

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE JAN. 6, 2014 REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JUDGE SUSAN EVASHAVIK SWORE IN THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.
STEPHEN SHURGOT, SANDRA SMITH, WILLIAM PRICENER AND JOHN THOMAS COUNCILMEMBERS.
FRANK TYLKA TAX COLLECTOR JAMES WRIGHT MAYOR.**

**ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, present; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present;
SANDRA SMITH, present; WILLIAM PRICENER, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT,
present.**

Mayor James Wright called the meeting to order.

Mayor Wright asked for nominations for President of Council.

Mr. M. Trkula nominated Stephen Shurgot. Mr. W. Pricener seconded the nomination.

Mayor Wright asked for any other nominations. There being no other nominations Mr. Stephen Shurgot was elected as President of Council.

Mayor Wright asked for nominations for Vice President of Council.

Mr. M. Trkula nominated Ms. Sandra Smith. Rev. D. Reeves seconded the nomination.

Mayor Wright asked for any other nominations. There being no other nominations Ms. Sandra Smith was elected as Vice President of Council.

President Stephen Shurgot assumed the chair.

There being no committee assignments the meeting continued with new business.

ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:

1. State Pipe Services has completed about 95% of the work under the 2013 sewer repair project. The only remaining work is the post-work televising.
2. COG has not received the grant agreements from the County for the demolition of 710 Middle Ave.
MR. J. THOMAS: what is the time from for the demolition?
MR. D. GILLILAND: there is no time frame until we give them a notice to proceed.
3. Mr. Glenn has written to the DEP headwall supplier to ascertain the size ordered. Once we receive this information we can determine the limits so that the solicitor can prepare the easement.
4. Likar will be starting the repairs on the cap of the retaining wall after the holidays. Matcon Diamond will be doing the sealing to stop water infiltration in January. The fuel tank has been removed.
5. We wrote to Duquesne Light to inform them of two additional dead poles at 1st and Maple and at 760 Airbrake. We have not received a response from them.
6. We received notice from the PA DCED that our application for \$35,480 in grant funds has been approved for the extension of the Airbrake Walking Trail.
7. Councilwoman Sandy Smith has proposed applying to foundations to seek funding for the replacement of the safety surface at the Airbrake Playground. We have applied for a CD grant for this work but it is

unlikely that it will be approved. Council would have to select from a list of foundations that they would like to apply to.

MR. S. SHURGOT: are wood chips still allowed.

MR. D. GILLILAND: yes, but they have to be a certain type of wood chip but they only last a couple of years.

MR. W. PRICENER: Mike Jakub looked into some quotes for a bobcat. There was one on Route 19 for \$58,681.31 and one from Walsh Equipment for \$32,886.20 which included \$9,800 on the trade in.

Mike Jakub has completed his 90 day probation.

MS. S. SMITH: Trafford is not hiring their own Building Inspector they are going to keep the same person.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I may have misled you on the outcome at the Magistrate. The fines are not as high as we would like them but he does take action. They are going to take classes on rental problems.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a letter from the Wilmerding Fire Department informing us of their new officers for the 2014-2015 years. FIRE CHIEF – TOM HARTZELL; RICK MATTIS ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF; ERINN SMELTZER CAPTAIN; AND NICK HARTZELL LIEUTENANT. The business officers are NICK HARTZELL PRESIDENT; KRIS CATTANU VICE PRESIDENT; ERINN SMELTZER SECRETARY AND JOHN THOMAS TREASURER.

S. SMITH / K. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE OFFICERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MS. S. SMITH: I will try to set up the meeting with Compass Bank for Tuesday Jan. 21, 2014 at 6 pm before our workshop.

MAYOR J. WRIGHT: I hope we can work together for the community and I plan on being here at the borough building for the residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm