

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, present; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, absent; SANDRA SMITH, present; JOHN MASON, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR DOMINIC PARISI was also present.

S. SMITH / J. MASON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

MR. T. FRYDRYCH, WELSH AVENUE: there is a truck parked in the parking lot on Station Street with ladders extending over the sidewalk. Someone is going to walk right into them. Is there anything that you can do.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we gave the Chief some pictures last month about that truck.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a request from Frank Tylka, Tax Collector, to appoint Patricia Tylka as Deputy Tax Collector.

J. MASON / S. SMITH TO APPOINT PATRICIA TYLKA AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. the Police Pension CD is up for renewal. I would like to recommend that we renew it for six months at \$120,000 and deposit \$5,000 into the Police Pension Savings Account.

J. THOMAS / REV. D. REEVES TO RENEW THE POLICE PENSION CD FOR SIX MONTHS AT \$120,000 AND TO DEPOSIT \$5,000 INTO THE POLICE PENSION SAVINGS ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

3. received a request for a handicap sign at 446 Airbrake Avenue.

M. TRKULA / J. MASON TO GRANT A HANDICAP SIGN FOR 446 AIRBRAKE AVENUE.

MS. S. SMITH: do they have to show that the physician signed the application.

MR. J. HARTZELL: in order to get the placard they physician has to sign the application that is submitted to PennDOT.

MS. S. SMITH: is there any proof that the placard belongs to them. Do we ask to show the wallet card.

CHIEF V. DICENZO: our traffic officer reviews the application and they have to show the placard and the wallet card to see if the numbers match.

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S. SMITH / J. MASON TO HAVE THE APPLICANT FOR A HANDICAP SIGN TO SHOW PROOF BY PRODUCING THE PLACARD AND WALLET CARD. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

4. received three quotes for the replacement of the inlet at Airbrake and Miller. The low quote was received from Lawson Excavating for \$3,400.

M. TRKULA / J. MASON TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO LAWSON EXCAVATING FOR THE LOW BID OF \$3,400. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

5. received a notice from the Allegheny County Borough's Association on their General Membership Meeting to be held on May 3rd. There is no cost for the delegate and the alternate to attend but anyone else the cost would be \$40.

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

6. we have an ordinance entering into an agreement with other municipalities of the Turtle Creek COG for the establishment of a Joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals as required by the Uniform Construction Code and hereby dissolving the Wilmerding Borough Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals.

MR. N. EVASHAVIK: the UCC Board will consist of five members with the following qualifications, a registered architect or a builder with at least ten years of experience; a structural or architectural engineer; a design profession with mechanical or plumbing engineering experience; a registered electrical engineer and a design professional with fire protection engineering experience. There would be no cost to the borough. At this time I will entertain any questions from the audience.

MR. H. SLACZKA, CARD AVE.: would this new governing body supercede the Planning Commission.

MR. N. EVASHAVIK: no, it is completely different. This board is set up to hear appeals based on the building official denying them a permit or variance.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1016 ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TURTLE CREEK COG FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

7. a resolution setting fees for the tax collector to impose for tax certifications and for providing duplicates. The new fee for a tax certification would be \$25 and for duplicates is \$2.

S.. SMITH / J. THOMAS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

8. received a letter from the George Westinghouse Days informing the members of Council and the Mayor that the first meeting will be on Tuesday April 17th at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the castle. The festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 8th and 9th.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - M. TRKULA: for the month of March Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 59 calls with the average response time for emergencies 7.4 minutes and for non-emergencies 10.05 minutes. For the first quarter they had 166 calls with an average response for emergencies of 6.6 minutes and for non-emergencies 9.1 minutes.

For the month of March the fire department responded to 14 calls expending 34 man-hours. They had 2 training sessions and 1 work detail. One person is attending classes at the fire academy, 2 are taking essentials at Westmoreland Community College, 4 are taking classes on structure burn and 3 are taking classes for structural collapse.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: we responded to 213 calls for March and made 3 arrests. We are stepping up our checks at the churches and the parks.

