

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: G. JAKUB, present; L. FIASCO, absent; J. CLEMENIC, absent; C. SPICUZZA, absent; S. VOLPE, present; S. SHURGOT, present; C. TUSCAN, present. Mayor D. POMPOSELLI was also present.

MR. C. TUSCAN: Council met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

G. JAKUB / S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2007 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.: you just approved last month's meeting. Did everyone read those minutes and you are satisfied with what you read.

MR. C. TUSCAN: is there something particular part that you have in mind.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: I am asking each one. Have you read the whole thing and you are satisfied with them.

MR. C. TUSCAN: is there something in particular that you are questioning.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: from my understanding the whole meeting was a farce, but I wasn't here.

MR. D. POMPOSELLI: you can't say that if you weren't here.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: I read the minutes. If you fellows read the minutes of the last meeting, and you are approving them, did you read them. That is what I am asking.

MR. C. TUSCAN: yes.

MR. G. JAKUB: yes.

MR. S. VOLPE: yes. What happened, happened.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: what happened, happened, that's true. Did you fellows resolve any of the problems that occurred at that meeting.

MR. C. TUSCAN: can you get to the point of your question.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: you had a problem with the Building Inspector, has that been resolved.

MR. C. TUSCAN: the problem with the Building Inspector dealt more with the ordinances and how they were interrupted. He was asking for clarification on the rules and it was clarified at the meeting. I believe at that time it was resolved and clarified and what the rules of the Building Inspector are and how he is going to handle certain parts of that job based on the Solicitor's recommendation.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: have you established the hours for the Building Inspector.

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MR. C. TUSCAN: the old Building Inspector was paid on an hourly basis. The new Inspector is paid on the fees he collects.

MR. S. VOLPE: the old Building Inspector was paid \$35 an hour for “x” amount of hours per week. I work as a need be basis. I am not here so many hours a week. If someone would come in and wants to put a fence up. You look at the building permit fees, say it is \$29, that is what I charge.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: when are you available do this.

MR. S. VOLPE: Mondays and Fridays.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays you are not available.

MR. S. VOLPE: I work for different communities those days.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: I don't care where you work, publish the hours that you will be available in Wilmerding.

MR. S. VOLPE: say that someone calls on Tuesday night. I will call them back and schedule it for Friday.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: this should be published. Also, Steve, do you have a list of delinquents that you were working on.

MR. S. SHURGOT: yes.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: is it available.

MR. S. SHURGOT: yes.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: can I have a copy of it. I would like to give it to the Daily News so they can publish it if it possible.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I will give it to you after the meeting.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: I found out last week that the two trucks that we have were not inspected. Why?

MR. C. TUSCAN: that was part of our personnel meeting. They were on the list to get inspected but they never did. It should have never happened.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: can you tell me why we have to take the trucks out of town to get inspected when we have three places here in town.

MR. C. TUSCAN: we actually took it to one of those places to have it inspected. After one truck sat there for a week they told us he couldn't do the inspection.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: what about the other two.

MR. C. TUSCAN: Council has an issue with one of them and we do not want to discuss it.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: Mr. Evashavik, it involves public money and I think we have a right to know what that issue it.

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MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: this is a professional service and they can hire anybody they want to. You can hire person A, B or C because you think they do better work. If you want them to discuss what they think the qualifications of somebody, I am advising against that. They can have their reasons and they do not have to hire anyone specific because it is professional work. It is not like getting the lowest bidder, it is not that kind of work.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: I think for the best interest of the town, why can't they keep the work in town. If they do shoddy work then that should be brought up.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: they have their reasons and they can go anywhere to get the job done.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: if someone is not doing the job right I think we should know about it.

MR. C. TUSCAN: I understand your point but he is advising us that it is not in our best interest, as caretakers of the town, to say publicly why we do not want to use someone's service.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: if it is personal then it is a different thing. I am talking about the quality of work. If they can do the same quality of work then it should be kept here in town.

MR. C. TUSCAN: it is not personal.

MR. J. WRIGHT, WELSH AVE.: I would like to know what the borough's policy is on stray animals. We have a lot of stray cats in that area.

