

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Shurgot at 7:37 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MIKE TRKULA, present; JIM FILIA, present; KAREN PETERSON , present; SANDY SMITH, present; GREG JAKUB, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEVE SHURGOT present. MAYOR DOMINICK POMPOSELLI was also present.

M. TRKULA / G. JAKUB TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2010 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. T. NELIGH, PAT MEWS DRIVE: Mr. Shurgot, I voted for you each time that you ran and I didn't think that I had to keep an eye on you. Why did you raise my taxes thirty-two and a half percent.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I don't think they went up thirty-two percent. We raised the millage 1.95 mills and it is now 8 mills.

MR. T. NELIGH: why did you raise them so much.

MR. S. SHURGOT: do you want to have street lights, police protection and public works to plow the roads and cut the grass. It was not an easy decision to make but it was a necessary one.

MR. T. NELIGH: I think that you could have went fifteen percent and there would be no argument. My taxes went up \$120 this year. So far this winter they buried my car in the street and Sandy told me that no one could come and help me un-bury the car. I had to pay two people to help me. Then they dumped the snow in my yard. I think it was you, Mr. Trkula, who did it. I am telling you don't do it again. Is this is what I am paying thirty-two percent more for. I know you buried my car but I don't think you dumped it in my yard. They piled the snow up on Avenue U but they have not came back to clean up the residue from the snow on the street.

MR. S. SHURGOT: Mr. Jakub has the street department going street by street right now. Avenue U is not a major roadway and they started with the major road's first.

MR. T. NELIGH: I went to the polls and elected Joe Hartzell, Tax Collector. When he was Tax Collector taxes never went up. All of a sudden you give it to Shiring and the taxes go up.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we did not give it to Shiring, we gave it to an individual, Julie Powell, who works at the Shiring Agency.

MR. T. NELIGH: where is her office.

MR. S. SHURGOT: she is renting space at the Shiring Agency.

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MR. T. NELIGH: this thirty-two percent is ridiculous. I am only paying the County \$129.

MR. S. SHURGOT: what are you getting from the County for your tax dollar.

MR. T. NELIGH: not much. I don't care what I get from the County. Whatever I get from the County is what I get. I understand about the police but what I don't understand is why you paid so much money to tear down the Tonaluka Club. I went up there and looked at it and it is right across from the Filia Funeral Home. Now I know why you paid so much money to get rid of it so it isn't staring right at him.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I don't like your personal attacks on certain individuals. We did not pay one dime out of borough funds for any of the demolitions.

MR. T. NELIGH: that's good. I am glad you straightened me out on that one. I don't like that you raised the taxes thirty-two percent, that is an exorbitant amount. You know what happens when the State tries to raise their taxes, people go up in arms. You can't blame me for standing here and complaining about this tax raise. I don't know anybody that ever raised their taxes thirty-two percent.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I appreciate you coming and giving us your opinion.

MR. T. NELIGH: I appreciate you listening. Are you going to do this every year.

MR. S. SHURGOT: no sir, we do not plan on doing it. We did not want to do it this time. We looked at our past and what is going on and how much money we needed to make the budget match.

MR. J. THOMAS: I just got on Council in 2008 and I was appointed when Mr. Tuscan resigned. To finish the budget in 2008 we had to borrow \$50,000, to finish the budget in 2009 we had to borrow \$35,000. You can't keep borrowing money every year. The taxes should have been raised in 2008 and possibly 2009. The police contract was up in 2009 so we tried to negotiate something with North Versailles. Here we are sitting at 6.05 mills and we had to contract out our police to North Versailles, who had to raise their taxes because of their cost, their millage is at 8 mills and we are at 6.05. We didn't raise ours to 8 mills to equal North Versailles but we had to do something to get more income to pay \$33,000 more for police coverage.

MR. T. NELIGH: I did not know you were running a deficit every year. Nobody tells anybody anything.

