

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President S. Shurgot.

MR. S. SHURGOT: prior to this meeting we had personnel meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

C. TUSCAN / C. SPICUZZA TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCT. 2, 2007 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.: Steve Volpe, did you check 606 Airbrake.

MR. S. VOLPE: we sent notices out to them.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: notices were sent by John already.

MR. S. VOLPE: John does occupancy licenses. Occupancy licenses are different than occupancy inspection.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: has it been inspected.

MR. S. VOLPE: no it hasn't.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: why not, I called you four weeks ago on this. You tell us to notify you if we see something going on. It has been four weeks and they moved in.

MR. S. VOLPE: the day that you called me is the day they moved in. I sent the notice out to them and I am going to do an inspection on it.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: it has been four weeks, that is why everything is so slow around here. You want us to tell you when someone is moving in. I am very disappointed in that.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: there is a gentlemen here who would like to address Council. He represents the senior citizen building down here. I heard a lot of remarks on how do you get in there, what do you do. This is the man who can answer those questions.

MR. KEVIN BELL, ALLEGHENY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY: I am the Property Manager at the Wilmerding hi-rise next door. The Mayor mentioned that there were some issues and concerns on how the people are moving in and he asked me to come to the meeting to clarify some things. I started managing the Wilmerding hi-rise about a year ago and there were a lot of vacant units upon arriving there. The policy is that a family, a man and woman with no children, who had a disability could move in. The age limit for a person with a disability is that they have to be at least eighteen years old. As you know, there is always a problem when you have younger families living with older families. The likes and dislikes are different. One of the things you have to be is income eligible. They do check your background and also the Megan's website. HUD is our funding source and they oversee all the guidelines. You have to be at least sixty-two

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on paper to qualify. If you do not have anybody on the waiting list then you do have the flexibility to rent to someone with a disability. We are trying to keep the building at least sixty-two or someone that is older with a disability. As long as I am here I will not put someone twenty or twenty-five year olds with a disability into this building. One change is how the Housing Authority is doing things. In the past everything was done from a financial standpoint from the main office down to the site. They are now under what they call site management where everything is done at the site. Any income that the Housing Authority receives is from the rent and a subsidy from an occupied unit. We have evicted some families who have acted up and have put some on notice. You can have fun but you can't have fun in my building. Coming in drunk, selling drugs and what have you. I understand that back in the summer there was a drug bust, not in our building but in the building next to ours, which I think is 324 Commerce Street. A lot of people that were living there were coming over to the hi-rise and selling drugs and the police did make some arrests. The people that they arrested were not Housing Authority residents. If you see things that are going on let me know.

MS. G. HOMITZ: how often are you at the building.

MR. K. BELL: I manage two buildings and I am here everyday. We are closing the one down in Turtle Creek for a total renovation of the building.

MR. G. JAKUB: is there any point in time that you are going to have security patrol late at night. As part of crime watch we had one particular individual say that at time it gets pretty raucous and noisy and she is afraid that they might retaliate.

MR. K. BELL: I know people are scared to say something but I tell them that if they don't take a stance at some point and report it, it is not going to cease. We do have a small police force and they do come out periodically. All the residents have an anonymous complaint form to report any illegal activity.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I am glad to hear that it is age sixty-two or if you are disabled. It has always been a senior citizen community in there and I am glad to see it taking a turn again.

MS. J. DARBY, PAT MEWS DRIVE: last month I was here and made a couple of requests. I would like to thank Council and the Public Works Department for posting the no parking signs on Pat Mews Drive. I think it has helped. I would also like to thank the police for the additional patrols around there. I would like to ask a question to Council. The litter that is on the ramps that are going to and from the tri-boro. Who is responsible for cleaning that up or posting no litter signs.

MR. S. SHURGOT: that is a state road.

MR. D. GLENN: I will make the call.

MS. J. DARBY: I know that Ellen has contacted Council on the bookmobile and I would like to know an update on the status of that. Has anyone talked with Senator Logan about additional funding for the bookmobile.

MR. C. SPICUZZA: we have that information in our packet and we were discussing it earlier. We will be talking about it in more detail.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we will have the Finance Committee take a look at that.

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MS. J. DARBY: have you been in touch with Wall Borough.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we just received these e-mails and we are going to set up a meeting with Sen. Logan to look at some funding.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. small games of chance resolution for Wilmerding Renewed Inc.

G. JAKUB / S. VOLPE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WILMERDING RENEWED AS A CIVIC OR SERVICE ORGANIZATION AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR THE SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. last month we received a proposal from PA. Municipal Service to collect our 511 taxes.