MR. C. TUSCAN: unfortunately, the way our ordinance is there is nothing on cats. I can't tell you what the reasoning is. Those ordinances go back a long ways and they have always dealt with dogs. I don't know why cats were not included. What options do we have.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: you can do the same thing the city is doing, they are trying to license cats. It is not as easy with cats as it is with dogs.

MR. J. WRIGHT: I live at 317 Welsh and two doors down from me there is vacant property that is overgrown and the cats are breeding in there.

MR. J. NALEVANKO, WILMERDING RENEWED: I am here to give you an update on the Castle project with Bidwell Training Center. We started the landscape project a week ago, and that will be the first phase, the hillside in the front. We are also working with Triangle Tech on the lighting for King's Way. Hopefully the first phase will be completed by July 1st.

MR. R. COMUNALE, CALDWELL AVE.: I purchased a little over two acres down on Pitcairn Street from Sheriff Sale, which was nothing more than illegal dumping. It is clean, secured and fenced now. I asked Council numerous times what can they do about Pitcairn Street. I have sent letters and I also talked to a few Council members about this. I also offered my services about two and a half years ago to clean that area, at no expense to you. I cleaned half the road and here we are two and a half years later and it is worse than ever. I would like to know what can be done. I had someone meet me back there today and they thought it was embarrassing. I have my lot completely clean and the road to my property looks like Waste Management. I was pulled over about three weeks ago coming out of there by a North Versailles Police Officer and he wanted to know why I was back there because it is a dump site. In the meantime while I was pulled over, within a half hour, someone illegally dumped brush, logs and what not. When you had the Wilmerding clean up, being that the borough did not clean up the trash down there, I took the liberty and my time to clean up that. I think I have done enough, more than enough. I spent a half a day today knocking back the weeds and trimming the trees, which are not mine, to get back to my property. If nothing is

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going to be done, donate it to me, sell it to me, do whatever you want but something needs to be done. It has been five years since I bought that property and nothing has been done. I donated my time once and I am not going to do it again. I think I donated my time a little too much. In the winter time when the dump truck had no transmission and the salt spreader on the pick up broke, I donated three days of my time to that snow and did not get any acknowledgment. I would like to get Pitcairn Street cleaned up.

MR. G. JAKUB: I agree with you that Pitcairn Street needs cleaned up. Lets set one thing straight. You also used our backhoe to set your concrete.

MR. R. COMUNALE: I started cleaning Pitcairn Street with that machine because the lack of workers don't know how to use the backhoe. The borough needed someone to plow the snow for three days. Did any of you guys notice who did the snow. I did both sides for three days.

MR. G. JAKUB: You have to understand that we are not hearing everything until it is done. There is a communication problem which we are addressing. I want to set the record straight that it is all freebies but you used our equipment to set your concrete. I don't have a problem with that but if you want to be an on call employee we will pay you as a on call employee.

MR. R. COMUNALE: I would rather not because the three days that I donated my time I ruined my salt spreader.

MR. G. JAKUB: we do not want you to do it for free.

MR. R. COMUNALE: I don't want to do it period because the appreciation is zero in this town. Even the borough workers have been told to stop dumping the trash down there. I have to go down there and clean it. Every week someone dumps mysterious tires, someone dumps mysterious garbage bags. I am not asking for much.

MR. G. JAKUB: just give us a chance to get this in motion.

MR. R. COMUNALE: how long does it take to get it in motion. I have been asking for five years.

MR. C. TUSCAN: I don't remember seeing any no dumping signs down there. We need to get that posted.

MR. A. VOLPE, CARD AVE.: these two parking lots down here. Why don't you sell them and put businesses in there. Originally it was scheduled to put commercial in there. Now it is all day parking, you have a trash bucket in the alley, which shouldn't be there, and the guy who owns that building there is a hole over there where the trash should be. Those two lots could be commercial with businesses and put the parking meters back in.

MR. C. TUSCAN: somebody on Council did bring up the potential of selling those lots. It is not dead and I think we need to discuss it further.

MRS. A. BRUCE, AIRBRAKE AVE.: I have an issue with the police. They ride through town, drive the same streets all the time and see the same people. They go by like they do not see anybody. I think they should stop and talk to those kids at the playground once in a while and also make a motion to some of the people on the streets that they acknowledge them. I can tell you that a policeman never acknowledges any of the residents. We are paying their wages and I think the least they could do is be a little courteous. I do think they should stop at the playground.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: I can't make them be friendly, that is not their job, and I will get a grievance and I would lose. Things have changed. I can make them get out and walk the playgrounds from time to time. I can't force them to wave to you.

