

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE NOV. 1, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:04 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

MR. S. SHURGOT: Council met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

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

S. SMITH / REV. D. REEVES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCT. 11, 2016 MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. S. VOLPE, CARD AVE.: do you have any idea when they are start going to put the code department information on the website.

MR. S. SHURGOT: COG took over today, Nov. 1st and it will be on there from this day forward.

MR. P. LIVERATTI – AIRBRAKE AVE.: Mr. Thomas, do we have a new report on the delinquents.

MR. J. THOMAS: I am waiting on the October report from our delinquent collector. We usually receive it around the tenth of the month. Once I receive their report I will put that information up on the board.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: when you approve the minutes from the previous meeting, what does that involve.

MR. S. SHURGOT: what was said at the meeting and what action Council took?

MR. P. LIVERATTI: there were a lot of questions last at the last meeting, were they answered.

MR. S. SHURGOT: there was a list of items that we took care of. The sign was ordered for Card Avenue, took a count of how many houses were on Card Avenue and the number of parking spaces to try and figure out what we can do about the parking up there, we took care of the items that needed done on the walking trail, we met with the District Attorney's office, we met with the court on filing municipal liens and we are going to meet with the County on Friday.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: who is supposed to take care of the trail?

MR. S. SHURGOT: we are going to take care of it. We own the property.

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MRS. M. MEIGHAN, N. VERSAILLES: do you know how much Mr. Kerrigan has paid. I know you don't have October or September, but how much did he pay in August.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we told our delinquent collector to file liens against the 50 highest delinquent accounts.

MRS. M. MEIGHAN: my property at 103 Card Avenue was vandalized and the police believe that it was the people at 116 Card Avenue. When I came down to report it Louise told me that he did not get an occupancy permit. When I was coming to the meeting, and it was already dark, there had to be at least 10 or twelve kids in the park. There is a sign there now that reads "Park closes at Dusk". The park issue is brought up every month and the signs have been posted but the police are not going to do anything. Also, rumor has it that there are a couple of investors that would like to buy Kerrigan's apartments.

MR. S. SHURGOT: he claims that he has two investors and that he was supposed to meet with one of them but nothing has been done yet.

MR. J. THOMAS: in July Kerrigan Real Estate paid \$2,085 in delinquent real estate and \$678 in delinquent garbage. Maiello came up with a payment plan for him and he has made two payments and we are following that up with a suit against him for reneging on his payment plan. We are also filing 50 municipal claims against him for delinquent garbage. There is another case involving his real estate. All of this is in the process of being filed downtown and we should have an answer within a month or two.

MRS. K. MAXWELL, HERMAN AVE.: my mother is not here and she wanted me to say that she appreciates all the thoughts and prayers and expression of sympathy that you extended to her and to the family.

There was a huge fight Friday night in the school parking lot. The police came and the kids scattered and nothing else was done. Tonight it is warm and there are about 20 kids in the park already standing by the monument when the sign says that the park closes at dusk. When you call the police they do their usual drive by, if they do come down.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: there will be some action taken soon and you will notice it.

MR. S. VOLPE: instead of going back and forth with the police, there are all kinds of violations there, why don't you just go after them. There is garbage in the park every single day. You need to do something with them.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we have something coming. We do have something in the works.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: the classes that the County is holding on Wednesday's are very enlightening and it answers most of the questions that are asked here. I am very disappointed in the amount of people that are attending these classes. All of you should be attending these classes.

MAYOR G. JAKUB: we are not only getting the County Police we are also getting all of their factions.

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MRS. T. HICKMAN, AIRBRAKE AVE.: I was very pleased with the Halloween festivities on Saturday and I know the children had a tremendous time. I was also pleased with the children last night, they all said thank you. I was happy to see the fire trucks and the ambulance come around because they were the only vehicles that patrolled our area.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. There is an ordinance for your consideration and it amends the Wilmerding Borough Code, Chapter 265, Article III regarding sidewalks; providing for the maintenance and responsibility for safety.

P. SHURGOT / L. KIRK TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. Received a notice about the Allegheny County Borough's Association General Membership Meeting and Holiday Gathering to be held on Thursday Dec. 8, 2016 at the Edgewood Country Club. Cost is \$25 per person but the designated voting delegate and alternate are invited to attend at no cost. They are also requesting a small door prize and an unwrapped gift to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO SEND THE TWO DELEGATES AND TO PROVIDE A GIFT. ANYONE ELSE THAT WISHES TO GO WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN DINNER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: for the month of October Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 48 calls and made 33 transports with 1 narcan administered. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.4 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 10.1 minutes.

