BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF DEC. 28, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President S. Shurgot at 7:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

G. JAKUB / C. SPICUZZA TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DEC. 18, 2007 MEETING AS PRESENTED.   MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: this meeting was called tonight to act on the preliminary budget for 2008. It has been advertised for ten days. Does anyone have any comments on the preliminary budget.

C. SPICUZZA / S. VOLPE TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2008 SHOWING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AS $730,550.   MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the next item is to adopt the tax ordinance for 2008. The ordinance shows a tax increase of a quarter of a mill. This will set the new tax rate for 2008 at 6.05 mills.

MS. K. PETERSON: I have people yelling at me for raising the taxes.

MR. S. SHURGOT: there is one borough that is raising it five mills. It is only going to cost another ten or twenty dollars based on the assessment of your house. It has been five years since we have raised taxes.

MR. G. JAKUB: we should all go to a school board meeting one time, as council people and say look, why is it that you can jam this tax down our throat but we try to put even a quarter of a mill in and we are getting screamed at.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we are the lowest in the school district and we provide services to our residents. We are doing more with our dollar than they are.

MR. G. JAKUB: we have to do this. If we don't then in a year instead of a quarter mill we will have to raise it two mills.

C. SPICUZZA / G. JAKUB TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #998 SETTING THE TAX MILLAGE FOR 2008 AT 6.05 MILLS.   MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

K. PETERSON / G. JAKUB TO PAY ALL APPROVED BILLS.   MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.