

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President G. Jakub.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Vice President.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mr. Steve Shurgot's father who passed away this evening.

ROLL CALL: M. TRKULA, absent; J. FILIA, present; K. PETERSON, absent; S. SMITH, present; G. JAKUB, present; J. THOMAS, present; S. SHURGOT, absent. MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI was also present.

J. FILIA / J. THOMAS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2009 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.: there has been garbage on Airbrake Avenue since last week. Why do us residents have to report this, none of you fellows go past there during the week.

MR. G. JAKUB: we don't have anybody that can drive the dump truck this week so we can't go and pick it up.

MR. J. THOMAS: that mess around 538 Airbrake, those people have been contacted by Amy, our Code Enforcement Official, and it is supposed to be all cleaned up.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: that is after the fact, I am talking about before. If I didn't report it to Sandy nothing would have been done. Why didn't you cite them.

MR. M. TRKULA ENTERED COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:36 P.M. AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.

MR. G. JAKUB: we had a four hour meeting with Judge Barner on how he wanted everything laid out. First we have to send them a certified letter then we can cite him.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: what about the grass on the one side of Maple Avenue.

MR. J. THOMAS: we cut the grass last week along the fence.

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

MR. J. THOMAS: that is the homeowners responsibility.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: why don't you cite them. Why don't you report that.

MR. J. THOMAS: Jimmy reports all that to Amy.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: what are you doing about it.

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MR. J. THOMAS: letters were sent out. There is a process we have to follow. You just can't go and knock on the door and tell them they are fined.

MR. G. JAKUB: Judge Barner has different philosophies than say the gentleman in Monroeville or the gentleman in Turtle Creek. It is his rulings that we have to go by. We have to send the letter by certified mail because if we send a letter by regular mail and you say you didn't receive it there is no proof that it went out. There are some people that already know the system and won't pick up the certified letter and we have to chase them down with a constable and prove that we served you that letter.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: is it difficult to do that.

MR. J. FILIA: it is costly. To send the constable out to deliver the letter it costs \$110.00.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: put the cost on the property owner.

MR. G. JAKUB: they could care less about the \$110.00 fine. If you look at our records it is the same people who commit the same offense.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: stuff like this has been going on for the past five years and you are trying to remedy this but there is no remedy to it. Is there someway that the public can meet with Judge Barner so that we can express our opinions. Get the public involved.

MR. G. JAKUB: I will try to set something up and let you know.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: you said get the public involved. We have 612 registered voters and only 162 voted. We have to get everybody involved and they do not want to get involved because they don't care.

MR. G. JAKUB: it is the same with crime watch. We can't get enough people to fill a room.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: there must be something in this town to stir these people up. Another thing, 608 and 610 Airbrake has never been inspected and there have been people moving in and out.

MS. K. PETERSON ENTERED COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:45 P.M. AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.

MRS. T. HICKMAN, AIRBRAKE AVE.: my opinion from what I just heard is passing the buck, which you people are very good at doing. Lets face it, the reason for many of the problems in this town are the slum landlords. They allow their ignorant tenants to get away with putting out trash, not in containers, usually on a Sunday before they move. Then new ignorant tenants come in and they don't even sweep the porch. Then there is our streets which are loaded with pop cans, ice tea containers and t shirts. I think our street workers can come around once in awhile and pick these things up. Maybe it is beneath them but I feel that I am not getting my money's worth. Then you have these trash collectors that when they drop something they don't even pick it up. This week there were couches right under the Wilmerding sign. As far as I am concerned it said come and bring your garbage. I can't believe that it sat there for an entire week.

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MR. G. JAKUB: that is not a pick up for the garbage people. If it is not in front of a house then they do not have to pick it up.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: okay, it is not their job. So why isn't it the street department's job to pick up that trash that you know isn't going to be picked up.

MR. G. JAKUB: we have three part time kids working this week and they can't drive a stick.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: the truck was down Monday and Tuesday down Airbrake Avenue and Middle Avenue.

MR. G. JAKUB: I am talking about this week. My truck was the borough truck.

MR. J. THOMAS: the trucks have been sitting in the garage all week. Mr. Cortazzo is on vacation. I found out about the couches on Thursday and I left for Chicago on Friday morning. I came back on Monday and they were still there. I saw them there and I made arrangements. There were instructions left for me that if we had an emergency there is a gentleman in East McKeesport, who also works for the borough part time. I called him and the truck will be down there tomorrow with our workers to pick up those three pieces of furniture.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: but why did we have to come here and complain about it.

