

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE FEB. 17, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President S. Shurgot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we called a general business meeting for tonight and after the meeting we will have our workshop.

ROLL CALL: M. TRKULA, present; C. SPICUZZA, present; K. PETERSON, present; S. SMITH, present; G. JAKUB, present; J. THOMAS, present, S. SHURGOT, present.
Mayor D. POMPOSELLI was also present.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. we have a resolution that was prepared by our Solicitor concerning the Act 511 taxes and the fees and penalties that can be collected. This was discussed at our previous meetings and we thought we had some ordinances on this.

C. SPICUZZA / M. TRKULA TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE ACT 511 TAXES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. received two requests for handicap signs at the same location. They are requesting a sign for each car. This is for 518 Glenn Street and all the appropriate paperwork has been submitted for your review.

MR. G. JAKUB: from the parking status that is up there now there is no way that you can assign two handicap signs to one house. Parking is at a premium up there.

K. PETERSON / C. SPICUZZA TO GRANT ONE HANDICAP PARKING SIGN FOR 518 GLENN STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: there were a few members of Council that met with Wilmerding Renewed to discuss their tax exempt status. I will open the floor up for discussion or a motion at this time.

C. SPICUZZA / S. SMITH TO GRANT TAX EXEMPT STATUS TO WILMERDING RENEWED FOR THE CASTLE WITH NO LIMITATIONS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS / C. SPICUZZA TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MRS. J. TOMASIC, WESTINGHOUSE AVE.: I was wondering if you made any decisions on the lights.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we were going to discuss it at the workshop after the meeting.

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MR. H. SLACZKA, CARD AVE: speaking to the issue of the tax exemption for the Castle, on behalf of the C.I.A.C. I would like to thank you all this evening for your vote in a positive manner. We have group of dedicated people who volunteer countless hours to keep the Castle up and running. The C.I.A.C. has tried to help them financially and recently there was a fund raiser for the local match for the landscaping grant. There was support from all the other groups in town and \$7,500 was raised. It seems like we are all on the same page and thank you very kindly for your cooperation.

MS. G. HOMITZ, WESTINGHOUSE AVE.: on behalf of the WRI Board I want to thank Council for granting the Castle the tax exempt status. We did have a wonderful meeting with some of the members of Council and we want to work more closely together with Council. We are going to have another fund raiser next Friday and it will be a tribute to Patsy Cline. I already received some calls from people out of town who are bringing about 20 people and they are going to have dinner at Johnny's. We are trying to get more people to come to Wilmerding and to see what a great town we have here.

MR. J. THOMAS: Joyce mentioned about the lights and that has to be done by the 27th. I took it upon myself and I got some information on the costs. Right now the lights at both intersections cost us \$268 a month with the incandescent bulbs. I talked to a gentleman at Duquesne Light he told me that it would cost between \$150 to \$175 a month depending on the wattage of the LED bulb. The cost of the lights are not guaranteed. The letter received said that they will pay the cost of the bulbs up to fifty percent. The cost to redo the intersections is about \$3,500 and if we got half of that it would be about \$1,700-\$1,800. I got one price on installation and you are looking around \$1,800. You are looking at \$4,000 to \$5,000 and it would take us two to three years to recoup the money if rates remain the same. I don't think we have the funds in the budget to do that. I would hope that we could look out for a grant somewhere to get these done. There is another problem with the intersection on the north side of town, there are overhead lights and there are street pole lights. That is why you pay more at one intersection than the other. We are looking into the possibility of taking down the pole lights and just have the overhead lights like the other intersection, which would cut down the cost. We have to contact someone at the County to get our permit changed for that intersection. I don't think we should do it. I am not in favor of it myself.

MR. C. SPICUZZA: what he is saying that if we change them and they last ten years, out of the ten years it would be three years before we recoup our costs, seven years of being ahead of the game but at the end of the seven years replacing them all again.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: the other thing we talked about was the Orient Avenue sewer repairs. Mike and I were questioning it and I went up there with the Engineer and he explained to me why there should be two cuts instead of one. One is down by Casey's old property, which is the main problem, and the other is by Rosenberry's. The street is starting to sink between the two houses. They feel that there is water getting in there somewhere and they want to divert it to two places instead of one and that is why they need the two cuts. I see their point and they are talking about \$7,000-\$8,000 a job.

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MR. M. TRKULA: my thought on it is to do the one repair and wait to see if we need to do the other one.

MR. G. JAKUB: where the road is sinking, is that the repair that will keep the road from caving in.

MR. J. THOMAS: they say it is going to stop that problem, but they feel the road is sinking further up. The sewer comes down t he middle of the road and no one knows when that was put in and there is water getting in there somewhere and they want to divert the water. They are worried about Orient Avenue going over the hill.

MR. S. SHURGOT: our concern is in front of Casey's property.

MR. J. THOMAS: yes, that is the main one. The secondary problem is in front of Rosenberry's.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I talked to them about the problem at the storage shed and when water gets in there you don't know where it is going. I think we should fix them both because water is still going to the other one and it will get worse.

MR. G. JAKUB: that is one of the alternative routes out of town if we needed it. If it collapses, what do we do then.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO HAVE THE ENGINEER CONTACT THE CONTRACTOR TO DO BOTH JOBS.

MR. G. JAKUB: do we have money in the sewer fund to do both jobs.

MR. J. THOMAS: right now we do.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.