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MRS. A. BRUCE: I don't mean that they have to wave to me or anything like that, but you would think that once in a while when they drive by that they would acknowledge somebody. I get more acknowledgment from Turtle Creek than North Versailles. We do not know anyone on the North Versailles Police force, how would we get to know them.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: you can get to know them through the Citizens Police Academy that we are having in the fall. You will get to meet them all because they all will be teaching there. You are welcome to come up at roll call at three o'clock and sit through that.

MRS. A. BRUCE: I am talking about the town. The town itself isn't acknowledged by these policemen. They go by all the time and they don't even know who lives where.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: what do you mean by acknowledge.

MRS. A. BRUCE: when they go by wave or look at them. They go by like nothing.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: I addressed this with my guys last year. I have seen some of my officers in the park sit down with the guys on the bench and talking to them. You know the old timers that sit on the bench on Westinghouse Avenue. I have seen that more than once.

MRS. A. BRUCE: we want these kids to know the police.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: that is why we have the school resource officer. There are three police officers at the school everyday. That is what their job is, to bridge the gap between the kids the police. You are also going to have two officers on bicycle patrol on Friday and Saturday from three to eleven.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: Steve, your ambulances come from Turtle Creek and they blast their whistle all the way up Airbrake Avenue and some of them do speed. I can see when you are coming to an intersection that you blast the whistle but not all the way up Airbrake.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I will address it to them. If you see them speeding please call the police and they can issue them a ticket. They are breaking the law because it is a fifteen mile speed limit and they were informed by my Chairman of the Board and myself that they are not to speed in any area.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a request from the East Allegheny High School Football Boosters to sponsor a banner during home football games. Since we did this last year the cost is fifty dollars.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO SPONSOR A BANNER FOR THE EAST ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL BOOSTERS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

2. received a letter from the Wilmerding Fire Department asking Council to approve two new members to their department. They are John Lang and Tracy Lang. Also, they are requesting permission to attend parades.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE NEW MEMBERS AND ALSO TO GRANT THEM PERMISSION TO ATTEND ANY PARADE WITHIN A FIFTY MILE RADIUS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

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3. received a letter of resignation from Councilman Joseph Clemenic due to the fact that he cannot devote the time needed to the position. The resignation is effective Tuesday June 5, 2007

S. SHURGOT / G. JAKUB TO RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - S. SHURGOT: I do not have the fire department report as of today. The ambulance responded to 39 calls. Hopefully in a day or two we will have the curfew blow again at 9:45. As you know it is going to run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. As the Chief mentioned the bike patrol will start in Wilmerding this Friday. Also, the new fire department sign is very nice but they should have had the courtesy to inform Council what they were going to do.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: the police department had 273 general calls, 22 citations and 7 parking tickets were issued. There were no 979 calls this month. The Citizens Police Academy will start again this fall and we will have the information at the festival and also at St. Jude's fair. The bike patrol was supposed to start June 1st and I will make the price adjustment. There was a request made to the Mayor about the sidewalk on Airbrake Avenue, by the Valley Auto Parts, which is a double sidewalk and they have been parking on that sidewalk for years. The people at Valley Auto Parts had an idea to let them continue to park, but not all the way over, so you would still have a sidewalk to walk. We came up with the idea of putting a couple of signs there and painting a white line so that you cannot park past the white line. I think it is a good idea and I think Valley Auto Parts paid for the signs. There was one issue about the poles.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I heard that Valley Auto Parts was waiting on us to buy the signs and that I did not give them the okay. I talked to you the other day and I think it is a good idea.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO BUY POLES FOR THE TWO SIGNS AT VALLEY AUTO PARTS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: are you aware of the signs by the local establishment about parking for his business only because of the festival. He did the same thing last year.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: last year we told him to open up the chain and park the cars in there. Do you want to do that again.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I want to accommodate him, I know they have to get in and out. But we don't need every business to put a sign up in front that you can't park there. I know parking is going to be at a premium the next four days and everyone needs to be patient. I think we should do the same thing we did last year.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: the police are doing a good job and I am seeing them around more now than I did before.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - J. NALEVANKO: I would like to ask Council to study the ordinance and maybe change it where the first offense, instead of having a citation, issue them something like a parking ticket where the fine would be paid here at the borough building. If it is not paid then it would go to the Magistrate.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: are these for zoning violations.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: yes.