C. SPICUZZA / C. TUSCAN TO AUTHORIZE PA. MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO. TO COLLECT THE 511 TAXES FOR THE BOROUGH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

3. received notice from the PA. Municipal Retirement System on their excess interest award of \$6,971.96. It is broken down to award 40% to the Municipal Account, 30% to the Members Account and 30% to the Retirees Account.

C. SPICUZZA / K. PETERSON TO AWARD THE EXCESS INTEREST AS STATED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

4. received a new two year contract from Ferree Kennels to provide animal control services in the borough.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: we reviewed those dog catcher contracts before. Each time they come in we make suggestions and addendums and each time they send them back they go back to the original form, which is usually missing some provision.

MR. S. VOLPE: if the dog catcher comes out and picks up a dog, they send the bill to the borough.

MR. S. SHURGOT: only if the police call them after hours.

MR. S. VOLPE: do we have any control over that. Can we go after the owner.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: in the contract it states that if the owner claims any dog that is picked up as a result of an evening or weekend call, which is not covered under the contract, that amount would be charged to that owner and not to the municipality.

C. SPICUZZA / S. VOLPE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS WITH FERREE KENNELS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

5. received a letter from the Fire Department requesting that Council accept their new member, Chris Schriver.

C. TUSCAN / C. SPICUZZA TO ACCEPT CHRIS SCHRIVER AS A MEMBER OF THE WILMERDING FIRE DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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6. received a notice from the Allegheny County Borough's Association of their annual membership meeting to be held at the Churchill Country Club on Dec. 13, 2007.

C. SPICUZZA / C. TUSCAN THAT ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND SECRETARY CAN ATTEND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

7. received a notice from the Allegheny County Library Association concerning the bookmobile service for 2008. To provide service for one hour the cost would be \$8,820 a year. If the Borough of Wall wants the service it could be provided to both boroughs at a cost of \$13,240 or an individual cost to each community of \$6,620. They need to know by November 30th so that they can set up their schedule for next year.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we are going to have a workshop on November 27th and we could act on their request at that time. I would like the Finance Committee to set up a meeting with Wall Borough to see what their thoughts are on the funding.

C. SPICUZZA / G. JAKUB TO TABLE THIS UNTIL WE HAVE OUR BUDGET WORKSHOP ON NOV. 27TH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

8. received a letter from Mr. Larry Fiasco resigning from Council effective Nov. 13, 2007.

S. VOLPE / K. PETERSON TO ACCEPT MR. FIASCO'S RESIGNATION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY : we have received the ambulance report for the month of October.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: for the month of October we responded to 304 calls, 72 citations were issued and 5 parking tickets. As far as the PennDOT ramps, I have to call them tomorrow on another matter and I will take care of that. Emergency Management has been on hold. I met with our Commissioners and we get the ball rolling again after the holidays. I haven't looked at it yet, but is Pat Mews Drive posted correctly. The last time I looked it was not posted correctly. The signs leave you in limbo, you don't know where you can park. We need to put signs that read "no parking between the signs" with an arrow pointing between the signs.

MR. C. SPICUZZA: I noticed around town that there is a lot of tagging. Do you have any leads on this.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: we had a big tagging incident over the summer. I called the District Attorney's office on the guy that we caught and explained the situation and how much damage there was. They ended up putting him away with the help of Sargent Lasko. We believe that he got his friends to retaliate and they changed the symbol, so it is hard for us to say who is doing this. The school resource officer is working on it. The kid we put away did over \$100,000 in damage but Juvenile Court only fined him \$2,500.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we received a notice from the National Town Watch Association that National Night Out will be on August 5, 2008 and in 2009 they are moving it to September 15th. I understand that the President of Crime Watch resigned and we really do not want to let that go. Mr. Jakub and myself will run the next meeting and try to get a new President.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT - J. NALEVANKO: looking through the Code of Ordinances I would like to see the officials of the Borough of Wilmerding updated. It hasn't been updated since July of 2003.

MR. C. TUSCAN: what happens is that every so often we get the booked codified. They usually put in the officers that are in at that given time. We may have to put that in the budget to get it updated. It is not cheap and we usually wait until we get a couple of new ordinances.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: Mr. Kerrigan brought to my attention that certain members of Council do not know the borough ordinances. I believe, as Code Enforcement Officer, it is my job to know the code. I review this book at all times and it is public record, it is on the website. In going throughout the town most homeowners keep their homes neat and they abide by the laws. It seems that the majority of the problems comes from landlords renting their properties. We are making a diligent effort to make sure all occupancy licenses are obtained for 2007. It is the landlords obligation to pay that and it is their obligation to know the rules and regulations. For anyone that doesn't know the website, it is www.wilmerdingboro.com.

