

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING**  
**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2010 MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:40 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

MR. S. SHURGOT: before we start the meeting I would like everyone to take a moment of silence for the brave men and women who died at Pearl Harbor.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, present; JAMES FILIA, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; SANDRA SMITH, present; GREGORY JAKUB, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present.

M. TRKULA / S. SMITH TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOV. 9, 2010 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MS. DENISE JACKSON, MIDDLE AVE: I am here because I have a complaint against my landlord. I moved in September 1<sup>st</sup> and paid him a security deposit and he told me that I would be responsible for two utilities, gas and electric and that I would need to register for water. I paid the water bill for a quarter and I asked to see the bill.

MR. S. SHURGOT: excuse me but I have to interrupt you. This is a civil matter between you and your landlord and there is nothing that we can do.

MS. D. JACKSON: I have already been to the Magistrate and they filed an appeal at the Courthouse. I have no water and heat. This landlord owns several properties in the community. How can you let this man get away with this. There is something wrong with this picture.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we are aware of this gentleman and unfortunately the process is slow. If you have no water and no heat then you should contact the Health Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a notice about the Allegheny League of Municipalities bi-annual Legislative Reception to be held at the Westin Convention Center on January 13, 2011. The cost is \$65 per person.

K. PETERSON / M. TRKULA TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. received a notice on the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Allegheny County Borough's Association Banquet to be held on February 5, 2011 at the Westin Convention Center. The cost is \$65 per person.

M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. I just received a letter tonight from Francis Ben Gusty on his interest to fill an opening on the Planning Commission. He lives at 425 Deborah Drive.

M. TRKULA / G. JAKUB TO APPOINT MR. GUSTY TO A THREE YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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4. I also received another letter tonight from Debra Hlatky who would like to be considered for the opening on the Planning Commission. She lives at 413 Deborah Drive.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO APPOINT MS. HLATKY TO A THREE YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - J. FILIA: Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 46 calls for the month of November. The average response time for emergencies was 7.46 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 8.04 minutes. I did not receive a report from the Fire Department. Chief DiCenzo will give the police report.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: for the month of November we responded to 165 calls and there were ten arrests. A break down of some of the calls, there were 4 animal and dog complaints, 5 assaults, 4 burglary calls, 3 criminal mischief, 2 disorderly conduct or loud noise, 8 domestics, 6 harassment calls, 4 juvenile related calls, 3 parking complaints, 4 thefts, 3 traffic accidents and there were 3 tow tags issued. Three full time officers were added to the force, one in November and there will two more in January to bring our police force up to 20 full time officers. There will be a civil service test given the third week in January.

MR. G. JAKUB: did any of the part time officers go to full time.

CHIEF DiCENZO: yes.

PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: we finished the leaf collection. The plows and salt are on the trucks. Everything is working fine. We will be ordering more salt.

G. JAKUB / K. PETERSON TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM SEN. BREWSTER'S OFFICE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. the final phase of TV inspections of sewers should commence in January or February.
2. we met with PennDOT on November 29<sup>th</sup> regarding the repair of their wall along Maple Avenue. They noted the dire condition of the wall at that time and are seeking funds for an immediate temporary repair of the worst sections and for a long term repair of all deteriorated sections. Their structural engineer was to examine the site later that week and report back to them. I will keep Council abreast of any further information regarding this matter as it becomes available.
3. the repair of the inlet at Orient Avenue and Frank Street will be done the first week in December.
4. the repair of the inlet at Watkins Avenue and Avenue U has been completed.
5. Allegheny County Health Department is following up on the repair of the sewer lateral at 400 Caldwell.
6. a request to extend the grant application for the Phase 2 Walking Trail was sent to DCNR.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: our next meeting is Thursday. COG was going to increase their dues by \$2,000 but they have received some new billing accounts and they may only increase it by \$1,000.

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UTILITIES - K. PETERSON: no report.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: GFS has made a counter offer of \$400 for the damages to the Christmas light wiring.

K. PETERSON / M. TRKULA TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM GFS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: we received a letter from PennDOT for a change on supplement agreement on the Safe Route to School Project. I have discussed this with the Engineer and he is familiar with this. This agreement is for changes that PA. Soil & Rock has made in the amount of \$10,344. There will be no cost to the borough for this and it appears that everything is in order. It requires the signature of the Council President.

J. THOMAS / G. JAKUB TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SIGN THE SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT FROM PENNDOT FOR THE SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PERSONNEL - J. FILIA: no report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

MS. S. SMITH: is there money to pay the bills.

MR. J. THOMAS: yes and no. There is no extra money but we do have the garbage bill payments coming in.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO ADVERTISE THE 2011 BUDGET, THE 2011 TAX ORDINANCE AND THE MEETING DATE TO ADOPT THE 2011 BUDGET AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 7 PM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: so far this year our delinquent collector, Maiello, Brungo and Maiello has collected \$8,808.04 in delinquent garbage and \$24,824.16 in delinquent taxes for a total of \$33,632.20.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA: there is a small leak in the pipe for the boiler and he will be out here to fix it.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: the children's Christmas Party will be this Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Angels Church at 1 pm for children 0 to 10 years old.

PLANNING - K. PETERSON: no report.

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TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE- J. THOMAS: there was no meeting in November and our next meeting is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at Monroeville to officially sign the agreement appointing Keystone Collections as the wage tax collector starting in 2012 for the Southeast Tax Collection District of Allegheny County, but they will be doing ours starting in January 2011. PAMS will continue to collect the other 511 taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

S. SMITH / G. JAKUB TO GIVE OUR TWO FULL TIME EMPLOYEES A \$100 BONUS, OUR TWO PART TIME EMPLOYEES, WHICH IS IN OUR CODE OFFICE, A \$50 BONUS AND TO GIVE OUR SHORT TERM PART TIME EMPLOYEES A \$25 BONUS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0-1 WITH M. TRKULA ABSTAINING.

MR. J. FILIA: the Lions Club put up a new sign at the end of the bridge and all of those other signs take away from that sign. Is it possible for us to notify the organizations that have signs there that they need to be removed. We are starting to get signs from Greensburg up there advertising different shows.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we discussed this with the County and they basically told us that we have control over it.

MR. J. THOMAS: when Joe and I meet with Mr. Martoni he had the County Engineers there and he basically told us the same thing.

MR. J. FILIA: can we take those signs down.

MR. G. JAKUB: we should ask them to remove their signs first. If they do not remove them then we will take them out.

MS. S. SMITH: I think we can take the temporary ones out. We should give them so many days to remove their signs.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we should send a letter to the County and let them know what we are going to do. I don't think they will have any objection to us doing it but we should keep them informed.

J. FILIA / G. JAKUB TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY THAT WE ARE REMOVING ALL THE SIGNS THAT ARE ON THE HILLSIDE AT THE END OF THE BRIDGE AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTROL WHAT GOES THERE AND TO NOTIFY THE ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SIGNS THERE TO REMOVE THEM IN THIRTY DAYS OR WE WILL REMOVE THEM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:07 PM