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MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: did you talk to the Magistrate about this.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: rather than filing a citation first, it would be just like a parking ticket. Say if a person has high grass, I would give them one of these tickets and they would pay it here.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: one of the problems under these code violations you always have to make a demand to remedy it and give them an opportunity.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: if I post this notice and give them "x" amount of days to correct the situation, if that is not done then I will give them this ticket.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: I think it is a good idea. I will have to look at the process of it. I would also have to look at our ordinances to see what we need to change.

MR. C. TUSCAN: I think we should have the Solicitor investigate this further.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: there is a house at 38 Sprague Street that is unoccupied and the windows are broken out and kids can gain access to it. It is owned by a bank in California and is there any way I can get the borough to secure that building.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: you need to send a notice to the bank explaining to them that the house is a safety hazard and demand that they do something. You cannot go on private property unless we have some kind of hearing to determine that it is a public nuisance.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: if the governmental bodies own the property, county, school and borough, what happens to these houses with the high weeds and grass.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: then we contact them and say we have a problem and they are going to consent to do it. What you should do is get a list of all of the municipal owned properties and notify them that we have a safety and health hazard and something needs to be done and here is what we propose to do and this will be the cost to you.

PUBLIC WORKS

S. SHURGOT / G. JAKUB TO ADVERTISE FOR A TEMPORARY STREET FOREMAN AND FOR THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A TEST ON MECHANICAL SKILLS AND THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE JUNE 25TH AND THE SALARY IS NEGOTIABLE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. C. TUSCAN: we are not replacing our Street Foreman. He is on a long term injury and we need someone now to do that job.

COG REPORT - C. TUSCAN: there were no bids for Wilmerding. There were discussions with Verizon about their cable. The law firm that COG wanted to review this, the cost would be about \$50,000.

MR. S. SHURGOT: whenever Greg and I left the meeting in Monroeville, they were trying to get a committee to come up with specs to bid on.

MR. C. TUSCAN: they are redoing those because the price came in too high. They are still working on that and a lot of the work would be covered by a grant.

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ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. bids for the YMCA bleacher project will be opened on June 28th. This is a CD 33 project to correct the drainage problem. We will have the bid results for you next month.
2. PennDOT has not responded to our latest revised specifications concerning the Safe Route to School Project, the sidewalks and lighting in the park.
3. Quotes were received for piping to correct the drainage problem on Welsh Avenue. Three quotes were received, one from J. L. Urban for \$1,990; one from David Martin for \$3,700 and from Soli Construction for \$6,850. The lowest quote was from J. L. Urban and he is qualified to do the work and has done excellent work for us in the past. The price quoted is very reasonable and if Council wishes to proceed we recommend that J. L. Urban be awarded the project in the amount of \$1,990.

S. SHURGOT / G. JAKUB TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO J. L. URBAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,990. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. D. GILLILAND:

4. Mr. Glenn inspected the structure at 136 Card Avenue and has submitted a report of his findings.
5. CD 34 Pre-applications were filed for the following projects:

Airbrake Avenue Walking Trail Phase 2 for \$30,000.

Ice Plant Hill Retaining Wall for \$45,000.

Retaining Wall Replacement for Middle Ave., Sprague St. and Card Avenue for \$780,000.

Step Reconstruction for Clara Street, Frank Street and George Street for \$125,000.

Demolish YMCA Bleachers for \$70,000.

Catch Basins at Lydia Street and Poplar Alley; Commerce Street, Herman Avenue (2), Westinghouse Avenue (2) and the Towne Park (4) for \$25,000.

Avenue U Guide Rail for \$10,000

We do have resolutions prepared tonight for the full applications, which aren't do until August, if you would like to pass them tonight.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO PASS THE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CD 34 PROJECTS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

6. Work is progressing on your first phase of the "sewer significant deficiency repairs". They encountered a problem on Fourth Street, which was resolved at very little cost.
7. ALCOSAN has signed a new consent order with the DEP. Mr. Glenn has attached a letter analyzing the effects of that. It is going to save us money in monitoring the sewer flows. When you receive the resolution we are recommending the borough enact the resolution which executes the amendments to the original consent agreement so that ALCOSAN can perform the required monitoring on behalf of the borough at ALCOSAN's cost.
8. There was a request submitted to Allegheny County for the painting of the guide rail on the bridge approach ramps. I have not received any response from them as of this date.

