

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President S. Shurgot.

MR. S. SHURGOT: Council met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss some personnel issues.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MR. MICHAEL TRKULA, present; MR. JAMES FILIA, present; MS. KAREN PETERSON, present; MS. SANDRA SMITH, present; MR. GREGORY JAKUB, present; MR. JOHN THOMAS, present; MR. STEPHEN SHURGOT, present.
MAYOR DOMINICK POMPOSELLI WAS ABSENT.

MR. M. TRKULA / MS. S. SMITH TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

PASTOR D. REEVES, CLARA STREET: I just want to thank Council for being so cooperative and putting in the signs that I requested. The one at the bottom of Lydia Street and also the one for clergy parking. Also, about a week ago the kids broke the railing on my landing going into church. I called the police about that and I also asked the kids if they knew what happened. Nobody seemed to know. They also broke the metal railing on the hill.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: is there anything on the books about fires going past midnight and shooting at least five feet high. It was only in a metal pot and I called the police about that and they responded. Is this allowed and if so is there a time limit.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I believe there is a time limit on that. There are some things that are allowed like cooking food and a fire pit.

MR. J. THOMAS: I believe a few years ago we passed an ordinance and that there was a time frame in there when they can do this.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: that late at night something else could be going on. The flames were pretty high.

MR. J. THOMAS: did they put it out when the police came.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: no.

MR. J. THOMAS: you could have told them there was open burning and the fire department could have come and put it out.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: also, the kids pulled down the pole and the street signs and Middle and Second. The kids were walking up the street with the pole and I told them to put it back. That pole has been laying there since Halloween.

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MR. M. TRKULA: we picked the pole up today.

MR. D. PARISI, WESTINGHOUSE AVE.: has Council made any decision on a new borough worker.

MR. S. SHURGOT: that is on the agenda for tonight.

MR. D. PARISI: I would like to put a plug in for Mick, who is filling in right now. I think he would be a great asset. He is very mechanical.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we interviewed about six applicants and it was a tough decision to make.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. PennDOT has submitted a Supplemental Reimbursement Agreement for the sidewalk project in the park. This agreement covers cost increases in this project and requires no borough funds. A resolution and the agreements should be passed at the Nov. 9th meeting and signed.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT TO COVER THE COST INCREASES FOR THE SIDEWALK PROJECT IN THE PARK. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

2. received a notice from Glenn Engineering stating that the Consent Order and Agreement requires that municipalities within the ALCOSAN service area develop a Long Term Wet Weather Control Plan to reduce wet weather discharges into the receiving streams and rivers. While we have been working on behalf of your municipality toward this end, considerable work remains and costs are expected to be extremely high. WPJWA has expressed an interest in accepting a leadership role to seek long term solutions on a regional basis. We are of the opinion that this approach is both logical and practical since it would delegate this work to a familiar local authority, rather than being a part of a larger body.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO WPJWA TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. received a notice from the Allegheny County Borough's Association on their annual membership meeting to be held on Dec. 2, 2010 at the South Hills Country Club. There is no charge for the delegate and the alternate to attend. All others there is a cost of \$25 per person. Also, at this meeting they will be collecting toys for tots.

S. SMITH / M. TRKULA TO SEND THE DELEGATE AND THE ALTERNATE TO THE MEETING AND ALSO TO DONATE TO THE TOYS FOR TOTS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

4. received a notice from COG that they have revised the vector agreement for 2011. The opt-in rate for members will be \$9,000 for 15 days of vector service and the non opt-in rate will be \$850 per day. If you would like to participate again this year to return the agreement.

M. TRKULA / G. JAKUB TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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5. received a letter from the PA. Resources Council, in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department and eLoop, that they are offering free pick up and recycling of televisions and computer monitors. This program will allow residents to safely and responsibly dispose of their unwanted electronic equipment.

K. PETERSON / S. SMITH TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - J. FILIA: for the month of October there were 44 ambulance calls. The average response time for emergencies was 6.5 minutes and for non-emergency calls it was 8.05 minutes.

MR. J. FILIA: I received one complaint about the alley behind Watkins Avenue, that runs along the creek. I contacted the Chief about this and it is now open and they will patrol that area.

MS. S. SMITH: Chief, is it possible that when the officers go through there that they can shine a light.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: I don't think that would be a good idea because you do not want to alert someone if they are there.

MS. S. SMITH: okay, that is fine. You do not want to alert someone that you are coming.

MR. J. FILIA: the Chief will now give us his report.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: for the month of October there were 184 calls with 8 arrests. A breakdown of some of the calls were, 2 assaults, 3 civil complaints, 5 criminal mischief, 7 disorderly conduct or loud noise, 14 domestics, 3 juvenile related calls, 2 neighbor disputes, 4 parking complaints, 13 suspicious activity and incidents, 6 thefts, 2 traffic accident and 1 wanted person and warrant served.

