

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President

**S. SHURGOT:** council met in an executive session prior to the meeting for a personnel issue.

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

**REV. REEVES / K. MAXWELL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**N. RANOLLO, PAT MEWS DRIVE:** I called Al about the garbage in the alley behind Watkins Avenue, how long is it going to stay there and will someone clean it up?

**S. SHURGOT:** yes someone will pick it up; did you just see it today?

**N. RANOLLO:** no it was there last week. I also have a question about last meeting, it says on the report that Al went to 147 Watkins Avenue about garbage cans and he spoke to the girl. What does this mean when it says cleared call, did she remove the cans?

**A. HUSSEY:** yes on the day we went there she removed the cans.

**N. RANOLLO:** well the garbage cans are still there.

**A. HUSSEY:** just fill out the complaint form and we can go back over.

**J. HARTZELL:** Back in April I asked about the light by the business' in April and they haven't been fixed.

**C. LANG:** I sent the form over months ago so I will place a call to them and see what is happening.

**J. HARTZELL:** when someone puts out their garbage, like furniture and stuff, how long do you wait to tell them that it has to be picked up or how does that work?

**S, SHURGOT:** we send Mr. Hussey over and he has been able to have it cleaned up within a few days.

**J. HARTZELL:** There is one on Westinghouse that moved out.

**P. SHURGOT:** They will only take one large item per week. A box spring and a mattress are considered 1 item. Caroline can you call Big's and ask them to look at that.

**J. HARTZELL:** there is also one on Brown. Since the Community Center has opened I have noticed a lot of cars drifting through that stop sign.

**C. LANG:** I see an officer sitting there quite often.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK:** The fire department responded to 30 calls, 14 in town, 16 out of town, 3 work details, 2 trainings, 2 classes, and 12 maintenance hours.

EMS had 64 calls and 42 of them were transports. Their average emergency response time was 8.2 minutes and non-emergency response time was 10.2 minutes.

**INSPECTOR KEARNS:** for the month of September we had 322 events. There were 7 abandoned vehicle, 3 animal complaints, 3 assaults, 2 burglary, 2 criminal mischief, 11 domestic disputes, 4 DUI's, 4 harassment, , 4 local ordinance, 3 motor vehicle crashes, 4 narcotics, 5 PFA's, 7 suspicious person, 6 thefts, 71 traffic stops, and 4 warrant. There were a total of 16 arrests including 1 Harassment, 4 DUI, 4 simple assault, 2 retail theft, 1 public drunkenness, 1 criminal trespass, 1 false reports to L.E., and 2 theft by deception.

**L. KIRK:** crime watch meeting is Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. There will also be a free flu shot given by Eastern Area at the Wilmerding Community Center on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 – noon.

**P. SHURGOT:** do you only get the medication throw away boxes a few times a year?

**INSPECTOR KEARNS:** yes the DEA sponsors those and we do it around spring and fall.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY:** There were a total of 11 Occupancy inspections, 9 passed, 2 failed although they were for sale or transfer of property. There were 34 code issues, some were abated and some are still ongoing pending further investigation. I would also like to verify that the fees collected last month were correct; there was some misunderstanding on my part with the deposits and the re-inspections.

**PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT:** They cleaned up around town. We need to do the grating on Orient and have State Pipe come in and clean some of the catch basins out before winter.

**P. SHURGOT/J. THOMAS TO HAVE STATE PIPE COME IN AND CLEAN OUT CATCH BASINS AT A COST OF \$2800.00 PER DAY TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

The new truck is being sent to Push and Pull on October 31<sup>st</sup> to have the new plow and spreader installed.

**J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO PURCHASE A LITTLE WONDER WALK BEHIND BLOWER AT A COST OF \$1013.00 TO ASSIST WITH THE LEAF CLEANUP. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

Tony went to a Public Works management class last week. We have applications for another laborer and will be conducting interviews over the next few weeks.

**P. SHURGOT/J. THOMAS TO REPLACE THE GRATE ON THE PIT ON ORIENT AVENUE DUE TO SAFEDTY CONCERS. THE COST IS \$1500.00 AND CAN BE PAID FROM THE SEWER FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

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**ENGINEER – A. PRINCE:** PA Rock & Soil has started the soil study for 413 Welsh/Orient slide. This should be complete in 2-4 weeks then we can advertise for bids. Alcosan is interested in funding 85% of the cost for the Ice Plant Hill drainage project however they tested the water and found a high concentration of mine water. So we will also be pursuing the DEP bureau of Mines for funding.

