

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 6:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

M. TRKULA / TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MS. S. SMITH: correction on the minutes. The letter we received from Wilmerding Renewed about them wanting to piggyback on our insurance was motion to receive and file but we said that we would discuss it at another meeting.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I will discuss it with you later since we received more information on it.

/ G. JAKUB TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MRS. S. ZIBRAT - AIRBRAKE AVENUE: aren't dogs supposed to be on a leash. There is this dog that the owner takes it to the playground and it is not on a leash. There are signs in the playground that says leash, curb and clean up after your dog, Ordinance 901.

MR. S. SHURGOT: you have to call the police when you see him there. Meet with the Chief and give him the address.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: this individual is from Middle Avenue. The dog walks ahead of him and it is in the playground before he gets there. He is not on a leash but the dog will come when he calls it.

CHIEF V. DICENZO: I can have Ferree look into this and he can talk to the owner. I need the address. Is he there certain times of the day.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: he comes down there about three times a day.

MR. G. JAKUB: if you know there is a certain time that he will be there call the police.

MR. J. SIMPSON - MILLER STREET: I have a problem with the trash at 215 Bridge Street. There is garbage all over the alley. I took some pictures of it. They have six separate units there with garages in the back. They have seven or eight cans in the alley but they cannot hold all the garbage from that apartment. I talked to the owner about this several times and they told me they would take care of it. I asked them if they could put a dumpster back there to handle all of the garbage. There are two signs in the alley for permit parking. If cars park there a fire truck can't go through the alley. Also, at 213 Bridge Street they are dealing drugs. I was out there one day and I saw them exchange something. I don't want that in my neighborhood.

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MR. S. SHURGOT: if you that happening call the police. If you can get the license number of the car that would be a big help. Have you seen any cars that park back there.

MR. J. SIMPSON: yes, a few times.

MR. M. TRKULA: if cars are parked there I can't get the plow truck through.

MS. B. ALEXANDER: I own the property that he is talking about and I would like to comment on his statements. I have owned that building for six or eight years and we never had a problem with the garbage. I was advise to attach lids to the cans and I did that but the garbage men just toss then anywhere. When they empty the garbage if it doesn't make it in the truck they just leave it on the street. I am getting blamed for te garbage that comes off of the Tri-Boro Highway. We clean up whatever is there. I thought about putting a dumpster there but it would stick out into the alley.

MR. S. SHURGOT: this is not a forum to argue back and forth on who is right or wrong. If you want to do that then you would have to go to the Magistrate to settle your civil dispute.

MS. B. ALEXANDER: it is a quiet building at this point. There are three possible apartments that could be tossing the garbage, we will have a talk with them. We do not want any trouble with the borough. Anything that you have asked us to do we have done it. The pictures that he took are very misleading.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I chained my lids on but they are thrown everywhere. It happens to everyone and you have acted on the complaints.

MR. G. JAKUB: they make hinged containers which are a little bigger than a garbage can. They have to be pushed out to the truck for them to empty it. All I suggesting is that this may be one solution to your problem.

MR. R. ALEXANDER: I am her father and if we receive a complaint we take care of it right away. My question is, if we get these containers where would we buy one.

MR. G. JAKUB: you can probably get one at Home Depot or Lowe's. Maybe Waste Management may even have them.

MR. R. ALEXANDER: even if we wanted to put them on a concrete pad there is no place to put it.

MR. S. SHURGOT: you can apply at the code office to see if it is applicable.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. last month you received a copy of the distraint ordinance to review. It has been advertised. This ordinance would collect the rent from the tenants if the property owner is delinquent on any taxes owed to the borough.

G. JAKUB / K. PETERSON TO ADOPT THE DISTRAINT ORDINANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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2. we received the SHACOG bid for rock salt. The low bid was from Cargill Inc. at a price of \$55.83 per ton. It is a one year bid with the option to extend it annually for up to three years.

MR. J. FILIA ENTERED COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR.

K. PETERSON / M. TRKULA TO ACCEPT THE ROCK SALT BID FROM CARGILL FOR \$55.83 PER TON. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. received a notice from the school that they want to sell two properties on Sprague Street to Robert Comunale. The parcels are 545-N-108 and 545-A-20 for \$50 each.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR THE TWO PROPERTIES ON SPRAGUE ST. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

4. received a request from the Wilmerding Y.M.C.A. asking for our cooperation in blocking off the streets for the Gomer Davis 5K Pumpkin Chase to be held on Saturday Oct. 29, 2011 starting at 9:00 a.m.

M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO COOPERATE WITH THE Y.M.C.A. ON THE RACE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

5. received a notice from the Allegheny County & Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners on their annual fall conference to be held from September 29th to October 2nd at Seven Springs.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: we had to repair the hi-lift tire and the cost for a service call is between \$105 and \$110.

ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:

1. the final phase of TV inspections of the sewers is 95% complete.

2. the repair of a section of a collapsed storm sewer on Miller near State Street has been modified due to field conditions that differed from the maps. The revised cost is \$4,000 which includes excavation, pipe connections and asphalt & concrete walk restoration. The original quote was \$2,100

G. JAKUB / K. PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE NEW PROPOSAL WITH THE INCREASE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. we sent out requests for proposals to do three inlets. The proposals were opened on July 22nd for the inlets at Airbrake and Fourth, Maple and Fourth and Frank and Marguerite. The low quote was from Satira Construction for \$9,599.