MR. C. SPICUZZA: do you have a time frame of how much time you would need or how much help you would need for us to go through that list and anyone that is not paid on that list that we can sit down and draw up a citation for. We need to get notices out to pay it for 2007 and to get ready for 2008.

MR. J. NALEVANKO: we can discuss that later.

PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: I have some concerns and issues with the garage over town. What we are going to do is have Mr. Glenn do an update on a review of the building just to be safe and secure. Once we get his review we will do what we have to do to house the salt there. We temporarily have it house right now until we get his recommendations. We have had several repairs done, and as I have said before we are not going to wait until the very end, we just had the truck repaired and the plates welded to the front so that we can plow this winter. Our dump truck has no lights in the rear and it seems the problem is the wire harness. We received a quote to repair this. The quote is from \$350 to \$500 for a whole new wiring harness.

G. JAKUB / C. TUSCAN TO REPAIR THE DUMP TRUCK WIRING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$500 AT C & S AUTOMOTIVE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. G. JAKUB: we primed and painted the bed in the dump truck. We are going to continue to work on the projects that need addressed. We also have a quote to do the concrete work on the steps on Station Street and about 35 feet of curb area. The quote is for \$2,400.

MR. C. SPICUZZA: did we only get one bid on that.

MR. G. JAKUB: that is all we got back.

MR. S. VOLPE: what is wrong with the curbs. Do we have to take them out or just patch them.

MR. G. JAKUB: they are broken up into sections, that includes part of the deli area.

G. JAKUB / C. SPICUZZA TO HAVE THE REPAIRS DONE ON STATION STREET AT A COST OF \$2,400. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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COG REPORT - C. TUSCAN: at the last meeting the big issue was the Verizon cable contract. What this means is that the residents will have a choice of cable companies. They will be starting in Turtle Creek and working up the valley. Everything will be done at one time.

ENGINEER - D. GLENN:

1. the CD 33 Y.M.C.A. bleacher drainage project is completed. When the new drain pipe was connected to the existing storm sewer that runs from the large basin at the bend on Orient and Welsh to John Street, it was noticed that the pipe was in very poor condition. It is cracked and beginning to take on an egg-shape. We recommend the borough apply for a CD grant to repair this pipe in 2008
2. we have not heard from PennDOT on our latest submission of plans and specs for the Safe Route to School project.
3. the Welsh Avenue drainage project has been completed.
4. Phase 2 of the Significant Deficiency repairs is underway with Patton Street the only site remaining, which should be completed by the end of next week.
5. we have filed citations for the two properties where the placement of dumpsters on public property was not corrected by the deadline given.
6. PennDot has agreed to come out and make repairs to the concrete paving joints on Station Street hill.
7. the catch basins on Airbrake and Middle Avenues has been completed.
8. we only received one quote for the milling on Station Street, which is \$5,490. I believe that is too much money to just go out and mill that. I am going to get three proposals for a fast overlay so that we can have that problem taken care of before the plants close down.

MR. S. SHURGOT: historically, when do the plants close for the winter.

MR. D. GLENN: historically October 15th is their deadline. However, they were paving today on Route 48. As long as the weather holds up the material will be available.

C. SPICUZZA / S. VOLPE TO HAVE DON GLENN SEEK THREE PROPOSALS AND TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. D. GLENN: the work is completed at 428 Airbrake Avenue and I would recommend payment. This will complete this project on the Sewer Deficiency repairs and the money can be taken out of the sewer fund.

C. TUSCAN / K. PETERSON TO PAY THE INVOICE FOR THE WORK AT 428 AIRBRAKE AVENUE WITH THE MONEY COMING OUT OF THE SEWER FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. D. GLENN: I was asked to make an inspection at the Parkhouse building, in particular the empty store room at the corner of Herman and Commerce. I did make an inspection and I also had a certified underwriter electrical inspector make an inspection. That particular unit is unsafe and it is not habitable. That unit should not be occupied until the electrical wiring is corrected and we received an inspection from an approved electrical underwriter.

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MR. G. EVASHAVIK: that brings up the International Property Maintenance Code and there is a section, Section 108, that based on the inspection of the Borough Engineer and the professional that was brought in, then that property is subject to condemnation, and it should be posted as such in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code based on that report. The Code Enforcement Officer has that authority to post the property that it is a safety hazard and a danger to the public.

MR. G. JAKUB: does any other part of the building have to be inspected.