MR. S. SHURGOT: our workshops are open to the public and they are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

MR. J. THOMAS: we found out that there was a lot of income we were losing from delinquent garbage and delinquent real estate. We hired an outside firm to collect the delinquent garbage and real estate. We should be getting more income in. If we get the income in then maybe we can lower the taxes. We are not here to make money. We are here to pay for services that we are obligated to give to the public.

MR. T. NELIGH: how much are you looking to recoup.

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MR. J. THOMAS: they just started sending out notices. They are supposed to give us a monthly report and we should have something at the May or June meeting.

MR. T. NELIGH: did you raise the Airbrake the same amount.

MR. S. SHURGOT: everybody got the same increase.

MR. T. NELIGH: are you sure you didn't do the wrong thing. They may just pick up and leave.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we don't think we did the wrong thing. We did something necessary for Wilmerding to survive.

MR. T. NELIGH: the Airbrake is going to amount to a lot of money. They could pick up and go anywhere.

MR. J. THOMAS: the Airbrake is not paying the taxes that you think they are paying. They own the central part of that complex. They sold most of their buildings and there have a small amount of what they used to have. There are about 22% - 25% tax exempt properties in Wilmerding. The property by the auto parts is now tax exempt, the building next door is tax exempt, the school is tax exempt and then you have the churches which are tax exempt. We are in a bind.

MR. T. NELIGH: that is the bottom line, you are in a bind. You should have never let it go this far. I called Sandy at quarter to seven in the morning and said what happened, thirty-two and a half percent and for years you never raised taxes.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I guess the previous Council did everybody a favor by not raising taxes for years but they were putting us further behind.

MR. J. FILIA: I would like to comment on the Tonaluka Club. It is coincidental now that it is being torn down. Before I was on Council I came to Council and told them that I have been staring at that for nineteen years. If that was across from you and you had to look at an empty building with rats going in and out, the racoons going in and out and the kids going in and out, would you be upset about it.

MR. T. NELIGH: I did have a empty building across from me for years that I had to look at before it was torn down.

MR. J. FILIA: why shouldn't a building that has been vacant for nineteen years have the same thing done that the building across from you had done, torn down. I came to this Council before I was on and told them that there is a lot of money out there for neighborhood revitalization program, through the federal government, that we can get to tear down buildings in this town. I came to Steve the day before the deadline and he worked his butt off to go get the money and the forms filled out to get these buildings torn down. What about the other buildings that were torn down, he didn't say a word about those. There were two houses on Morningside and one on Sprague Street that were also torn down. All that money was government grants and there wasn't a penny of tax money used.

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MR. S. SHURGOT: we had the Tonaluka Club on the demolition list for years but we couldn't get any funding to tear it down. There is another house on Wood Street that we are trying to get emergency funding to tear down.

MR. T. NELIGH: how long have you been on Council.

MR. S. SHURGOT: twenty years.

MR. T. NELIGH: why did you let it get so bad.

MR. S. SHURGOT: years ago we had a \$100,000 CD. Jim Bonner, Earl O'Connell and George Nesta told me that as long as you are on Council not to cash it in. Once you do that the money will be gone. Council cashed that in. We were living off of that money for years. The money is gone.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: what I am concerned about is, do we have to worry about anything on Middle Avenue concerning the lady that was found on the sidewalk.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the lady fell on the sidewalk and someone started CPR on her and successfully resuscitated her. We are going to recognize this lady at our next meeting.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: is there anything that we have to be concerned about.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: she was going for a walk when she fell and hit her head. There was no mugging and there was no assault. I don't know where that came from. It was investigated by my officers. They talked to some people and no one seen her fall. In the interviews that were conducted it was determined that it was an accident.

MR. G. JAKUB: can you confirm for us, because it was brought up at the crime watch meeting, that you are not a liberty to give us the details of what is happening until the case is solved.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: until the case is closed I can't release any details. For example, everyone knows about the train accident where the gentleman was killed. I get phone calls everyday about that and that investigation is now being handled by the Federal Railroad Administration. Until they complete their investigation I cannot release any information.