For the month of October the fire department had 14 calls, 4 were in town and 10 were out of town. They helped with the Halloween parade on Saturday and patrolled the streets on Halloween. They also held their annual boot drive. They also want to sell the 1991 utility vehicle to Eastern Area Ambulance for \$6,000 which the money will go to the fire department.

L. KIRK / K. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY TRUCK TO EASTERN AREA AMBULANCE FOR \$6,000 OF WHICH THE PROCEEDS WILL GO BACK TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0-2.

MR. J. THOMAS: just for your information the fire department purchased the utility vehicle and also the squad and then given to the borough to insure. That is why the \$6,000 is going back to the fire department.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: they have been busy this month cleaning up the leaves that have been blowing around. They assisted at Logan Elementary constructing the new playground. They put new trash cans around the park and installed the no littering. They assisted us with the Halloween parade.

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ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND: work started today on Ice Plant Hill and the road will be closed for 6-8 weeks. Access to both the upper and lower parking lots to the YMCA will be maintained.

Summit Street work has started and should be completed by Nov. 25th, weather permitting.

Terra Testing will be here on Monday drilling test holes to search for the source of the water infiltration into the public works garage.

COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: I have been attending the Strategic Business meetings and what it is to try and find how we can bring businesses into the community. There are some very interesting ideas and one of them is changing the entrance into our business community. COG passed their budget for next year. They are still working on the brown fields.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – S. SMITH: the big thing is that they are starting work in Ice Plant Hill to get the hillside secured. We had the Pitt students take part in our clean-up day. Linda will give a report on that.

MS. L. KIRK: on Saturday Oct. 22nd we had 36 Pitt Students come and help with our clean-up day. Bill Pricener took 18 students for this side of town and Cathy Jakub and I took the other 18 to the other side of town. The C.I.A.C. provided lunch for them and Rev. Reeves set the tables and served the food to them.

MS. S. SMITH: prior to the Pitt Students coming to town, Bill and I were required to go to the Pitt Student Union to get briefed on what you can and cannot do. Apparently we are very good to those students because the students know where they have been and that the students were very appreciative of the big sheet cake that we give them. They do have a good experience with us and it is good press for us. There were over 5,000 students that took part in the "Pitt Makes A Difference Day."

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: Duquesne Light is around installing the new meters. Also, remember to check your furnaces and smoke detectors.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: nothing to report. Everything was already covered.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

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

A month or two ago there was some questions from the audience about Section 8 housing. Through the efforts of Mr. Hartzell we finally got our list from County Housing. There are 121 housing units in Wilmerding that are partially paid through Section 8. Section 8 is not what you think it is. The County is very diligent on whom they put in there and how the place is taken care of. They also wanted to know how many of these units were delinquent in their taxes. Of the 121 units there are only 3 that are delinquent in their taxes. Delinquent garbage is not part of their criteria. We are going to pursue the top 50 delinquents and it will cost us around \$4,000.

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J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO FILE MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOP 50 DELINQUENT GARBAGE ACCOUNTS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

RECREATION – P. SHURGOT: we had 63 children for our Halloween festivities. We received \$225 in donations from the local businesses for the event. I would like to thank the fire department and the street department and anyone else for their help. The YMCA donated a bounce house and had games for the children and the Family Center had crafts for the kids to do. Our next event will be the children's Christmas Party on Dec. 10th at Holy Angels. Registration will be at 12:30 pm and the program will be from 1 – 3 pm.

P. SHURGOT / S. SMITH TO DONATE \$400 TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PLANNING – REV. D. REEVES: no report.

OLD BUSINESS

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO OFFER THE RESIDENTS A DISCOUNT ON GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR 2017. THE COST WOULD BE \$130 INSTEAD OF \$144 IF PAID BY JAN. 31ST AND THEIR ACCOUNT IS NOT DELINQUENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we looked at permit parking on Card Avenue, and there 52 properties up there, and some are multi-family, and there are 57 parking spaces. Our original thought was to issue two parking permit per household, but that is not going to work, so we have to come up with a different plan. If anyone has any suggestions let us know.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: we will have our Veteran's Day services here in council chambers on Friday Nov. 11th starting at 11 am.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I know everyone is concerned about the police and as I have said before I cannot give you all the details but we are getting some assistance from the County on some things already.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: the ordinance on residential parking permits is outdated and we made some changes to the ordinance. The new ordinance would allow Council to make changes to the ordinance by simple resolution. This would be designating certain areas for permit parking.

L. KIRK / REV. D. REEVES TO ADVERTISE THE PERMIT PARKING ORDINANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.