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M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE FROM SATIRA CONSTRUCTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

4. we filed a grant application with Duquesne Light for \$24,600 for new electrical service and one additional receptacle in the park. We have to get them the actual cost figures from a contractor.

5. Your garbage contract expires December 31, 2011. Let us know if you want to make any changes to the specifications.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: no report.

UTILITIES - K. PETERSON: no report.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK:

1. Our office received an inquiry about 352 Station Street looking for any liens on the property. We could not find any existing liens and Joe gave us some paper work that the mortgage was satisfied.

2. Dave Miller informed us that there are two appeal hearings filed by Sean Kerrigan scheduled for September. He is going to be away at school and we will ask that they be postponed.

3. we were asked to do title searches for four properties that we will have condemnation hearings on. The properties are: 418 Westinghouse Ave., 125 Watkins Ave., 710 Middle Ave. and 715 Airbrake Ave. 715 Airbrake is actually 715 Middle Avenue. We only received three title searches back and there was a problem with one of them.

MR. J. THOMAS: which one had the problem.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: 125 Watkins Avenue.

G. JAKUB / K. PETERSON TO ADVERTISE FOR THE CONDEMNATION HEARINGS WHICH WILL BE ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT 7 PM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PERSONNEL - J. FILIA: no report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

MR. J. THOMAS: as of July 30th 92% of the taxes have been collected.

MR. G. JAKUB: how is that compared to last year.

MR. J. THOMAS: it is a little behind. Fro the month of June Maiello collected \$845.43 in delinquent garbage and \$2,805.46 in delinquent real estate. For 2011 they have collected a total of \$19,096.94.

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We received one check for the amusement license and according to our ordinance they have until the end of the year to pay. I would like to have the Solicitor to review our ordinance and to put in a due date and a penalty amount.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we would like to move it to the end of the first quarter.

J. THOMAS / G. JAKUB TO HAVE THE SOLICITOR REVIEW THE ORDINANCE AND TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA: no report.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: no report.

PLANNING - K. PETERSON: no report.

SOUTHEAST TAX COLLECTION - J. THOMAS: no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY - J. FILIA: for the month of July the ambulance responded to 50 calls with 33 of them transports. The average response time for emergency calls was 7.3 minutes and for non-emergency calls it was 10.9 minutes. The fire department had 10 calls with 60 man hours.

I would like to personally thank the fire department for acting so quickly and professionally on the fire at my building. They did an excellent job. The Chief will now give the police report.

CHIEF V. DICENZO: for the month of July there were 212 calls and 14 arrests.

MR. J. FILIA: I want to also thank the police departments, North Versailles, Turtle Creek and East McKeesport, for all of their help at the fire and going inside and looking for people.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: at this time we have to appoint someone to the Mayor's position. Council received two letters of interest for the position, one from James Wright and the other one from Jack Mason. At this time does anyone want to nominate anyone for this position.

MS. S. SMITH: I would like to nominate Jack Mason for Mayor.

MR. S. SHURGOT: this appointment is only until the end of the year. There are two and half years left on the Mayor's term. The process that will take place is that the Democratic and Republican Committees will nominate someone to run for Mayor by September so that they can be on the ballot at the November election. There is also the option that anyone can do a write in campaign at the November elections.

MR. J. FILIA: I will second the nomination.

MR. S. SHURGOT: are there any other nominations. Are there any other nominations. Are there any other nominations. The nominations are closed. We will take a roll call vote.

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ROLL CALL TO APPOINT MR. JACK MASON TO THE SERVE AS MAYOR UNTIL DEC. 31, 2011. M. TRKULA, yes; J. FILIA, yes; K. PETERSON, yes; S. SMITH, yes; G. JAKUB, yes; J. THOMAS, yes; S. SHURGOT, yes. MR. JACK MASON WAS APPOINTED TO THE MAYOR'S POSITION UNTIL DEC. 31, 2011 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.

MR. J. MASON: I would like to thank everyone on Council for their support and I will work with you and all the residents.

Mr. Mason was sworn in as Mayor by acting Mayor Steve Shurgot.

MS. S. SMITH: as we talked about last month on the banners for the street light poles the quote from Rileighs is a little higher than I mentioned last month. The cost for 30 banners and the brackets is \$2,632.50 plus shipping. There are a digital print on vinyl.

S. SMITH / K. PETERSON TO PURCHASE THE BANNERS FROM RILEIGHS.

MR. J. FILIA: are these seasonal banners.

MS. S. SMITH: yes, we are just doing Christmas this year.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE BANNERS FROM RILEIGHS ATA COST OF \$2,632.50 PLUS SHIPPING, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

MS. K. PETERSON: I am putting together a town wide yard sale for September 16th and 17th. We are going to try and get as many participants as possible. The sale would be in your own yard from 8 am to 2 pm. I will be putting out flyers with all this information on it. I would like to know who will participate so I can have a count.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.