MS. E. LEOPOLD, WOOD STREET: I was wondering if you can put garbage cans between the Westinghouse school and the Castle. There used to be can there but someone took them away.

MR. G. JAKUB: they destroyed them. If you walk trough the park there are no tops on the garbage cans any more. The kids think this is a game, lets try to break them until nothing is left.

MS. E. LEOPOLD: I have small children and they ride their bikes down there. The kids get out of the way when I walk past. There is garbage all over.

MR. G. JAKUB: we will put them out again and see how long they will last. We police that every day and clean the garbage up.

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MR. J. THOMAS: they had a nice can in front of the school because it is a bus stop. I walk past there every day and pick up the garbage because they can't walk five feet and put it in the can.

MR. G. JAKUB: we are going to have clean up day on April 24<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for volunteers. You are welcome to come out and help.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: I would like to introduce Rev. Reeves. She came to my place to complain about the children outside playing. I asked if they were doing any damage and she said no, just loud. They have no place to play, what can we do.

REV. REEVES: I have the church at the corner of Caldwell and Clara. I have been there for three years. I tried to help the children by using the church for pizza and bible study. All of a sudden when the weather changed they started congregating around the steps of the church and they destroyed the ramp I have leading into the church and also destroyed your railing going up the hill. I asked them to move and they just talked smart. I am concerned on what to do with them. They are restless and have a lot of energy and are destructive. What are they going to do when school is out. I put up a no trespass sign on the ramp. One Sunday I had services at the church and the door was open and they hit a ball into the church during services. Can we have the police patrol around there more. I was also wondering what I would have to do to get a clergy sign put up in front of the church.

MR. S. SHURGOT: stop in and see our secretary and he has a form for you to fill out.

MS. S. SMITH: the Y had a program last summer for teenagers and I will talk to them again to see if they are going to do it again this year. They also have a lunch program for the children.

MR. J. THOMAS: they live right there don't they. They are not coming from someplace else. They are all neighborhood children.

REV. REEVES: some of them are coming from Ice Plant. They walk right past the playground at the Y, I don't know why they can't use that facility. I need some help, I can't do it by myself, especially Friday and Saturday evenings. I have been trying for three years.

MR. J. FILIA: the big problem is that Wilmerding has such a nice area for the kids to congregate, the park. I noticed in the last five or six years that people bring their kids down here and drop them off. In North Versailles there is no place for the kids to go. They have a few playgrounds but no where for them to just meet so they all come to Wilmerding. Wilmerding is the place where everyone meets then goes from there. Any night of the week you can go by the school and see fifty to seventy-five kids up there.

REV. REEVES: a lot of the children their parents are working and they just leave their kids there and I am the baby sitter.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: they do the same thing at the Destinta Theaters. They take their kids there and drop them off. That is why they have to have the police there every Friday and Saturday. It all starts at home. Instead of watching their kids or going to the movies with their kids, they drop them off. We have the same problem in North Versailles that you have here in Wilmerding. Any police department that you talk to they all have the same problem.

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MR. J. MASON, PAT MEWS DRIVE: is the curfew in effect this year.

MR. S. SHURGOT: yes, it is a year around curfew. The siren blows from Memorial Day to Labor Day

MR. J. MASON: it doesn't effect the kids at all over there. They are playing basketball at midnight. They are coming from all over to play basketball. Take the hoop down and you will solve some of the problem.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the school took the basketball hoops down. Mr. Nalevanko wanted the hoops taken down on Airbrake. If we do that the kids will be running through the neighborhood. At least they are doing something. I agree with you on the time of day.

MR. J. MASON: all night long they are bouncing a basketball back there. They look for the police and they all have cell phones and they call one another. They go to someone's house and fifteen minutes later they are back out.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: in the 400 - 500 block of Airbrake there are about twenty-four kids there playing on the sidewalk and you have to watch because they go in and out between the cars. You need to put a fifteen mile per hour sign over there.

CHIEF V. DICENZO: the parents do not take responsibility for their kids. This is happening all over. The parents need to step up and watch their kids and they don't do that.

