

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE DEC. 6, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President S. Shurgot at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, present; JAMES FILIA, present; KAREN PETERSON, present for workshop but had to leave due to a family emergency; SANDRA SMITH, present; GREG JAKUB, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEVE SHURGOT, present. MAYOR JACK MASON was also present.

M. TRKULA / G. JAKUB TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOV. 1, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a notice from the Allegheny County Borough's Association on their annual banquet to be held at the Westin Convention Center on February 4, 2012.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. received a letter from the Wilmerding Fire Department asking Council to accept the newest members that have recently been voted in. They are John Krah, Andrew Krah and Anthony Krisher. All the background checks and child abuse clearances have been received and are within the acceptable limits. Also, the Line Officers for 2012-2014 are Chief Tom Hartzell, Asst. Chief Rick Mattis, Captain Erinn Smeltzer and Lieutenant Kris Cattau.

J. FILIA / S. SMITH TO ACCEPT THE NEW MEMBERS AND APPROVE THE LINE OFFICERS FOR 2012-2014. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - J. FILIA: for the month of November Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 44 calls. They had 29 transports and their average response time for emergency calls was 5.96 minutes and for non-emergency calls it was 8.2 minutes.

For the month of November the fire department had 20 calls, 2 training sessions and 2 community details. They were assisted by other companies 6 times and assisted other companies 3 times.

The Chief will now give the police report.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: there were 178 calls in November with 8 arrests. A summary of the calls were 2 assaults, 2 burglary calls, 4 criminal mischief, 3 disorderly conduct, 10 domestics, 1 drug investigation, 3 juvenile related calls, 7 suspicious activity, 3 suspicious persons and 6 traffic accidents.

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MS. S. SMITH: what is going on with the Sport's Page. There is activity going on there.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: the LCE is aware of this. What from I understand they are giving the beer away. There is not much else that we can do.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - D. MILLER: everyone has received my report and I will answer any questions.

PUBLIC WORKS - G. JAKUB: we have stopped picking up the leaves and we are in the process of getting ready for winter. One vehicle is back in the shop to correct a problem and the other vehicle is set up for winter. Wall Borough is storing the salt for us until we can build our own. We are keeping our back hoe in Wall to load the salt.

ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND: there was a second manhole in the WABTEC parking lot that needed to be done. The low bid was from Lawson Excavating for \$7,500.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO AWARD THE SECOND MANHOLE PROJECT AT THE WABTEC PARKING LOT TO THE LOW BIDDER, LAWSON EXCAVATING, FOR \$7,500. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-1, WITH G. JAKUB OPPOSED.

COG REPORT - G. JAKUB: there was no meeting this month due to Thanksgiving. Our next meeting will be on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: last month we prepared an ordinance amending the Earned Income Tax Ordinance which will take effect on Jan. 1, 2012 and how it is to be collected. These changes were needed to update the ordinance according to Act 32. At this time we will conduct a public hearing on this ordinance to hear any comments from the citizens.

MRS. T. HICKMAN: who is going to enforce this ordinance. You have a difficult time enforcing it now.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: there is a means of collecting this.

MR. S. SHURGOT: under the new tax law the employee has to submit all the information to the employer so that the taxes can be deducted from their pay.

MS. S. SMITH: my employer is in Atlanta Georgia and they sent me the form to fill out.

J. THOMAS / G. JAKUB TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #721 TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OF ACT 32 EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2012. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PERSONNEL - J. FILIA: no report.

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FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / J. FILIA TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

J. THOMAS / G. JAKUB TO ADVERTISE THE 2012 BUDGET WHICH IS SET AT \$708,725 WITH THE TAX MILLAGE TO REMAIN AT 8 MILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

J. THOMAS / M TRKULA TO ADVERTISE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON DEC. 20, 2011 AT 7 P.M. TO ACT ON THE BUDGET AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: we have a lot of problems with our sewage system due to the age of it. We were overwhelmed with the cost and we had to borrow \$40,000 from the General Fund to cover these costs.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO INCREASE THE SURCHARGE BY \$.50. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: for the month of October Maiello collected \$1,211.95 in delinquent garbage and \$631.38 in delinquent real estate taxes. So far for the year they have collected a total of \$33,402.82 in delinquencies. For 2011 97% of the real estate taxes have been collected.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - M. TRKULA: the lights on the Wilmerding sign are smashed. The light in the fire department garage are fixed. We have a problem with the traffic signals on the other side of town.

MR. S. SHURGOT: are we going to repair the lights at the sign.

MR. J. THOMAS: we are getting proposals. It was recommended that we put the lights in so they shine down on the sign. It was recommended that we do not put any new bulbs in the lights.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: the children's Christmas party will be held this Saturday at Holy Angels Church from 1-3 p.m.. We will have a magician, face painting and pictures with Santa.

TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE - J. THOMAS: Keystone Collections is our collector for the Earned Income Tax and also the delinquents. This is new to everyone and the employer does most of the work. They are also collecting our Local Services Tax.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: the reorganization meeting is usually held on the first Monday in January, but due to the holiday it will be on Tuesday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The swearing in of the new members will take place at 6 p.m. The reorganization meeting is at 6:30 p.m. which will be followed by the regular meeting.

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MAYOR'S REMARKS - J. MASON: no remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.