**S. SHURGOT:** Mr. Zischkau contacted me earlier and said they had gone back up and rechecked the acidity and said it was no longer a 3 but was up to a 5 and that is around normal.

**A. PRINCE:** The Herman Avenue Sewer Separation contracts have been issued and work will begin the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. We are attempting to get quotes on the removal of loose concrete in the DPW garage. We would then like to coat it with a salt resistant Cementous coating. We submitted a revised final report to ALCOSAN for the Wall Street GROW project and this should satisfy their concern. Dave also sent a letter to the county on September 5<sup>th</sup> regarding the weeds and trees in the sidewalk but we haven't gotten a response on that yet.

**P. SHURGOT:** not sure when we discussed it but you said there was some demolition money available, is that still true.

**A. PRINCE:** pre-applications deadline has passed but I'm not sure if you need to do the pre app so we can still try to submit it. Did you do a CD 46?

**C. LANG:** yes we did and there were 2 housed added on for demolition.

**P. SHURGOT:** was one of those on Card Avenue, it's all boarded up?

**J. THOMAS:** We did 62 Morningside and 114 Caldwell.

**K. MAXWELL:** with the Her5man Avenue sewer separation going on will we need to change our Halloween parade?

**A. PRINCE:** it depends on where they are within the project. If they are closer to Westinghouse it shouldn't affect it much and they will make it safe when they are not working.

**K. MAXWELL:** so the school busses will have to go back up on Marguerite and the PAT busses will have to stop. We will have to notify everyone on Herman that they will have to move their cars

**S. SHURGOT:** can your office contract the contractor and see what dates they feel Herman Avenue will be closed.

**A. PRINCE:** He should be formulating a schedule so I will get that.

**J. THOMAS:** I have a question about the T-16 sewer line and the cost to repair it is \$32,900.00.

**A. PRINCE:** T-16 is on the west side of Wilmerding where Greensburg Pike comes down. The POC is in Wilmerding but I don't feel these are up for take over.

**S. SHURGOT:** Bob confirmed that this is not [part of the North Versailles project and these are our responsibility to do the repairs.

**COG REPORT – K. PETERSON:** absent

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**BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK:** The Avenue U playground work is 95% complete. Tony just needs to finish up some rebar. He got a quote for the glass block for the windows in the DPW garage.

**L. KIRK/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM MONROEVILLE GLASS BLOCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2085.00 TO REPLACE 3 WINDOW IN THE DPW GARAGE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**L. KIRK:** There was also a request to have the parking line done on Middle Avenue going around the bend at Pat Mews. Cars are not parking the proper way so that needs to be addressed. He will be getting those lines painted as soon as possible. BC electric came and fixed our outdoor spot lights at the front door.

**UTILITIES – K. PETERSON:** absent

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** The lease for WCC was submitted to Joe Lawrence and I have heard nothing back. This needs to be executed immediately because they are in our space and we need this to protect us and them.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:**

**J. THOMAS / K. MAXWELL TO PAY APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 6-0.**

**J. THOMAS:** Greg what is our option if they do not sign this lease.

**G. EVASHAVIK:** we can tell them to vacate.

**K. MAXWELL:** who needs to sign it?

**G. EVASHAVIK:** council needs to vote tonight to approve and execute the lease agreement as amended by our solicitor.

**P. SHURGOT/ J. THOMAS TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AS AMMENDED BY WILMERDING BOROUGH SOLICITOR. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**REV. REEVES – YES**

**L. KIRK – OBSTAIN**

**K. MAXWELL – OBSTAIN**

**P. SHURGOT – YES**

**J. THOMAS – YES**

**S. SHURGOT – OBSTAIN**

**MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 3-0**

**RECREATION – K. MAXWELL:**

**K. MAXWELL/ P. SHURGOT TO REQUEST \$400.00 FOR THE HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**K. MAXWELL:** The Halloween parade will be October 26 at 11 a.m. from the fire station, down Station Street, up Westinghouse to the school. The school will have the kids trick or treat in the school. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Trick or treating will be on Halloween from 6 – 7:30. December 7<sup>th</sup> will be Christmas in the park.

**PLANNING – REV. REEVES:** nothing

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**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**MAYORS REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** I would just like to thank the CIAC for the trees they planted up Westinghouse.

**K. MAXWELL MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:38 p.m.**