MR. J. THOMAS: I knew about it on Monday and I contacted him and it is going to be taken care of. I realize that it took a little bit longer but it was the idea that we didn't have people to drive the vehicles.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: I sure you could have called East McKeesport, Turtle Creek or Pitcairn and have them bring a truck to pick it up.

MR. G. JAKUB: they have their own things to do unless it is an extreme emergency.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: I think it was an extreme emergency to have trash sitting under a sign, Welcome to Wilmerding.

MR. G. JAKUB: I agree with you, someone dumped it there. Did anyone see them. You can come in here and say we passed the buck, but you guys live over there, did you see anyone dump it.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: how relevant is that question.

MR. G. JAKUB: it is relevant because in your neighborhood you should be watching out for things like that. It is the same as crime watch. I have been in charge of crime watch for two years and I get seven to eight people and that is it. No one cares.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: we are not talking about crime watch.

MR. G. JAKUB: it is the same thing, you are watching your neighborhood.

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MRS. T. HICKMAN: say that we saw the trash being dumped, what good is it. If I had a truck I would take it away but I don't have a truck.

MR. G. JAKUB: we didn't have a truck at the time either.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: why didn't you get a truck.

MR. G. JAKUB: we did not have anyone to drive it this week.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: why didn't we have a driver for the truck.

MR. G. JAKUB: because Jim is on vacation this week and Mike is off sick. We have three part time kids that are working and they don't know how to drive a stick.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: can these kids be working without any supervision.

MR. G. JAKUB: John Thomas is in charge of public works and he has been with them.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: don't you think it is senseless to have three boys that can't drive a truck and work in the borough.

MR. G. JAKUB: they can't drive a stick.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: then you don't hire them. Didn't you make any contingency plans to have someone here to drive when you know they were going to be off work. What happened to the guy you had working here last year. He was the best worker that you had.

MR. G. JAKUB: he got a different job.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: what are you going to do about the dirty streets. You certainly had more than this week to clean the dirty streets. Even Allegheny County doesn't take care of their property here in Wilmerding. Why don't they. Because you people are not doing your job. I am not getting my money's worth. I pay my taxes and I expect some services. I am not getting service on garbage, from the street department, from the code enforcement or the bosses of these people.

MR. J. FILIA: you would have to raise taxes five or six mills so that we can afford to have all these services. I have only been involved in this for the last two months and I am learning a lot of things. We are not really hurting in this town financially. The truth of the matter is that we do not have the money to do all these things.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: what have they been doing all week.

MR. J. FILIA: we would have to find out from John since he is in charge of that department.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: all that I am asking you is for the street department to do their job. They haven't been down Middle Avenue once this year.

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MR. J. THOMAS: it will be done tomorrow.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: what about the weeds along the curbs on Middle, Airbrake and Westinghouse.

MR. G. JAKUB: we do not cut private property. I thought we just cut all of those streets. Let me make one comment and then we will close this discussion. There have been seats open on Council and I haven't seen anybody step up to take one of those seats. The next seat that comes open I would recommend that you get involved and see what this is all about.

MR. J. FILIA: everyone comes to the meetings to complain, yet when there is a seat open no one wants to get involved. I did that for a number of years but when I saw the people that wanted to get involved and wanted to sit in these seats I said to myself, is this the best we can do in this town, so I stepped up and put my name in for the vacancy. Maybe one of you guys should step up and do the same thing.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: why did you want to, because you can't take the criticism.

MR. J. FILIA: I can take all the criticism you want, but I will bet you can't take the criticism sitting over here. You can give it but you won't be able to take it.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: one more thing to add. We are in a town with Westinghouse and how many of you fellows have approached Westinghouse and asked them for some help.

MR. G. JAKUB: I have been turned down four times. They do not want to give us any money.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: we sent them a letter and they haven't answered it yet.

MR. P. LIVERATTI: all that I am saying is to try. I know the Mayor has been in contact with them.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: I don't know if any of you people have walked across the bridge but it is a mess. There are weeds growing everywhere.

MR. J. THOMAS: we had a meeting back in May or early June with a Kathleen McKenzie, who is supposed to be a deputy under Mr. Webb who is the County Manager. I took photos all along the bridge and I gave them to her and trying to explain that it is all county property. We have a court order from the PUC that says it is county property. All they ever did was paint the bridge. They didn't paint the guard rails or cut the weeds. I gave her the pictures and she said she will get back to us. We are still waiting.

MR. G. JAKUB: they are still denying it is their property.