MR. D. GLENN: based on what I saw there, I don't know if there are any other complaints with regard to that. Based on what I saw there it would be my recommendation that the whole building be inspected, electrically, by a third party.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: the Code Enforcement Officer should send notice to the owner that your intention is to make an inspection based on the recommendations by the Borough Engineer. You should allow him reasonable time to comply.

UTILITIES - C. SPICUZZA: no report at this time.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I have a question for Carl. Is our contract with Comcast up this year.

MR. C. TUSCAN: the person I was dealing with on the contract, Darlene Payne, retired this year. A new person, Fran Bradley, took over and he made contact with me last week. I will contact him to set up a meeting.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: the first item is the Verizon Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement. As you know the COG hired a separate law firm on behalf of all member municipalities to negotiate the new franchise agreement which has been completed, as I understand, and has been submitted to all member municipalities. We have received a copy of the agreement and we have not reviewed it since you have special counsel to perform that. We have received copies of the materials, which there is a resolution included, which must be passed by Council in order for the Franchise Agreement to be adopted and to go into effect so that Verizon can come in and provide cable T.V. service. Are only concern is that this should be done by ordinance instead of a resolution. We are advising Borough Council that they must vote and approve the new agreement by ordinance. We have prepared an advertisement for this.

C. TUSCAN / K. PETERSON TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE ON THE VERIZON CABLE T.V. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: this ordinance has to be approved by December 18th in order for the borough to be entitled to the financial provisions. The next item is another ordinance that we drafted and this pertains to the ordinance formally known as the "Emergency Municipal Services Tax", which people are more familiar with, the \$52.00 per year. There was a change in the legislation that it became necessary to actually re-draft the ordinance and it now has to be re-enacted by Borough Council. The rate will be the same but it now has to be collected \$1.00 a week. There was some other changes in the legislation that required all municipalities to re-enact it. We have drafted a new ordinance and you would need a motion to advertise the ordinance. The new name for this tax is the "Local Services Tax".

C. TUSCAN / G. JAKUB TO ADVERTISE THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX ORDINANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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MR. G. EVASHAVIK: we prepared an ordinance which provides for the updating of all standardized codes for building and construction and amends prior ordinances where the BOCA Codes were adopted. All the existing codes have as language, which we have in place now, provides for that any future codes will continue to be automatically adopted and become law in the Borough of Wilmerding.

C. SPICUZZA / S. VOLPE TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE UPDATING THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CODES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: There was also a question raised about the scope of our 979 Ordinance. There was some questions from Council about the scope of 979. The scope of this ordinance is very broad. Not only does it apply to disruptive conduct, but it also applies to the condition of the property and the maintenance of the property and it includes the requirement that all property owners, residential rental units. The 979 Ordinance adopts and recognizes all BOCA Codes, International Property Maintenance Codes and all other codes and establishes that it is the duty of every owner to maintain all units in compliance with these codes and ordinances. Disruptive conduct, the definition does not include the property code or maintenance violations. However, there are separate provisions under this ordinance that the property be maintained in accordance with these codes and ordinances. There are enforcement provisions in here and the enforcement provides that within ten days after receiving notice from the Code Enforcement Officer that the unit is in violation of the ordinance, including the International Property Maintenance Code and any other International BOCA Codes, and the owner shall take immediate steps to remedy these violations. It also includes that within twenty days of receipt of the notice that owner file with the Code Enforcement Officer setting forth the action to remedy the problem. If a second violation occurs within one year, the Code Enforcement Officer may direct the owner to evict the tenants if it pertains to any safety violations or disruptive conduct. The borough may even go as far as to make repairs if the owner fails or refuses to do so and then bill the owner and lien the property. The owner shall permit inspections of the property by the Code Enforcement Officer at all reasonable times with reasonable notice. It also addresses the disposal of rubbish and garbage and mandates that the owners of all apartment buildings dispose of rubbish and garbage and store rubbish and garbage in compliance with all applicable ordinances. Any violations could subject the owner to grounds for non-renewal, suspension or revocation of his or her license to rent to tenants in the borough. There are grounds for non-renewal, suspension or revocation in the ordinance and those include any violations of any provisions of the ordinances. What happens is that the Code Enforcement Officer can recommend discipline, which would include these sanctions, such as non-renewal of the owners license to rent property or revocation or suspension of the license. Those recommendations would be submitted to Borough Council. Borough Council can then apply the discipline and would consider these circumstances; any health, safety concerns or welfare and the effect on the neighborhood and prior violations of the owners. The procedure for that discipline would be that the Code Enforcement Officer would notify the owner of the action to be taken and the reasons, in writing, and the property owner would have the right to a appeal to this Borough Council for a hearing.

