

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING**  
**MINUTES OF THE JAN. 5, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President S. Shurgot at 7:30 p.m.

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

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. D. PARISI, WESTINGHOUSE AVE.: I would like to congratulate the members of Council who were recently elected and I would also like to congratulate Sandy Smith on a wonderful job that she did with the children's Christmas party on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. I was very glad to hear that the members of Council worked out a new three year contract with North Versailles Police to continue to provide their services to Wilmerding.

MS. S. SMITH: that is very kind of you Mr. Parisi but I also want to thank you and Sylvia Zibrat for your help.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a notice of the Allegheny County Borough's Association Annual Banquet to be held on Feb. 6, 2010 at the Westin Convention Center

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

2. received a notice of the annual conference to be held at Seven Springs from April 8 - 11.

S. SMITH / M. TRKULA TO SEND ANY COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WANTS TO GO AS LONG AS THERE IS SUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1 WITH J. THOMAS VOTING NO.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: who decides if there is enough funds to go.

MR. M. TRKULA: Council decides, it is a line item in the budget.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: what if you spend more money than what is in the line item.

MR. G. JAKUB: someone made an accusation that the borough paid for spouses to go to Seven Springs. I want you to know that I paid for my spouse as well as did everybody else.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: I just wanted to know if there is enough money to go.

MR. J. FILIA: the funds would be there because not everybody is going.

3. bids were opened for the significant deficiency sewer repairs at COG on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. The low bidder was Tri State Grouting with a bid of \$318,300 which is well within the grant of #341,600.

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MR. J. THOMAS: does this cover 2010 and 2011.

MR. D. GILLILAND: this would complete the project. If they find something extra there would be money left over to do it. If you look at the bid list each item has a unit price.

G. JAKUB / J. FILIA TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$318,300 FROM TRI STATE GROUTING FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY REPAIRS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. bids are to be opened on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> for the Safe Route to School Project.
2. the demolition project should be under way sometime in January.
3. Equitable Gas has completed the repairs of our storm sewer at Caldwell and Brown.
4. a meeting was held here on December 10<sup>th</sup> with ALCOSAN to discuss the sewer line that runs under the Airbrake plant. We are anticipating submitting a funding request with ALCOSAN to PENNVEST after the sewer is cleaned and inspected.
5. now that your sewer manholes have all been raised and made accessible, there are numerous lines yet to be cleaned to comply with the consent decree. Based on prices that we received for Homestead your cost for the televising work would be about \$24,000. You can piggyback on the Homestead contract.

MR. J. THOMAS: when would that be payable.

MR. D. GILLILAND: it wouldn't be payable at least until the spring because they cannot televise in the winter.

MR. J. THOMAS: can we use the grant money that is left over to do this.

MR. D. GILLILAND: I am not sure, let me check on that.

6. an emergency demolition CD grant was submitted to the County for 710 Middle Ave.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I was asked to prepare an ordinance that permits are to obtained for the erection and installation of a storage shed, installing a roof on an existing building, for demolition of a structure and for the erection of signs. For each category there would be a fee imposed. You can change the fees anytime by simple resolution.

G. JAKUB / J. THOMAS TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

G. JAKUB: as most of you know we have a new police chief, Vince DiCenzo. I will ask him to give his report.

CHIEF V. DICENZO: in December we responded to 201 calls. I will break some of them down. There were 9 domestics, 1 DUI, 3 fraud reports, 3 harassments and 5 accidents. These are just some of the calls that we responded to.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO GET A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITOR.

MS. S. SMITH: what is a tax anticipation loan.

MR. J. THOMAS: it is a loan that provides us funds until our tax money comes in.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 AT COMPASS BANK, 7-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: our health insurance is going to go up about 50% and John and I are going to meet with another insurance agent on Friday at 10:30 am to see what he can offer us. You are all welcome to attend if you like. Also, Nick Buccigrossi, our auditor, has filed the 2009 audit with the State and he would like to meet with Council to go over it.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. J. FILIA: have we heard anything on the collecting of our delinquents.

MR. J. THOMAS: we agreed on a two year agreement but we did not hear if they would do the garbage.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: let me call them and see what the hold up is. I thought that they already agreed to everything.

MR. J. THOMAS: I thought that they did but we haven't received anything agreement from them.

MR. S. SHURGOT: how is Tuesday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to meet with the auditor. If that is okay I will give him a call.

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MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: I forgot to mention this earlier. At the end of the bridge where the signs are there is a big sign there that advertises for a church in East McKeesport. They did not get any permission from the County to put it there.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we talked to the County about having the borough regulate what type of signs go up there. They haven't gotten back to us so right now we have no right to regulate what goes up there

MS. K. PETERSON: I received some calls about the streets, that they were covered with snow and ice, especially on Card Ave.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we were almost out of salt so we told them to just do the hills until the salt comes in.

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. POMPOSELLI : just keep up the good work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.