MR. S. SHURGOT: at the crime watch meeting I thought Officer Silvis said that years ago there was someone home with you all the time. Now we have kids raising kids and there is no family structure.

MR. G. JAKUB: also at the crime watch meeting Office Silvis said that any kids caught after the curfew were brought to the station. There may have been one, two or three attempts to get a family member to come and pick this child up. Sometimes it was a slightly older child, on the brink of turning eighteen, who came and picked up this kid.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: on one occasion I had a juvenile at the station and it took me four hours to get a responsible adult to pick that juvenile up. The only way that we can get a parent or guardian to come to the station is that we notify CYF. It all starts at home and it all starts with the parents. We are not going to change that. That is the way society is today.

MR. T. FRYDRYCH, WELSH AVE.: as far as the curfew is concerned, what are the regulations as far as age goes.

MR. S. SHURGOT: under eighteen.

MR. T. FRYDRYCH: it seems that years ago there was a two fold age limit. One for children over such an age and for youngsters, seven and eight year olds had to be home before dark.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I don't know if that was written anywhere. I think that was our parents rule.

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CHIEF V. DiCENZO: we can go back and forth on this. We tried to solve this problem way before I was Chief, when Chief Comunale was here we tried to solve this problem. It all goes back to the way society is today. It goes back to the parents. Like Steve said, you have children raising children.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: are there any rules or regulations to make these parents responsible for these children. The schools have rules that if the child does something wrong and they are under age, then the parent is responsible.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: what happens is that we cite them, they go to the Magistrate and he fines them. They don't have any money, what do you do. Do you put the parent in jail because of their children. Then who is going to take care of those children.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: CYF

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: it is not that easy, believe me.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: I know it isn't. We have to get these parents to be responsible for the behavior of their children.

MR. J. FILIA: just like the Reverend said, the parents have to get the kids involved in activities. When our kids were small we had them involved in things that they did not have time to run out and do things. I think we had them over involved. Our kids were our lives. Like Steve said, they are kids raising kids. If you take a walk around town how many sixteen, seventeen year old girls pushing buggies with little two and three year olds. They don't know how to be involved with their kids and they don't want to be involved with their kids. We as a community, how do we get them involved, by trying to do what the Reverend was trying to do. Look what has happened to our school here. It has become a school of rejects from the high school and middle school. They send all the bad kids down to Wilmerding now.

MR. T. FRYDRYCH: what you have now is a group of people who has no interest in being here a year from now. We are not talking about people owning homes and are going to be here for years. These people could care less on what is going to happen six months or a year from now.

MR. J. FILIA: our children have all grown up and how many of them live in Wilmerding. They have gone elsewhere to raise their families. When I first moved to Wilmerding a house wouldn't even go on the market because someone in the family bought that house. Now look at all the houses for sale. Who is going to buy them. Someone from out of town who is going to rent them out.

MR. T. FRYDRYCH: I was told that the only way to stop this was to have ordinances against landlords and people who don't care about their property. Keep coming down on them, keep enforcing the ordinances.

MR. R. DeMUTH, AIRBRAKE AVE.: don't we have an ordinance where three strikes against the tenant then the landlord can't rent anymore. Is that being enforced.

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MR. S. SHURGOT: there is an ordinance that you can lose your rental license if you do not follow the guidelines. Our definition of disruptive is not what the law says. There are repercussions if they are in violation of Ordinance 979 three times. We have never had anyone do three times yet.

MR. R. DeMUTH: I watched the North Versailles Police respond at least four times this week, alone, to one house in the 400 block of Airbrake. The police department is down there at least four or five times a week. She is right when she said that there are a lot kids in that block who go in and out between the parked cars. Someone is going to get hurt because the cars are going too fast. There are constantly fights over there, there are at least two or three drug deals a day over there because I watch them. I call the police and by the time they get there everybody is gone. We need to beef up the police protection down there.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we would love to have a policeman on every block, and then again we would have to raise the money somehow to put extra policemen on.