MR. G. JAKUB: is the number of calls lower.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: this month it is less than the previous month. Also, last month there was a complaint from Airbrake Avenue that it took 45 minutes for the police to respond. The longest they had to wait was ten minutes because the car was at another call down the street.

MR. J. FILIA: the Fire Marshal has submitted his report.

MR. J. THOMAS: can that be posted so everyone can see what he is doing.

MR. J. FILIA: I will post it on the board

PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: currently we received the new leaf sucking machine and after a little work we are using it. We are getting a lot of cooperation from the people who put their leaves in a pile which makes it easier to pick up. We are also getting the equipment for the snow.

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ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. the final phase of the TV inspections of the sewers should commence in January or February 2011.
2. we have sent PennDOT a letter requesting that they repair the wall along Maple Ave. And consider replacing the entire wall. To date we have had no response from them.
3. the repair of the inlet at Orient and Frank will be done the first week of December.
4. we received two quotes for the repair of the inlet at Watkins and Avenue U on Nov.8th.
J. L. Urban - \$1,450.00
Satira Construction - \$1,925.00

Urban is qualified to do this work and his price is fair and reasonable, therefore I would recommend that Council award the repair of the inlet at Avenue U and Watkins Ave. to J. L. Urban for \$1,450.00.

S. SMITH / K. PETERSON TO AWARD THE REPAIR OF THE INLET AT AVENUE U AND WATKINS AVENUE TO J. L. URBAN, THE LOWEST BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,450. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

5. I examined the zoning for 201 Caldwell Avenue and found it was not zoned for a personal care home.
6. Allegheny County Health Department was notified on Oct. 6th and again on Nov. 3rd of a broken sewer lateral at 400 Caldwell Ave. They will follow up to ensure its repair.
7. DCNR has sent us a letter informing us that the grant for the Phase 2 Airbrake Avenue Walking Trail expires on December 31, 2010. If Council wishes to request an extension then I would need authorization to do so ASAP. We applied for a CD grant last year to match this grant but we were denied. We did re-apply for a CD grant for 2011 for this project.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: no report.

UTILITIES - K. PETERSON: no report.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I contacted the insurance company for t claim for damages to the Christmas wires. The total damage was \$760 and they made an offer of \$380. Does Council want to accept this offer or do you want me to file a claim in small claims court.

K. PETERSON / S. SMITH TO ACCEPT THE \$380 PAYMENT OFFER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: there is also another claim for damages to Christmas wires and I will send them the same notice.

PERSONNEL - J. FILIA: we interviewed five people for the laborer's position and they were all qualified to do the job. It was a tough decision to make but we are recommending Mr. Richard Lang from Welsh Avenue be hired for this position.

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K. PETERSON / S. SMITH TO HIRE RICHARD LANG AT \$10 AN HOUR ON A 90 DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD. HIS STARTING DATE WILL BE ON NOV. 17TH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0-1 WITH M. TRKULA ABSTAINING.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

Everyone has received a copy of Maiello's report. For the month of October they collected \$1,246.93 in delinquent taxes and \$2,998.52 in delinquent garbage.

We are working on an agreement with Keystone Collections to collect the 2011 wage tax. As you know they will be the Southeast Allegheny County Tax Collector starting in 2012.

We will discuss the budget at the workshop on Nov. 23rd.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA: we will no longer be dumping at R.J.'S place. We have an arrangement with someone else to use their property.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: I would like to request \$300 for the recreation committee for Halloween.

We will be having Veteran's Day services here at the borough building on November 11th at 11 am. Mr. Parisi will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Light up night will be on Friday Nov. 26th at 7pm here at the borough building.

The children's Christmas party will be on Dec. 12th.

PLANNING - K. PETERSON: the Planning Committee is discussing some energy savings measures.

MR. S. SHURGOT: in your packet there is an energy audit from the county. They were out here and looked at the building and made a few recommendations.

TAX COLLECTION - J. THOMAS: no report, there was no meeting in October.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. J. THOMAS: we get a franchise fee from the cable companies, is there anything in the law that says we can do this for the dish.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: you can only do it for the cable companies because they are using our right of way and the dish goes out over the air.

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NEW BUSINESS

MR. J. THOMAS: I know Dave had to leave but in his report he wanted to know if wanted to extend the grant for the walking trail. I don't want to give any grant money back.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO ASK FOR AN EXTENSION ON THE GRANT FOR THE AIRBRAKE AVENUE WALKING TRAIL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: as most of you know Mr. Pomposelli was in the hospital and he is now at Manor Care in Monroeville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.