILLILAND:** only the work area unless the road has been paved within the last 5 years.

**COG – K. PETERSON:** There was no meeting

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK:** we got a quote from JJ tree service for the trees on Westinghouse Avenue for \$3500.00.

**J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO REMOVE THE 2 TREES FROM THE 200 BLOCK OF WESTINGHOUSE AVENUE AT A COST OF \$3500.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

**L. KIRK:** we are getting a quote from Ameri-pride fencing for the fence at Airbrake Park. Memorial Day services will be held Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

**UTILITIES – K. PETERSON:** there are letters going out to consumers regarding new electric rates, just be cautious because a lot of times they are variable rates.

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** The final changes for the proposed leasing of the equipment for Wilmerding Community Center were completed today. The 1<sup>st</sup> is for the strength training equipment. It is a 5 year lease with a monthly payment of \$830.00 for the full term. They have provided a full list of the equipment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is for Cardio equipment. It is a 3 year lease with a monthly payment of \$2270.00 and a balloon payment at the end of \$11,417.00 that would be paid if the Borough would like to keep the equipment. This is a lease to own and Precore will deliver, install the equipment, and provide maintenance under the warranty. The title will pass immediately to the Borough upon execution. There is a non-appropriation provision that means at any point if we decide we do not want the equipment anymore, we will give them notice and they will take the equipment back. The lease is legally acceptable and with councils desire we would need a motion to move forward.

**G. JAKUB:** can we put clarification in this that the Borough is not paying this; Wilmerding Community Center will be paying for this. They will make payment to the Borough who will in turn make payment on the lease.

**J. HARTZELL:** when would the lease start?

**L. KIRK:** May 17<sup>th</sup>

**G. EVASHAVIK:** as soon as it's signed and transmitted.

**J. HARTZELL:** will the building open up at that time?

**G. JAKUB:** it will be 6-8 weeks to get the equipment in.

**L. KIRK:** there has been a lot to do to the building and this just gets us one step closer.

**J. HARTZELL:** I just wanted to know how you were going to pay for it if you have no members. So you don't have to make a payment until the equipment is delivered?

**G. EVASHAVIK:** there is a payment schedule in here that says May but if you want to delay that you need to clarify that further with them.

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**J. HARTZELL:** so the Borough would be responsible until the building opens.

**G. JAKUB:** just to clarify the Borough has already been paid back for some of the utilities and repairs, so if the Borough makes a payment WCC will write a check to the Borough. We will be receiving a check from Allegheny Petroleum on Friday for \$25,000.00. We have also been notified that we received a CITF grant for \$75,000.00 and we have some money from fundraising.

**G. EVASHAVIK:** I will email them tomorrow and tell them that approval was tentative upon the first payment and delivery and installation being consecutive.

**K. MAXWELL/K.PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE LEASE SUBJECT TO CLARIFICATION OF PAYMENT, DELIVERY AND INSTALATION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

**G. EVASHAVIK:** There has been a request through the county to have Wilmerding release a demolition lien of \$9450.00 regarding 104 State Street. This lien is coming up on a title search against another property in North Versailles. The lien will remain against the property on State Street but we will need to sign to remove it from the other property so the Borough will not be losing any money.

**K. PETERSON/R. REEVES TO APPROVE TO RELEASE THE JUDGEMENT LIEN AGAINST 458-R-26 LOCATED IN NORTH VERSAILLES IN THE EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS**

**J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

**J. THOMAS:** we are in need of a new vehicle for Public Works. We checked through Costars, a state purchasing outfit, so we have the best price and have received all the information needed to purchase a 2019 Ford F350

**K. PETERSON:** So this will be just the truck and not the equipment needed for winter

**T. KRISHER:** no the plow and salter will be purchased at a later date.

**K. PETERSON/R. REEVES TO PURCHASE A 2019 F350 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34959.50 FINANCED BY A LOAN THROUGH COMPASS BANK AND PURCHASED FROM C. HARPER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

**RECREATION – K. MAXWELL:** The Easter Egg hunt was at the ballfield and turned out to be a beautiful day. We had about 30 children and the leftover candy was given to the kids at the head start program. We had our hanging basket sale and we have a few baskets left. If no one purchases them I will plant them in the park.

**PLANNING – REV. D. REEVES:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**G. JAKUB:** I saw the assessment note from Nick regarding 318 Middle, are we getting anywhere with that property?

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**G. EVASHAVIK:** I just discussed that with Al and there has been some progress.

**A. HUSSEY:** I have been working with her and talked to her attorney about getting some repairs done. Then later down the line she can deal with the law suit. She felt that we were not willing to help her and I told her that was not true. She is looking to sell and I instructed her that in order to sell it she must get it repaired.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**L. KIRK:** The cost of a handicap sign needs to be increased.

**J. THOMAS:** the increase will be from \$50.00 to \$100.00 which will be due with the application.

**J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO INCREASE THE COST OF INSTALLITION AND APPLICATION ON A HANDICAP SIGH FROM \$50.00 TO \$100.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.**

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**MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** just want to let you know I have been working with the Mayor of Monroeville to try and get some cameras and license readers. We have also discussed getting a camera to show any access to the tri boro and place it in in between Monroeville and Wilmerding.

**K. PETERSON MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:47 P.M**