

WILMERDING BOROUGH  
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

**ROLL CALL: LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY BELIN, present; JOSEPH HARTZELL, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**E. BARRETT – HERMAN AVENUE:** I'm reading the sunshine laws and wanted to know what the official plan is where you are going to post the agenda.

**C. LANG:** The official post will be on the Borough website, but we are aloud to post it on Savvy Citizen as well.

**E. BARRETT:** you are aware that it is not just you under that act, all the committees and planning/zoning must be present as well.

**C. LANG:** yes, any committee meeting that take minutes should be on there and if I am given that information it will go onto the website.

**S. SHURGOT:** Let me clarify that a little, Caroline had an old email address that is rarely used. We have updated her information, and all is going well now.

**E. BARRETT:** all of the zoning and planning is expired and why do the council information not have their terms on it?

**C. LANG:** I will get that information together and update it.

**E. BARRETT:** the skateboarders are driving me crazy; they are there every night and can't sit on my porch because of the noise and filthy language.

**G. JAKUB:** I am sending a message to Wes tight now.

**J. HARTZELL:** why can't the police enforce our ordinance? I'm tired of arguing with them because they don't do anything I tell them anyways.

**P. SHURGOT:** I would suggest that you post one on the front door as well.

**J. HARTZELL:** can Caroline notify the planning and get their minutes on the website as well.

**C. LANG:** we do not need to backdate but moving forward it we do need to put them on there and I will notify Joyce.

**J. HARTZELL:** what about the CIAC?

**S. SHURGOT:** that is not our responsibility and are not affiliated with the Borough

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**C. LANG:** they can post if they want but it does not have to be on our website, they will need their own.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**K. MAXWELL:** I just need a date to tell Davey tree.

**C. LANG:** they said any day that week is good.

**K. MAXWELL:** the WCC would like to borrow the tables and chairs from the Rec room. They will need them brought up on Friday and Pete will bring them back on Monday.

**C. LANG:** is that this week?

**K. MAXWELL:** yes, and the park lights in the center are out.

**C. LANG:** I will have that looked at.

**L. KIRK:** crime watch will be October 12<sup>th</sup> and will be done between Allegheny County and Pitcairn police.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C. LANG:** We were awarded a State Blight Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for demolition. Previously you had asked Dave to include 4 homes in the bid, 4747 Airbrake, 448 Card, 126 Middle and 128 Middle. Those bids were opened and the total to demo all 4 homes was \$52,850. Since then, we received word that we were approved for the Act 152 Demolition grant for structures at 428 Airbrake, 126 Middle and 128 Middle. So, if we remove the 2 Middle Avenue properties from the State Blight Grant the total for the 2 other homes would be \$31,850.

**P. SHURGOT/L.KIRK TO AWARD MINNIEFIELD DEMOLITION THE BID FOR THE STATE BLIGHT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,850 TO DEMOLISH 474 AIRBRAKE AVENUE AND 448CARD AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**S. SHURGOT:** we need to discuss the police agreement between Pitcairn and Wilmerding. Some of the highlights of the contract are it is a 5-year contract beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. Pitcairn agrees to provide a police officer in town 24 hours a day 7 days a week to patrol and enforce our laws. The cost of the service for year one is \$400,000, the second year is \$412,000, the third year is \$424,360, for the fourth year \$437,091, and for the fifth year \$450,204. For next year we are going to pay Pitcairn \$80,000 when the agreement is signed, and 3 more payments of \$80,000 being made in May August and November. After that the payments will be on a quarterly basis due in February, May, August, and October. We changed the date to terminate the contract from July to June and we added that if they breach the contract, we have the right to pull out of the contract.

**J. HARTZELL:** just wondering why they did not sign it?

**G. JAKUB:** according to what was said at the meeting they wanted to make sure that we approved the changes and signed it.

**K.MAXWELL/K. BELIN TO ACCEPT THE PITCAIRN POLICE CONTRACT AS DOCUMENTED.**

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**L. KIRK: YES**

**K. BELIN: YES**

**J. HARTZELL: YES**

**K. MAXWELL: YES**

**P. SHURGOT: YES**, but I feel this is going cause a problem for our resident when we have to raise the taxes over the next few years.

**J. THOMAS: YES**, AND I AGREE WITH Mrs. Shurgot, I feel that by the end of this contract we will be close to bankruptcy, our milage will be the highest in the county, and where do we go after that?

**S. SHURGOT: YES**, but I also have concerns with what is going to be pushed onto our residents. By the end of this contract there will be at least a 6-mil tax increase. I do understand the importance of having a police force though and unfortunately, we have no place else to turn.

**MOTION CARRIES, MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**MOTION BY K. MAXWELL TO ADJORN AT 7:24 P.M.**