MR. B. BRADLEY, LYDIA ST.: I just want to say that I agree with the Reverend that the kids are destroying property on Caldwell.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a notice that the Police Pension CD is up for renewal on April 10<sup>th</sup>. My recommendation would be to renew it for six months at \$150,000 and put the remaining \$25,000 in the savings and checking accounts.

G. JAKUB / J. THOMAS TO RENEW THE POLICE PENSION CD FOR SIX MONTHS AT \$150,000 WITH THE REMAINING \$25,000 GOING INTO THE POLICE PENSION CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. received a notice from the Allegheny County Borough's Association on their May General Membership Meeting to be held at the Westin Convention Center on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is free for voting and non-voting delegates and \$25 for all other guests.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO SEND THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. received a letter from Glenn Engineering reminding us that we are still required to complete the sewer cleaning and televising of the remaining sewers by May 31, 2010. They are requesting authorization to advertise for joint bids with the Boroughs of Braddock, East McKeesport, Swissvale, Trafford, Turtle Creek and Wall and the advertising costs would be shared equally.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO HAVE THE ENGINEER SOLICIT BIDS FOR THIS PROJECT.

MR. G. JAKUB: how far do we have to go before we have to ask for an extension.

MR. D. GILLILAND: I am not sure but I believe that you have enough time.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SEWER PROJECT, 7-0.



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4. received a letter from the George Westinghouse Days Festival Committee requesting a donation for this years festival. The festival will be held from June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> with the parade on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO DONATE \$500 TO THE GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE DAYS FESTIVAL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

5. we have a resolution to apply for emergency funding for \$10,000 for demolition of 291 Wood Street.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR DEMOLITION OF 291 WOOD STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

6. received a letter from the residents of Airbrake Avenue asking the Borough to contact Allegheny County officials that the Turtle Creek needs cleaning to avert further flooding.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I will contact Congressman Doyle's office to see what he can do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - J. FILIA: the fire department responded to twelve calls with 16 man hours. There are three firefighters attending school at the Allegheny County Training Academy.

Eastern Area ambulance responded to 41 calls in March. Their average response time to emergency calls was 7.22 minutes and to non-emergency calls was 8.24 minutes. For the first quarter of 2010 they responded to 143 calls with the average response time to emergencies of 7.39 minutes and for non-emergency calls 8.54 minutes.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: the police department had a 174 calls for service in March. A brief breakdown of the calls are; 1 burglary, 1 suspected child abuse, 24 community oriented patrols, 2 criminal mischiefs, 15 domestics and 3 harassments.

MR. J. THOMAS: Chief, would it be possible for your officers or you and the code enforcement officer, if they have any complaints or violations concerning our 979 ordinance, if we can get that report monthly with the name and the address of where these things are occurring so that we can keep track.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: we have been supplying that information to Dave. We also gave him some information on other items.

FIRE MARSHAL - D. MILLER: there were 33 occupancy permits issued so far this year. Building permits are starting to come in. What I am trying to do right now is prioritize a demolition list so that we can apply for the funding by the end of May.

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PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: we are in the final stages of cleaning up the snow.

The public works guys did a nice job in getting the park ready for the Easter Egg Hunt. Unfortunately, we can't keep the trees off the ground in the park. Kids are jumping on them and snapping them off.

We have been working a grid system so you will see the public works crew in each area. Basically it is going to be a four point area.

There is a sewer issue on Morningside which the Engineer will talk about in his report.

There was a lot of trash on the hill and people are throwing their garbage cans there also.

We are repairing the curbs that were damaged during the snow removal.

The signs are being replaced and the handicap signs will be posted sometime this week.

ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. PennDOT is completing paperwork for construction to begin on the Safe Route to School Project. The contractor and inspector have been notified that no work is permitted the first week in June.

2. the CD 35 Significant Deficiency Sewer Repair Project should be under construction later this month.