MR. J. MAURIZI, ANGIE'S RESTAURANT: as I was coming down the hill I noticed a sign at Rene's for fifteen minute parking for pick up. I was wondering if I could get one of them in front of my restaurant. I would even pay for the sign. Another question, the people over there are still yelling at my customers. A lady parked in their lot and she moved it. I thought it was against the law to put rocks into the sewer. Can you ask them to pave their lot.

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MR. G. JAKUB: we can have Dave go over there and take a look.

MR. J. MAURIZI: these people are yelling at my customers and they get right into their faces. They follow them into the restaurant and are screaming at them and nothing is being done. I don't understand it. That is harassment.

MR. J. FILIA: if that is the case then you should call the police.

MR. J. MAURIZI: I have and nothing has been done.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: I told him before, the customer has to file a complaint. The problem is the customer doesn't want to get involved. They would have to file charges based on what happened and appear at the hearing.

MR. J. MAURIZI: I will tell my customers that. For twenty-two years they have been parking in that lot and it has become a habit for them. I told them to give us some time and we will tell our customers not to park in the lot. For years the lot was blocked off and people parked around it. Doesn't a parking lot have to have one ingress and egress designated. My customers are parking on the street around the lot and they are telling them that they can't block the lot. They are taking up ten spaces on the street when parking there is at a minimum. I thought that anyone can park on the street.

MR. D. GLENN: the problem is that it is already established.

MR. G. JAKUB: we can have Don take a look at it and see what can be done.

MR. J. MASON, PAT MEWS DR.: we have a curfew in this town, can you tell me what it means. After ten o'clock at night around Avenue U and Watkins Avenue it seems that there is a sign that goes up that says it is now time to roam the streets. I call the police and they come down and tell them it is time to go home but an hour later they all come back out. Something needs to be done about this.

MR. G. JAKUB: I totally agree with you. The police know I go out into the street.

MR. J. MASON: the houses are on Watkins and there is no adult in the house and the kids are roaming the streets. Someone needs to be written up, either the landlord or the tenants. Some action needs to be taken. Also, the lot at the corner of Watkins and Avenue U, which Oscar Lester owns, the grass is three feet high.

MS. S. SMITH: I told Amy about that today. She sent him a letter and told him it needs cut.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: I got a telephone call today about that one house on Watkins that he mentioned. There are children in that house and the oldest one is in eighth grade. They are there alone most of the time. After the curfew they come out.

MR. J. FILIA: someone needs to contact CYF.

MR. J. MASON: I think that the oldest one in that house is thirteen. There is no adult supervision.

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MR. J. FILIA: someone needs to call the police so they can check on that.

MR. G. JAKUB: can u give the Chief the address of that house. He can check it out and see if he needs to contact CYF.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a notice for the Joint Fall Conference to be held at Seven Springs from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>.

M. TRKULA / J. FILIA THAT ANYONE THAT DIDN'T ATTEND THE SPRING CONFERENCE CAN ATTEND THIS ONE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. received a request to place an ad for East Allegheny Soccer.

M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

3. received a request for a handicap sign in front of 608 Middle Avenue. Everyone has a copy of the paperwork and everything is in order.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO GRANT THE HANDICAP SIGN FOR 608 MIDDLE AVE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. J. FILIA: I know we granted a lot of handicap signs, and I am all for them, do we get any proof that they have a handicap plate or something like that.

MR. J. HARTZELL: if you look at the application they have to put their placard number and license plate number on the application. A doctor has to sign their application for a handicap placard and then the State issues it.

4. received notices from two residents that would like to fill the vacancies on the Zoning Board and Planning Commission. Mr. Ed Deenihan from Caldwell Ave. would like to serve on the Zoning Board and Mr. Jim Ceresa from Sprague Street would like to serve on the Planning Commission.

J. FILIA / J. THOMAS TO APPOINT MR. ED DEENIHAN TO THE ZONING BOARD AND MR. JIM CERESA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: there is one up on Card that has to be taken down and we will move that one over to Middle Avenue.

5. everyone received a copy of an ordinance last month providing for the amendment of the occupancy ordinances, amending provisions of Ordinance 737 and 835, which is codified under Chapter 4 Part 3 and amending the fees. The ordinance has been advertised.

MR. J. THOMAS: is that the one that is going to be effective Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

MR. J. HARTZELL: the ordinance states that it is effective immediately.

