

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE DEC. 4, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:45 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

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

M. TRKULA / J. MASON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOV. 13, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MR. P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.: is that all the Christmas decorations you are going to put up.

MR. S. SHURGOT: yes, the banners that were on the poles last year are around the park. The wires were taken down on the poles and we would need permission from Duquesne Light to put any lights on the poles. They are also going to charge a fee to put them up, I believe that the first one is \$150 and any ones after that are \$75.

MS. S. SMITH: maybe this is something that the Utility Committee and Planning Committee can work on for next year.

MR. N. McCARRELL, STATION ST.: I don't understand why you do not apply for any grants.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we do. We received a \$300,000 grant for sewers, we received a grant from Duquesne Light to do the lights in the park and the Wilmerding Sign and we also received grants for demolition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - M. TRKULA: for the month of November the fire department responded to 23 calls. They had 2 training sessions and 1 community detail.

For the month of November Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 43 calls with 30 of them transports. The average response time for emergencies was 6.26 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 8.75 minutes.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: for the month of November there were 188 calls with 10 arrests. Some of the calls were as follows: 4 animal complaints, 1 assault, 4 burglaries, 3 criminal mischief, 3 disorderly conduct, 8 domestics, 5 drug investigations, 3 public intoxications, 7 thefts and 2 warrants served.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - S. SHURGOT: everyone has received a copy of his report. He issued several citations for property maintenance and occupancy and rental permits.

MR. J. THOMAS: Louise asked if the Code Office can get a digital camera. Also, she is still having issues with the printer and it is going through a lot of ink.

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PUBLIC WORKS - J. MASON: all the equipment is ready for winter. All of the salt from last year has been delivered and we still haven't received any bids on the gate for the salt shed.

ENGINEER - D. GLENN: I gave my report at the workshop.

MR. S. SHURGOT: Don, can you get us a cost, per foot, on how much it would cost to pave the streets. We need to start looking at doing some of the streets.

MR. D. GLENN: if you give me the names of the streets that you want paved I can figure out a cost for you. All of the streets would be different due to the fact how much milling is involved and the thickness of the paving material.

COG REPORT - J. MASON: no report.

UTILITIES - REV. D. REEVES: there are about three or four street lights out on Station Street and Duquesne Light is working on the problem.

PLANNING COMMISSION - REV. D. REEVES: we discussed the items from the meeting with Compass Bank to make Wilmerding more attractive to people. We also discussed Marcellus Shale and the money that is out there for drilling. We have no property available for this.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I gave my report at the workshop.

PERSONNEL - S. SMITH: no report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

MR. J. THOMAS: everyone has a copy of the 2013 proposed budget. It is a balanced budget of \$779,815.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO ADVERTISE THE 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: along with the proposed budget there will be no tax increase. The millage will stay the same at 8 mills.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO ADVERTISE THE 2013 TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: we received a proposal from North Versailles for police protection. It would be a three year contract starting Jan. 1, 2013 and ending Dec. 31, 2015. The first year the cost would be \$205,937, the second year it is \$220,353 and for the third year it is \$235,777.

J. THOMAS / REV. D. REEVES TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED THREE YEAR CONTRACT FROM NORTH VERSAILLES FOR POLICE PROTECTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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J. THOMAS / J. MASON TO HAVE COG PUT OUT THE BID FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 18 SPRAGUE STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - K. PETERSON: no report.

RECREATION - S. SMITH: the Children's Christmas party will be held this Saturday December 8th from 1 to 3 pm at Holy Angels Church.

OLD BUSINESS

Last month there was a request for a handicap sign for 400 Westinghouse Avenue, Just Right Ministries. We did not know exactly where he wanted to put it. He has not inquired about the sign on why it has not been put up yet.

MR. S. SHURGOT: send him a letter and ask him to be here at our Dec. 18th meeting. Tell him that he cannot put cones or chairs on the street to reserve a parking space.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. PARISI: I was asked if we could return trick or treating on Halloween from 6-8 pm. A lot of people did not know the time was changed.

MR. S. SHURGOT: it was a last minute thing due to the storm. We did not what the kids to go out in that kind of weather.

The meeting on Dec. 18th will be for general business and it will start at 7 pm. We will meet with the Fire Department at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.