3. CD 35 demolition of 10-14 Morningside and 38 Sprague Street have been completed. The Tonaluka Club is underway. Work at this site has been off to a slow start due to a problem with neighboring vehicles but the pace should be accelerating now.

4. I have included letters in your packets on the garbage contract and also to Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding the Pitcairn Street sidewalk.

5. the sewer on Morningside is broke in two places and the cost of that will exceed \$10,000 so you will need to advertise this project.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO HAVE THE ENGINEER ADVERTISE FOR THE SEWER REPAIRS ON MORNINGSIDE AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: I would like to thank the Chief and the Engineer. I kind of got them both involved in the demolition projects.

The emergency demolition project for Wood Street has been submitted to COG. COG talked about being one of the tax collecting bodies.

The vector program is something we are going to have to discuss.

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There is going to be some new legislation about sign reflectability by 2012. There was a gentleman from Monroeville who said that they are going to give us some kind of meter and that we would have to scan our current signs to see how reflective they are.

I need to remove myself from the Tax Collection Committee and would like Mr. Thomas to take my place.

G. JAKUB / S. SMITH TO APPOINT JOHN THOMAS TO THE TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

UTILITIES - K. PETERSON: we have a contract offer from Liberty Power. There would be substantial savings to the borough. There are three proposals, one for twelve months, one for 24 months and one for 36 months. These rates are only good for a certain amount of time.

K. PETERSON / TO APPROVE A 36 MONTH CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY POWER FOR ELECTRICITY PENDING APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITOR.

MS. S. SMITH: my concern about this is why weren't the bigger municipalities approached on this. My other concern is that all the providers are in the southern states. The information that we have is for the Philadelphia area, which is a whole different scenario.

MS. K. PETERSON: that is why the Solicitor is reviewing this. The power is being generated from the southern states.

MS. S. SMITH: how many other municipalities have signed on with these brokers.

MS. K. PETERSON: I do not know right now.

MR. G. JAKUB: my concern is that if we sign something then we are bound for three years. I did some research and I have heard of Liberty Power. All of the other companies were a scam.

MR. S. SHURGOT: at this time I would like to turn the gavel over to the Vice President. As a member of Council I would like to second the motion by Ms. Peterson.

ROLL CALL: M. TRKULA, no; J. FILIA, no; K. PETERSON, yes; S. SMITH, no; G. JAKUB, no; J. THOMAS, no, S. SHURGOT, yes. Motion to have the Solicitor review the contract proposal from Liberty Power failed to pass, 5-2.

The gavel was passed back to the President.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: at last month's meeting there were three properties in regards to various tax issues. The first property is a strip of land that was donated to the borough by Trinity Development by deed dated June 17, 2008. Despite this the County continued to tax the property and send the tax bills to Trinity Development. The County Assessor's office had the necessary corrections made. We are trying to strike the erroneous delinquent taxes that are now appearing as we applied for tax exempt status. I have not heard a response on this issue at this time. The next property is the Tonaluka Club. This property was incorrectly listed as tax exempt for a number of

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years. The tax exempt status has been resolved and the property is now listed as taxable. However, I have not heard from the Assessor's office regarding back taxes. The last property is the Ukrainian Club property at 115 Watkins Avenue. This property was listed as tax exempt. I spoke to the Assessor's office but this property is still listed as tax exempt. The other issue from last month was parking meters and the regulations. You do have an ordinance that regulates the parking meters but Council needs to review this, if you still want to proceed with this matter. You will need a new ordinance stating the areas for the meters.

MR. G. JAKUB: I gave you a copy of a page from the North Versailles Police Contract. Under item #3 Section B on page 2, the months that the payments are due should be the first of April, July, October and January. It would be due after the quarter. Do we need to do an addendum to the contract.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: you just need to work out an agreement with them. You can send them a letter with your suggestions.

PERSONAL - J. FILIA: we received an application for part time summer help. We will take a look at it and see what we plan on doing this summer.