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M. TRKULA / S. SMITH TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OCCUPANCY ORDINANCES AND PROVISIONS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - CHIEF J. COMUNALE: we get a lot of complaints about the curfew here and in the township. I addressed my officers two weeks ago and I will reminded them again. Under the ordinance for both towns, the first offense they are to be taken home to their parents and warned. The second time they are issued a citation. The other problem is that the sign at the end of the bridge. Who put the sign up directing trucks to 48 to go through Wall. The are getting stuck on that island and they can't make that turn.

MR. G. JAKUB: I know we did not put that sign up. It probably was the county.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: what would be the alternative if we removed the sign and sent them out Watkins Avenue.

MR. G. JAKUB: that is another issue.

MR. M . TRKULA: there is a weight limit on Watkins.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: we have to do something. There was three that were stuck there in one day.

MR. J. FILIA: where were they going before. Did they have to turn up Fifth Avenue. Is there anyway that we can get the county to take that island out.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: let me talk to my contact at the county and see what they say.

For the month of June we responded to 195 calls for service and we had a total of 248 calls, 4 parking tickets and 37 traffic citations were issued and there were 15 arrests. We had a very serious robbery the other day, it was an home invasion robbery. With the help of the surrounding departments we were able to arrest the four actors and recover all the property except for a few dollars.

MS. S. SMITH: for our night out, do we need an officer there.

CHIEF J. COMUNALE: we will have someone there to help out.

MR. G. JAKUB: we received the ambulance report for June and they responded to 60 calls and their average response time for emergencies was 5.3 minutes and for non emergency calls 8.3 minutes. We also received a letter from East McKeesport that they are not interested in providing police services to Wilmerding at this time.

FIRE MARSHAL - D. MILLER: the class that I went to last month to get certified I passed the test and now I am certified as the Building Code Official. I waiting for the paperwork from the Department of Labor and Industry. I am going to issue a demolition permit for 115 Watkins Ave. At 221 Fifth Street the downstairs was a business and the owner wants to turn it into an apartment. It is zoned for that. The



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plans that I am reviewing with Mr. Glenn are not sufficient. I contacted the owner and he is aware of the process that we have to go through. I would like to send out the new ordinance to all the landlords and there would be so cost to mail them out.

MR. M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TO SEND OUT THE NEW ORDINANCE WITH A LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO ALL THE LANDLORDS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS - J. THOMAS: the street department expended 429 hours during the month of June, the payroll cost was \$6,564.89, purchased \$196.64 worth of fuel and had \$667.32 in repairs. The storm damage from the June 17<sup>th</sup> storm, we had Ice Plant Hill closed, and our portion that we have to maintain, from Westinghouse Avenue to the Y, was tore up pretty good so we made some emergency repairs, and we also had some other damage which total over \$6,000. Mr. Shurgot faxed all this information to PEMA / FEMA so possible we may be reimbursed. I apologize to the audience and to the people making complaints about the trash. We are under a situation where our main employees, one is off sick and one is on vacation, and we had part time summer help and we did not want them working without any supervision. We have them working a couple of days this week picking up trash around town and utilizing their own vehicles and painting some curbs. When Mr. Cortazzo comes back on Monday they will be back in full swing and try to catch up on some of the work that has to be done. We should have the county brush hog here sometime next week to alleviate some of the weeds on Orient Avenue and a couple of other areas around town. The problem at the Shaw Avenue garage has been rectified and we filled the tank up with sand and it has been pumped out and it is all certified.

MS. S. SMITH: our fire department was instrumental in helping out Turtle Creek during the flood.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: no report.

ENGINEER - D. GLENN:

1. we need some clarification of the lighting for the Safe Route to School project. First is the location. We were directed at the time of the grant application to include lighting in the park to illuminate the area around the monument. Recently, I was told the lighting was to be placed along King's Way. Wilmerding Renewed requested an unusual design of the lights and PennDOT is requesting a "special provision" for these lights.

MR. G. JAKUB: from what the decision was, I believe that Wilmerding Renewed has the lights and wants to put them in that area.

MR. D. GLENN: so the lights that we talked about around the monument and lighting the flag, that hasn't changed.

MR. G. JAKUB: no. These lights were made especially for Wilmerding Renewed.

2.the grant for the Walking Trail Phase 2 expires Dec. 31, 2010. A CD 36 grant application was submitted to match the DCNR funds.

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3. we are still waiting for approval of the CD 35 Significant Deficiency Sewer Repair Grant using stimulus money. Plans and specifications are ready to advertise once approval is received. I am almost positive that you are going to get this money and it will be a significant savings to the borough.