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9. I was informed that there is a problem with the safety surface at the Airbrake Avenue Playground under the swings. It has been worn away and we will contact the contractor that installed them. I am not sure if it is still under maintenance but they are usually pretty good at coming back and patching it.

MR. G. JAKUB: the problem down on Fourth Street, how much did it cost to repair it.

MR. D. GILLILAND: about \$100 the way we were recommending it.

UTILITIES

MR. S. SHURGOT: there is a letter on your desk that we talked about sending out to anyone who owes over \$100 in garbage fees. If it is okay with Council I would like the Secretary to send it out.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO SEND OUT THE LETTER TO ANYONE WHO OWES OVER \$100 IN GARBAGE FEES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. C. TUSCAN: I just received today a new contract from Comcast. They have come up with a whole new agreement and I am going to give it to the Solicitor to review.

SOLICITOR - G. N. EVASHAVIK: I was discussing with Steve tonight your occupancy permit ordinance. It is not complete because it doesn't call for an occupancy permit if there is a transfer of real estate or a change in use. I would propose that you authorize me to prepare a Zoning Certificate Ordinance to cover this defect.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO HAVE THE SOLICITOR PREPARE A ZONING CERTIFICATE ORDINANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. G. N. EVASHAVIK: about six or eight months ago we had a Recreation Committee between the municipalities that make up the school district that put together a Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Ordinance. To enter into that agreement you have to have an ordinance otherwise it would not be legal. As I understand it, in the agreement it states that you are under no obligation to expend borough funds.

G. JAKUB / S. VOLPE TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE WITHIN THE EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

FINANCE - S. SHURGOT: we updated the list of delinquents through the end of May. I would like Council's permission to post it on the website.

S. SHURGOT / G. JAKUB TO POST THE LIST OF DELINQUENTS ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we received some bad new on the dump truck. They took it for inspection and the bill is \$2,270.95.

S. SHURGOT / TO HAVE THE DUMP TRUCK REPAIRED FOR INSPECTION AT A COST OF \$2,270.95.

MR. G. JAKUB: did we get another estimate.

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MR. C. TUSCAN: there is an estimate for the windshield. I believe that could be covered under our insurance.

MR. S. SHURGOT: it has been out of inspection for five weeks now and we have no vehicle for the borough workers and we are stuck between a rock and a hard place. It needs a lot of work and the prices are within reason.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO REPAIR THE DUMP AT MAGILL'S FOR \$2,270.95. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 3-1 WITH G. JAKUB VOTING NO.

S. SHURGOT: the fire truck was in a minor accident and the estimate for repairs was \$3,400. We have a \$1,000 deductible and we received an insurance check for \$2,400 for repairs.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO HAVE THE FIRE TRUCK REPAIRED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the fire department had an emergency repair done to the fire garage door in the amount of \$500. They did not notify us that this was being done. I would like the Secretary to send them a letter informing them that they need to notify us of their intentions.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0

BOROUGH PROPERTY - S. VOLPE: the fire truck was damaged and I was never notified and they spent \$500 on the garage door and I was never notified. Also, sidewalks were fixed when we made a motion just to get some estimates and the next thing you know it was done, and I was never notified. Both vehicles are out of inspection and I was never notified. Someone authorized to get the sidewalks done and I was never notified.

MR. G. JAKUB: who actually authorized to repair the sidewalks.

MR. S. VOLPE: we made a motion to get estimates.

MR. C. TUSCAN: I guess I can take some responsibility because I misunderstood and thought we had approved it.

MR. S. VOLPE: who contacted the contractor.

MR. C. TUSCAN: I believe Larry did.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: did the Engineer know anything about it.

MR. C. TUSCAN: he didn't have to, we were just requesting proposals for the work.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we also needed a Certificate of Insurance from the contractor.

MR. S. VOLPE: when something like that happens we should have meetings and everything should be worked out ahead of time. We need to find out the cost and how long it is going to be.

