

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President S. Shurgot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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.

MR. S. SHURGOT: prior to the meeting Council met in Executive Session to discuss some personal issues.

M. TRKULA / G. JAKUB TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 14, 2010. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MRS. J. TOMASIC, WESTINGHOUSE AVE.: I was wondering if Council made any decision regarding the Historical Society Room.

MR. S. SHURGOT: Council has reconsidered the request of the Historical Society. We have agreed, with one stipulation, that you can use the room as long as you have set hours and someone from the Historical Society will be here.

MRS. J. TOMASIC: that is fine. We used to have someone here before and when that person was showing some people around we had some books stolen. We will be glad to open the room up but we are also asking that the hallway and the restrooms be cleaned.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a notice that the Police Pension CD is up for renewal. Currently, it was for six months and I would recommend that it be renewed for another six months.

G. JAKUB / J. THOMAS TO RENEW THE POLICE PENSION CD FOR SIX MONTHS.

MR. M. TRKULA: can we go anywhere else for a different rate.

MR. J. THOMAS: you are not going to find a good rate out there, everyone is low.

MR. J. FILIA: have you considered going for a longer term. The longer the term the better the rate.

MR. J. THOMAS: technically, it is not our money. Once all the pensioners and widows are gone then that money goes back to the state.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0, TO RENEW THE CD FOR SIX MONTHS.

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2. last month we discussed an ordinance which would amend the occupancy ordinance adding a provision mandating notification of vacancy be provided. The ordinance has been advertised and action can now be taken on it.

MR. N. EVASHAVIK: before an ordinance is adopted the borough has to conduct a public hearing. This is the time and place to hold the public hearing. This ordinance amends the existing ordinances that mandates that notice be provided to Wilmerding Borough of vacancy of a structure. They are to notify the borough within five days if that structure becomes vacant. The property owner shall at all times be responsible for compliance with the mandatory requirement. Any person who violates this ordinance shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs for each offense. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense. Does anyone in the audience have any questions or comments concerning this ordinance. Since there are no comments I will close this hearing.

S. SMITH / K. PETERSON TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE AND ADDING A PROVISION MANDATING NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. received a letter from Pastor Reed of Holy Angels Church requesting permission to transform our church rectory, located at 201 Caldwell Avenue, into a State Licensed twelve (12) bed personal care home. He wants to be certain that he is in compliance with any zoning ordinances.

MS. K. PETERSON: is this a zoning issue. I recall that this is the same thing we were discussing a few months back.

MR. G. JAKUB: I can't be one hundred percent sure but I believe that there was some issue.

K. PETERSON / J. THOMAS TO REFER THIS TO THE ENGINEER AND SOLICITOR FOR REVIEW. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

4. the Mayor gave me a letter from a Corinne Tanian of 738 Airbrake Avenue. She states that she does not have any faith in the North Versailles Police Department due to recent events that have happened. Two months ago her brother had his car broken into and the inside was trashed and the tires had been sliced. They called the police and thirty-five minutes later an officer responded and took a report and left saying that was all that could be done. Now two months later the problems have started all over again. His back window was smashed in and he chased the person down the street. I called the police and forty-five minutes later they came and filled out a report. We told them who did it and where they lived and I was told that because we did not see the person pick up the brick and toss it I had no proof. The next day my tires were slashed. I don't know what more to do or who to turn to for help. If we can't turn to the only police department we have then who can we turn to. All I want is for some type of right and wrongs to be mended.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: I know that we have been down there three times. They gave us a name and we interviewed that person. No one has seen anyone throw a brick. We are following up on this but I can't put a police officer down there 24/7. I don't know what they expect us to do. There seems to be a

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problem between the complainant, the brother and this other person. She says that it took us thirty-five minutes and forty-five minutes to respond. The only way that would happen if the officers were on another call. I will look into this and find out how long it took for us to respond.

M. TRKULA / J. FILIA TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - J. FILIA: for the month of September Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 49 calls with 36 of them transports. The average response time for emergencies is 6.18 minutes and for non-emergency calls it is 7.33 minutes. For the third quarter they responded to 147 calls with 100 of them transports. The average response time for emergencies is 6.37 minutes and for non-emergency calls it is 8.11 minutes.

There were 11 979 reports which is down from the previous month.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: for the month of September there were 214 calls. I will give you a brief breakdown of the calls. There were 3 animal & dog complaints, 1 burglary, 8 criminal mischief, 7 disorderly conduct, 10 domestics, 4 drug investigations, 5 harassment, 4 hit & run accidents, 8 juvenile calls, 5 neighbor disputes, 11 suspicious activities & incidents and 1 traffic accident. In all there were 10 arrests.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the code office forwarded copies of the 979 violations to the attorney so that we can take the next step. This is for anyone who has more than two violations.

PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: we recently ordered and received a leaf sucking equipment. A box is being built so it can be used. They will be starting that quickly. We recently finished up with some of our sewers and all the records of keeping track of everything. We have a few days left on our vactor. Mike will talk about some other equipment under property.

G. JAKUB/ S. SMITH TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR FROM HIS POSITION. ROLL CALL: M. TRKULA, I have to abstain because I was not involved in the discussion; J. FILIA, yes; K. PETERSON, yes; S. SMITH, yes; G. JAKUB, yes; J. THOMAS, reluctantly I have to vote yes and the reason I am saying that is because the individual we are talking about is also the Fire Chief and I am heavily involved with the fire department; S. SHURGOT, yes. MEMBERS VOTED TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, 5 -0-1.

MAYOR D. POMPOSELLI: when is this going into effect.

MR. S. SHURGOT: immediately.

MR. G. JAKUB: I will notify him.

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ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. the street department uncovered a catch basin on Orient Avenue at the Frank Street steps that was broken. We sent out four request for proposals to repair the inlet. We only received two proposals back. The first proposals was from Satira Construction for \$5,975 and the second proposal was for \$7,700. The price from Satira is fair and reasonable and we would recommend that Council award this project to Satira Construction for \$5,975.

MR. S. SHURGOT: are they going to put some kind of cover over it so that the debris doesn't get in there.

MR. D. GILLILAND: the opening of the pipe will be flared and pointed towards East McKeesport. If you put a grate over it then you will be constantly cleaning it.

K. PETERSON / S. SMITH TO AWARD THE ORIENT AVE. AT THE FRANK STREET STEPS PROJECT TO SATIRA CONSTRUCTION FOR \$5,975. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. the Safe Route to School Project has been completed.

3. the TV inspection of sewers project has been awarded and should commence within the next three to four weeks.

4. we sent PennDOT a letter requesting they repair their wall along Maple Avenue and consider replacing the entire wall. To date no response has been received.

5. I researched the USDA Grant and Loan Program for municipal equipment and found that the program is out of funds for 2010.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: COG is looking to get approval for an Open Records Policy and approval for an application to the EPA for the Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant.

UTILITIES - K. PETERSON: we discussed the FIOS contract at the workshop before the meeting. I did contact FIOS and it is my understanding according to the contract that they have six years from the beginning of the contract to make FIOS available to everyone. Right now there are certain people who cannot get FIOS and what they have to do is get enough people around them to sign up and then FIOS will install it in that area.

MR. S. SHURGOT: the reason the new townhouses cannot get it is because all of their lines are underground.

MR. J. FILIA: so if they have six years, then that means in six years it will be available to everyone.

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MS. K. PETERSON: if not enough people request it in an area then they don't have to.

SOLICITOR - N. EVASHAVIK: no report.

PERSONAL - J. FILIA: I have one application for employment as a fill in driver for the winter season. It is from Richard Lang of 340 Welsh Avenue. Our committee will meet with the public works committee to discuss this following our meeting.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO HAVE THE SECRETARY SEND A LETTER TO THE GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE DAYS COMMITTEE FOR A FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2010. WE CONTRIBUTE MONEY TO THEM AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN IDEA WHERE THE MONEY WENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA:

M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO PURCHASE A TWENTY-FOUR INCH TWO STAGE SNOW BLOWER FROM LOWE'S FOR \$599. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: trick or treat this year will be from 6 to 7:30 pm on Oct. 31st, Halloween night. We will have the costume judging downstairs in the fireman's room on Oct. 31st at 5 pm.

PLANNING - K. PETERSON: the Planning Commission is exploring some income generating opportunities.

TAX COLLECTION - J. THOMAS: the Southeast Tax Collection of Allegheny County Committee will be formalizing the contract with Keystone Collections Group, so we will have a better idea of what the rates will be.

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OLD BUSINESS

MS. S. SMITH: I have been in contact with the gentleman from Auberle about the kids helping us to clean up the leaves and snow removal. He is definitely interested and he would like to get some kind of schedule. Unfortunately, the kids are back in school. I told him I would call him back in about two weeks.

MR. J. FILIA: last month we discussed putting a stop sign in at the bottom of Lydia Street. A study was done by Dave Gilliland and we are not allowed to put one there because there is not enough traffic.

J. FILIA / K. PETERSON TO PUT IN A STOP SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF LYDIA STREET, FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN PLAYING THERE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. J. FILIA: can they do it as quickly as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

MS. S. SMITH: we discussed a town wide clean up and we will bringing dumpsters in for the weekend of Oct. 22-24. The dumpsters will be at their normal locations, one at Avenue U and the other one down on Pitcairn Street.

MR. G. JAKUB: there will be a crime watch meeting on Wednesday Oct 20th at 7 pm at the borough building. If we don't get a good turn out then we will have to discontinue it.

MAYOR'S REMARK'S - D. POMPOSELLI: nothing at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.