4. CD 36 applications have been turned into COG for the following projects: catch basins, demo of the YMCA bleachers, demolition, Ice Plant Hill retaining wall, Middle Ave. street reconstruction, retaining walls, step reconstruction, Westinghouse Ave. and Avenue U street reconstruction, the YMCA basketball court and Walking Trail Phase 2.

MR. M. TRKULA: some of the items on the CD 36 applications we decided that we were going to get involved.

MR. D. GLENN: submit these applications and you are under no obligation to take them.

5. COG is still waiting for the grant agreements from the County to do the CD 35 demolition. We have submitted a request to add 353 Marguerite to the list.

6. the fuel was removed from the tank at the Shaw Avenue garage.

7. sent a letter to Equitable Gas concerning the damage they did to the sewer at Caldwell and Brown. The letter was sent on May 15<sup>th</sup> and I still have not had any response. I would like, with Council's permission, to have the Solicitor get involved with this.

K. PETERSON / J. FILIA TO HAVE THE SOLICITOR TO FOLLOW UP ON DON'S LETTER TO EQUITABLE GAS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

8. we have submitted two sketches concerning the parking on Middle and Avenue U. One is the way it exists now and the other with parallel parking. With parallel parking you are only picking up 2 spaces. I just thought of something and I would like to meet with Chief Comunale next week to see if we can pick up some more spaces.

UTILITIES - J. FILIA: no report.

SOLICITOR - N. EVASHAVIK: no report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS: we transferred \$30,000 to our savings account to help us out later in the year. I took it upon myself to try and straighten out our street light costs. I got an updated list from Duquesne Light plus the cost of what the borough is obligated to pay each month. Down the road with deregulation is going to make the rates go sky high. Another thing that Mr. Hartzell and I discovered. It involved the package of benefits to our three employees concerning life insurance. What we are paying for now is not what they are not entitled to. The cost to the borough would be minimal. I think we should rectify the situation. It would cost about \$35 more a month. We can put this off until August so that everybody had a chance to read it and make a decision. This was part of the handbook that was adopted in August of 2006.

MR. G. JAKUB: there was a discrepancy in that not everybody was getting what they should have had.

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MR. J. THOMAS: it was on the Prudential policy and it varied from employee to employee. You are only talking about three employees plus one retiree. This is strictly life insurance.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA: from what I hear we are going to advertise the Shaw Avenue garage for sale. The minimum bid is \$17,500.

M. TRKULA / J. FILIA TO ADVERTISE THE SHAW AVENUE GARAGE FOR A MINIMUM BID OF \$17,500.

MR. M. TRKULA: do we have to take the highest bid.

MR. N. EVASHAVIK: I would suggest that you do not put a minimum bid on it. I think that you would have a little more flexibility if you just put it up for sale. This way you can reject all the bids or take the highest responsible bid.

M. TRKULA / J. FILIA TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE SHAW AVENUE GARAGE FOR SALE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: we are working with the YMCA on youth sports. They are doing a program from July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> every Tuesday and Thursday and it is free to all East Allegheny students from age 13 - 17. I would encourage anyone that has any child to call the Y and register them. They are offering soccer and deck hockey. The other item I have is our night out which is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the park. We will have light refreshments, prizes and entertainment by Chris Denem who does Neil Diamond songs.

MR. G. JAKUB: I would like to set up a crime watch meeting for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the recreation room downstairs.

PLANNING - K. PETERSON: we are not meeting in the summer. Our next meeting is in September.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. J. FILIA: last month we talked about the parking on Westinghouse Ave. and I want to rescind my motion so that parking is restored back to the way it was for the past fifty years.

J. FILIA / K. PETERSON TO RESTORE PARKING ON WESTINGHOUSE AVE. THE WAY IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. G. JAKUB: our August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. due to our night out activities. The meeting will be here in the event of inclement weather.

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MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. POMPOSELLI: in order to get help from the county and the state, and they threw back in my face, is that we have 612 registered voters and only 132 voted. We need to get more people involved.

MS. S. SMITH: I forgot to bring this up under new business. The old benches that are stored at the Shaw Avenue garage, can we bring them back and put them on Commerce Street.

MR. J. FILIA: I believe that they are all broken. Someone said that they cost \$1,000 per side.

MR. J. THOMAS: they were very expensive benches when they were purchased.

MR. J. FILIA: maybe there is something we can do with the benches to fix them up.

MR. J. THOMAS: they are sitting on the top of the benches and rocking them and breaking the legs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.