MR. S. SHURGOT: if you remember we had a meeting with the street department and asked them if they needed to have extra people on call for the winter. The chairman told me everything would be fine. We found out there was a problem and now we have another problem.

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RECREATION : the committee is going to be putting together their schedule for the summer.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TO TURN OVER THEIR RECORDS OF EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS ALONG WITH THE BANK STATEMENTS AND ALSO TO NOTIFY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DO THE SAME. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0

PLANNING COMMITTEE

No report

PERSONNEL - G. JAKUB: we addressed part of the situation earlier. We have three applications for summer employment. When do what to start them and do you want to hire all three.

S. VOLPE / S. SHURGOT TO REFER THIS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO SEE WHAT WE CAN AFFORD BEFORE WE HIRE THEM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. G. JAKUB: once they are hired we need them to sign off on a letter what they are going to be held accountable for. We didn't do this in the past and we are going to start this now.

MR. C. TUSCAN: because of the unfortunate situation with our foreman, we had to hire two part time laborers. We took a phone vote and the two people that were hired were Michael Jakub and Derrick Fiasco at a rate of \$6.50 per hour.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO RATIFY THE HIRING OF THE PART TIME LABORERS TAKEN BY A PHONE VOTE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MRS. A. BRUCE: I forgot to ask you, did anybody find out about dredging the creek.

MR. S. SHURGOT: someone did approach Paul Costa about this on election day and we also discussed this at a COG meeting. There was nothing formal put together on this.

MR. C. TUSCAN: this is a multi-municipal project. We have to get the other communities involved to do it right.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: we had about 75 people attend our Memorial Day services. This is the first time that we had to plan the service since the East Allegheny Memorial Day Association took care of everything. I would like to thank the Mayor for getting the flags and also the Council members and everyone that attended. Also, during the past month we had a meeting with the school district concerning the school and basically we told them that we support Wilmerding Renewed. We also told them if something would happen that we would consider taking ownership of that school.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: on your desk is the proposed summer newsletter and I would like permission to take it to the printer. If there are any corrections please let me know.

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

S. SHURGOT / G. JAKUB TO TAKE THE NEWSLETTER TO THE PRINTER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I have question for the Solicitor which I should have brought up earlier. I was looking at the Uniform Construction Code that we adopted. When I was looking for the height of weeds and grass in the code, it says to be put in by municipality. I thought that we had an ordinance saying that it was six inches but I couldn't find it anywhere.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO HAVE THE SOLICITOR REVIEW THE ORDINANCE AND IF IT IS NOT IN THERE FOR HIM TO DRAW UP AN ORDINANCE STATING THAT THE GRASS IS NOT TO EXCEED SIX INCHES AND TO ADVERTISE IT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. G. JAKUB: you all have a copy of the Wilmerding Borough Council Rules of Conduct. A lot of times are meetings end up getting out of control and as you heard here tonight they referred to our last meeting as a circus. Based on that we are going to put this into play. There will be no screaming from the back of the room and everyone will understand that order will be set in advance. Everyone will get a chance to speak at the appropriate time because we need to get this under control.

G. JAKUB / S. SHURGOT TO ADOPT THE RULES OF CONDUCT FOR WILMERDING COUNCIL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

S. SHURGOT / G. JAKUB TO CHANGE THE JULY 3RD MEETING TO JULY 10TH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

S. SHURGOT / S. VOLPE TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY JUNE 26TH TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT AND ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I just have one general comment. You know that there are three people absent tonight for whatever reason and there are people that resigned this year like we changed socks. I just hope that people that are running for council in the future live out their four year commitment and if you are not going to live out your four year commitment please don't run. We have people speak out of turn and this is supposed to be a business meeting. We are finding out there are a lot of problems and we are trying to correct them. If you are running for council and you get elected, please honor your four year commitment. You owe it to the citizens that elected you.

MR. C. TUSCAN: it is truly a total commitment and not just one meeting a month.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

MR. D. POMPOSELLI: I was a little upset of the cement work that was done. I asked and couldn't get an answer. I never heard at the meeting where it was approved. They did a beautiful job on the steps but they never completed the job. They fixed the curb down on the main street and I mentioned to them that I would like my neighbor's curb fixed and they said they do not do curbs. I wish they would have finished the steps first then do what they had to do.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.