MR. J. THOMAS: do we have an age limit. This individual is twenty years old.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we just have a minimum age limit.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / G. JAKUB TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. THERE IS ONE IN QUESTION, THE PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE BILL, AND WE WILL HOLD OFF ON THAT UNTIL I GET MORE INFORMATION.

MR. M. TRKULA: in February two of our vehicles were involved in an accident but I only see a bill for one drug test. Did we get the bill for the other drug test yet or didn't he take it.

MR. J. THOMAS: I saw the bill for the one drug test. We will have to turn that over to public works to look into that.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS, 7-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: we have a program that we initiated at the beginning of the year where we gave all of our delinquents, real estate and garbage, to Maiello Brungo and Maiello. They have sent out notices and we are starting to get some results.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA: no report.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: we had 136 children for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, and 104 where from Wilmerding. The fire department did a great job bringing the Easter Bunny around as well as the public works in getting the park ready.

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John and I attended a meeting at North Versailles regarding their community days. They were looking for participation from us. We decided that we do not have the manpower to man a booth so we will not participate.

We are working on a Memorial Day program with Mrs. Hopper from Logan Middle School. We are going to do a composition from the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Hopefully we can give them a certificate at the services and follow that with a reception at the Castle.

Earth Day is April 24<sup>th</sup> and there will be dumpsters delivered on Friday and picked up on Monday. The Women's Civic Club will help clean up the town.

MR. G. JAKUB: on Saturday around ten o'clock downstairs we will be giving out garbage bags, vests and gloves and whoever wants to come out and help is more than welcome.

MS. S. SMITH: Crime Watch will be on Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fireman's Room. We will be having the election of officers at this meeting.

MR. S. SHURGOT: at the last crime watch meeting we officially had a watch crime handbook. Mr. Slaczka is making copies and there is also a link on the borough website to crime watch. Also, the Planning Commission also has a link on the website. All the ordinances are up to date and they are also on the website.

MR. G. JAKUB: there will be approximately thirty handbooks available at the next crime watch meeting. Before we do the selection of officers I will advise everyone to do a quick glance through the book. There are fundamentals that are listed in that book that will be based on how the election will take place. One thing is that you must be a property owner in this borough or a business owner to be an officer on crime watch. These guidelines are from the National Crime Watch Booklet.

MR. S. SHURGOT: anyone can be a voting member of crime watch. To be an officer they must be a property owner or a business owner.

PLANNING - K. PETERSON: we are discussing developing Russian Hill and we are gathering information for developers. We are also discussing the different areas that are prone to flooding. Earlier you send you would talk to Rep. Doyle's office about dredging the creek. Also, the Emergency Management Committee was discussed and I was told that the committee was appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Governor. Also, the matter with Rev. Reed that is ongoing. According to the information from the Solicitor the matter is closed and no further action is needed at this time.

TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE - J. THOMAS: Mr. Shurgot and myself attended a meeting at Monroeville Municipal Building. Right now when you pay your wage tax you pay a half percent to Pennsylvania Municipal Service and a half percent to Keystone. The State passed a law in 2008 which will change all that. Allegheny County will have four taxing districts, the City of Pittsburgh, one in the north, one in the south and one in the southeast. We are part of the southeast, which goes from Plum Borough down to Elizabeth Township. All the school districts are involved and all the municipalities are involved. Steve and I are the representatives for the borough. They passed by-laws that go on a weighted vote and since we are small in size we have a half percent vote. Penn Hills has twenty percent, Monroeville has twenty-one percent, and it is all based on the amount of revenue.

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They appointed a committee to draw up specifications and once it is approved they will put it out for bid. There are several companies involved and the bottom line will be, since there is some cost involved, will be minimal due to the size of our community. They received a \$5,000 grant for start up costs and they are applying for more money. Once they select a tax collector all the fees will come out of the taxes that are paid. You will not have to pay to two or three different places, you will pay to one person. This will all take effect in 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. POMPOSELLI: we are all complaining about the kids but the parents don't care about Wilmerding because they won't stay here long. Population 2,240 and we are lucky if we get twenty people here for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.