MR. S. SHURGOT: a gentleman had a question concerning he trucks with the ladders in the parking lot.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: Officer Slivka tagged some of the and he also talked to the drivers of the trucks. Since they are on private property there is nothing we can do. We have to wait until they get out on the road.

MR. J. THOMAS: when you write up a 979 complaint. Does it automatically send up a flag that there have been three incidents at that residence.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: no. I don't know how you keep track of them.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I believe that Louise has a list of how many complaints there were for each particular residence.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - S. SHURGOT: everyone should have a copy of Dave's report.

PUBLIC WORKS - J. MASON: progress is being made on getting the town cleaned up. We started here in the borough building and now we are getting the grass and weeds cut. Everyone criticizes us on what we don't do, but they should also recognize the guys on a job well done.

125 Watkins has been demolished and they are working on 418 Westinghouse.

COG REPORT - J. MASON: there are two issues that they are pushing. One is blight and the other one is abandoned property. Dave and I will be attending a seminar on blight tomorrow.

UTILITIES - REV. D. REEVES: there is water running down Clara Street and Mike will take a look at it tomorrow. I also received information from the PUC on how to get a reduction in your electric bill.

SOLICITOR - N. EVASHAVIK: we have ordered a title search for the vacation of Water Alley.

PERSONNEL - S. SMITH: we will discuss the handbook at our workshop.

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FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

The new Tax Collector submitted his first report and he collected \$7,228.74 for the 2012 real estate taxes.

MS. S. SMITH: Frank Tylka mentioned that he wanted space in the building to collect the taxes. The space that he wanted is occupied.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we can rent him space in the building if he wants it.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: the Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday with registration at 10:30 a.m. in the park. The Women's Club has offered their services to help with this project.

Dumpsters will be here the weekend of April 20-22 for the town clean up.

PLANNING - REV. D. REEVES: at our last meeting we had Mr. Ed Deenihan, from the Zoning Board, to talk to us about their objectives and any input they could share with us.

TAX COLLECTION - J. THOMAS: with the new way that they are collecting wage tax in 2012, we have noticed an increase in the amount of revenue we are seeing. Keystone Collections, the Allegheny County Southeast Tax Collector, make direct deposits into our checking account. They collect both the earned income tax and the local services tax. Now that the employer has to collect these taxes they are submitting them more frequently. Last year at the end of the first quarter we received nothing in earned income tax and the first quarter for this year we already have received \$10,947. For the local services tax last year for the first quarter we received \$1,499 and for the first quarter this year we have received \$5,411.

We also received extra income in the first quarter, when we need it before the taxes come in, from the people who took advantage of the discount on garbage collection if they paid in advance. We received \$40,000 this year compared to \$24,000 last year.

Our delinquent collector has collected \$680.37 in delinquent garbage and \$2,874.60 in delinquent real estate taxes for the previous month.

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. PARISI: I would like to commend our guys for a wonderful job they did on the floors. The hallway and the council chambers look better than they ever have.

I talked to Jeff at the Shiring Agency, who manages our building, and asked him about the corner of the sidewalk where it is all broken apart. He said that he would look into this.

Sandy, what is the latest on the picnic.

MS. S. SMITH: we are still discussing this. Mr. Parisi would like to add a picnic as an annual event.

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MAYOR D. PARISI: in the business district, Westinghouse - Herman and Station Streets, trees were planted there and at one point they were taken out but the stumps are still there. Now the stumps are raising the sidewalk up. Who is responsible for them, the businesses or the borough.

MR. J. MASON: the only way you can stop it from rising is to take the stumps out.

MR. S. SHURGOT: it is not an easy fix, the roots will still be there. We would have to take the blocks out and put some landscape timber down and plant flowers.

MAYOR D. PARISI: can we put a trash can by the bench next to the Family Center. There is a lot of trash there and it is right in the middle of town.

MR. J. THOMAS: I know the people from the Family Center clean it up every so often. Pastor Reed put the bench down there. Maybe you want to talk to him about that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.