MR. S. SHURGOT: does that include building permits.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: yes, any ordinance violation.

FINANCE - C. TUSCAN: we will be having a budget workshop on Nov. 27th at 7:00 p.m. If there is anything specific that any department needs get it to me so that we can include that in the budget.

C. TUSCAN / G. JAKUB TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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BOROUGH PROPERTY - S. VOLPE: the gas company is digging on Card Avenue and other places in town and we are having a problem with the backfill and Don is going to go and take look at that. Don is going to take a look at the Shaw Avenue garage and give us a report on that concerning the overhead door and part of the wall that has been dislodged. Maybe we can do something in the future on the leaf pick up where we have the problem areas, maybe notify the residents before we go there so that they can bag them instead of throwing them out into the street. There are some old Christmas lights in the garage and maybe next year we can extend them on some of the streets. The last we heard about the bookmobile we met with Sen. Logan, which was way back when, and he mentioned that the borough may have to kick in a little bit of money to show that they are making an effort and that they want to help out.

RECREATION - K. PETERSON: the Halloween Party went well and I would like to thank Yvonne Corletti and Linda Travisano and Anna Marie Tucker for helping so much and making it a nice success. Light up night will be held the day after Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m. We are going to share our Christmas Party with the Castle, and we are finalizing that.

C. SPICUZZA / K. PETERSON TO USE THE LEFTOVER MONEY FROM THE OKTOBERFEST FOR LIGHT UP NIGHT ACTIVITIES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

K. PETERSON / C. SPICUZZA TO DONATE \$300 FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN AGES 10 AND UNDER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

ZONING - C. SPICUZZA: there was no meeting in October since it fell on Halloween. Also, the information is still not on the website.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I have the disc and we are trying to get it installed. One of the problems is that it doesn't follow the format we have but he will be able to do it.

PERSONNEL - G. JAKUB: we will be having a committee meeting within the next two to three weeks to do the end of the year job reviews. We are also going to verify that everyone understands the Employee Handbook and signs a form acknowledging that they have read it and they know what is going on. We are going to prepare for new activities or new responsibilities for all employees. We are going to make a contingency plan for additional help in case of a breakdown or emergency situation. Finally, the individual that we thought was going to take the clerical position to help with code enforcement declined the offer. We will advertise for that position.

C. SPICUZZA / G. JAKUB TO ADVERTISE FOR A FIRE MARSHALL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: I just want to thank everybody for their help at the Oktoberfest. We had a great turnout. The three winners for the scavenger hunt were the Marcoz Family and the team of Corletti and Travisano, who tied for first place with 107 points and the DiNardo family who had 104 points. We also will be sending thank you letters out to the Wilksburg Fire Department for the use of their fire house, the North Versailles Police Department, Wilmerding Fire Department, Eastern Area and the karate group who put on a demonstration and anyone else that was associated with this. Also, during our workshop, Wilmerding Renewed was represented by Geraldine Homitz, they asked us to back them on a ordinance on a grant to complete the landscaping for the hillside. There were some questions raised and Gerry explained everything about that.

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K. PETERSON / TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO BACK WILMERDING RENEWED ON THEIR GRANT APPLICATION.

MR. G. JAKUB: also, at that meeting there were some guarantees that if they could not get a backer to come up with the funds and the borough had to put up the funds, we were guaranteed that we would get our money back.

/ C. SPICUZZA TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR LANDSCAPING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

C. TUSCAN: we talked about the Boroughs Association meeting and historically they usually collect Toys for Tots at this meeting.

C. TUSCAN / C. SPICUZZA TO PURCHASE A TOY NOT TO EXCEED \$25. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. G. JAKUB: what we need to look at is to make a motion to upgrade our approval on purchases. We are at \$50 for the Chairperson, and \$250 for the committee. I would like to see it upgraded to \$100 for the Chairperson and \$400 for the committee. This is based on emergency repairs and so forth.

MR. C. TUSCAN: we can discuss this at our budget workshop.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I sent a letter to the school district concerning the maintenance of the properties that are owned by the three taxing bodies. There is no maintenance schedule for these and I proposed to the school district that we work out some kind of schedule. Do you think that is reasonable or a bad idea.

MR. D. GLENN: I think that is a reasonable suggestion. All the communities have the same problem.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I would like to get something going on this.

MR. G. JAKUB: I forgot to bring this up under old business. I don't know if anyone noticed but across the street from St. Jude Church, we finally got a hold of the property owner, and he cut all the weeds and has taken the porch apart and redoing it.

MAYOR'S REPORT - D. POMPOSELLI: no comment at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.