

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

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 / P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED, MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

Theresa Hickman, Airbrake Avenue: I am so excited, happy, and proud about this Wilmerding Community Center. I know you worked hard and it just goes to show how communities can work together. It's such a wonderful thing for Wilmerding. I want to especially thank Kelly and Linda, and the rest of you for working so hard on this and how proud I am of you and Wilmerding.

Diane LaGorga, Airbrake Avenue: I would like to complain about the stop sign at Middle and 1st. People come up the hill don't have a stop but they do on Middle and no one stops.

L. KIRK: I've been scared a few times with cars coming up that hill

INSPECTOR KEARNS: we can give it some extra attention.

J. THOMAS: you want to put a stop sign for those coming up the hill? I don't know about that in the winter.

S. SHURGOT: I think we should close 1st street off in the winter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. We received a request from the Planning Commission for 3 of their members to attend the Local Government Academy's course on Community Planning. It will be at Carnegie Borough and will cost \$95 per person.

S. SHURGOT: there is a line item in the budget designated for this.

K. MAXWELL: do we know who is going?

REV. REEVES: I just found out this evening that there is a class. I told her I would be willing to go.

P. SHURGOT: we should have the representative from the Borough be one of those 3.

P. SHURGOT/L. KIRK TO SEND 3 MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ONE OF THOSE TO BE THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE EDUCATION CLASSES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. St. John the Baptist is celebrating their 100th Anniversary October 12th & 13th and would like to invite the Mayor to their banquet and request an ad donation from the Borough.

S. SHURGOT: Karen Peterson arrived at 7:05.

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J. THOMAS: I think it would be appropriate to give \$100.00

J. THOMAS/L.KIRK TO PLACE AN ADD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 AND PAY FOR THE MAYOR AND A GUEST TO ATTEND THE BANQUET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: The EMS for August responded to 37 calls and had 25 transports. Their average response time for emergencies 7.7 minutes and for non-emergences was 8.2 minutes. I did not receive a report from the fire department.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of August we had 383 events. 2 abandoned vehicles, 11 animal complaints, 2 assaults, 1 attempted child sex assault, 7 criminal mischief, 7 domestic disputes, 2 DUI, 1 fraud, 4 harassment, 10 local ordinance, 2 motor vehicle crashes, 16 PFA's, 2 theft, 144 traffic stops, and 13 warrants. There were a total of 30 arrests. 2 DUI's, 1 simple assault, 4 habitual offender driving under suspension, 1 public drunkenness, 1, 7 disorderly conduct, 1 aggravated assault, 1 burglary, 2 criminal mischief, 1EWOC, 7 fugitives, 1 harassment, and 1 retail theft.

L. KIRK: Next Crime Watch meeting is Monday September 9th at 6p.m. in Council Chambers.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY: We had a total of 24 Occupancies inspections, 14 passed, 10 failed, 6 rescheduled. We had 22 code enforcement/fire marshal events. Caroline can you check on the balance because I show \$1440.00.

C. LANG: Come to my office tomorrow and we can go over what I show and what you show.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: They have been out cutting grass. Our summer help left in the middle of August and we are still looking for a laborer. It is posted on Monster so maybe we can give it 2 weeks and start to set up some interviews.

J. THOMAS: at the end of Welsh Avenue where it turns into Orient there is a huge pit with grating over it, the grate is bad so Tony is out getting pricing to replace that. Also, last month or so there was a motion made about the Patton Street Bridge at Station Street and the weeds. I was so surprised when the County came out and cleaned all of that. In light of this why can't they go across the bridge and do the ramps as well. Can you see if they can work on that?

ENGINEERS REPORT – D. GILLILAND: Given in the workshop.

L. KIRK: is there a time frame on the maintenance garage?

A. PRINCE: Dave doesn't have anything in his report but I can try to find something out on it.

J. THOMAS: tony and I were down looking at the hi-rise side of the building and the glass block. Tony thought if we put a screen up or something to give some more ventilation.

L. KIRK: that may be good for after the fix

S. SHURGOT: we never voted for him to get pricing on that

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L. KIRK/P. SHURGOT TO HAVE GLENN ENGINEERING GET PRICING ON THE CEILING REPAIRS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COG REPORT / UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: nothing

BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: Pat Mew’s playground is next on the agenda and should be completed early September. WCC open house went well and we would like to thank the Borough and all of the other individuals that helped out so we could open.

S. SHURGOT: has WCC thought about doing anything for those individuals that helped?

L. KIRK: We have a list and we hope to do something for those individuals.

SOLICITOR – N. EVASHAVIK: The only item I have is the lease for Wilmerding Community Center. This need to be reviewed and if there are any questions or changes please contact Greg or myself.

S. SHURGOT: we just received the lease today so I would like everyone to look it over and let me know if there are any changes I will send them over to Greg.

L. KIRK: didn’t you want to add about the Borough use of the field

S. SHURGOT: it’s in the first paragraph. Let me know if there are any changes by Monday then we can get it over to Joe Lawrence and get this taken care of.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

J. THOMAS: also in you packet is a preliminary budget please looks it over so we can start to discuss it at the September workshop.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: There will be no Octoberfest. Halloween festivities will be October 26th at 11 am. The children will also get their letters for Santa to have in the Friday before Thanksgiving.

C. LANG: Westinghouse Arts called today and I gave her your email for contact.

K. MAXWELL: they want to do something but they want to sell food and I don’t want anything being sold. They are scrambling right now because according to their charter they have to be a community participant.

G. JAKUB: September 19th the Arts academy wants to have a s’mores party in the park. Al Hussey will be present and assisting with it.

K. MAXWELL: they are supposed to fill out a request to use our property.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: it’s a 9th grade social and it will be in their parking lot.

J. THOMAS: There is a thing out there about making Halloween a designated Saturday in October.

N. EVASHAVIK: unless Congress declares it a law, and that is not going to happen by this Halloween, you can do it whenever you want.

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PLANNING – REV REEVES: just the classes, do we pay for that ourselves?

S. SHURGOT: no tell Caroline and she will register everyone.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

P. SHURGOT: can you send a letter to Allegheny County Hi Rise about the TV's against the wall at public works.

C. LANG: I will send that out tomorrow.

MAYOR REMARKS – G. JAKUB: The Department of Agriculture in regards to the spotted lantern fly. They are going door to door and they have spotted some down by the railroad. They will come and spray for the bugs and the trees that they are attracted to. Also, thanks to all of council and everyone else that was involved in the opening of the Wilmerding Community Center. A special thanks to Mrs. Barrett who has done everything she could over the last year.

K. MAXWELL: any update on Wall Avenue, what is going on?

C. LANG: they are repairing the bridge on Wall Avenue where the barriers have been. That is the water runoff from Valley Avenue that pushes into the creek.

K. PETERSON MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:34P.M.