

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Stephen Shurgot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I would like to observe a moment of silence at this time in honor of our former Mayor, Dominick Pomposelli, who has just passed away.

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.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a notice for the Fall Conference at Seven Springs to be held from Sept. 27th to Sept. 30th.

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

2. Received a letter from St. Jude Church requesting permission to block of Westinghouse Avenue from Clara St. to Florence Avenue for their annual street fair to be held from July 5th to the 7th. They are also requesting police protection during that time.

MS. S. SMITH: do we provide police protection.

MR. S. SHURGOT: no, we just ask them to stop in during their patrol.

MAYOR D. PARISI: they come in and out during their patrol.

S. SMITH / M. TRKULA TO GRANT THEIR REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF WESTINGHOUSE AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

3. Received a request for a handicap sign for 324 Commerce Street. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted.

MS. S. SMITH: at our April meeting the Chief said that we should ask for their card to show that the sign is for them.

MR. J. HARTZELL: she did present it.

MR. M. TRKULA: we should also be notified when they move out so we can remove it.

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S. SMITH / J. MASON TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR A HANDICAP SIGN FOR 324 COMMERCE STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - M. TRKULA: the Fire Department responded to 23 calls. They assisted other companies 11 times and they were assisted by other companies 22 times. They have two members who are attending the state certified structure burn class. Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 43 calls in June with 29 transports. The average response time for emergencies was 6.9 minutes and for non-emergencies 8.2 minutes. For the six months they responded to 307 calls with 226 transports. The average response time for emergencies was 6.95 minutes and for non-emergencies 8.44 minutes. The police chief is on vacation and he submitted a partial report through 11 am on June 29th. So far for the month there were 222 calls with 6 arrests. He will give us a full report when he returns.

PUBLIC WORKS - J. MASON: the guys needed a new weed whacker so I told them to go ahead and buy one.

MS. S. SMITH: Senator Brewster's office will be here on Tuesdays in July. Do you think our guys can clean up a little.

ENGINEER - D. GLENN: the electric in the park is complete but it has not been inspected and approved. There will be no invoice until it meets your satisfaction.

MS. S. SMITH: they missed the target date of June 1st. Can we deduct that from their invoice.

MR. M. TRKULA: we did not specify that in the contract.

MR. D. GLENN: bids will be opened at the COG office in August for the demolition of 715 Middle Avenue, 14 and 18 Sprague Street.

We have not receive a quote from LE Electric for the lighting at the WILMERDING sign. I requested a quote from BC Electric and I have not received one from them either.

Your current garbage contract is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2012. You do have 4 option years if you would like to extend it. This year the price is \$9.47 per unit per month. The rate for 2013 would be \$9.75 per unit per month. If you do not exercise the option year you would have to advertise for a new contract.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO EXERCISE THE OPTION YEAR WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR 2013 AT A RATE OF \$9.75 PER UNIT PER MONTH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO CONTINUE THE DISCOUNT TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENT ON THEIR GARBAGE BILL. THEY WOULD PAY \$130 BY THE END OF JANUARY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

We have several resolutions for CD grants. I will read one resolution which will cover all of the applications for the CD grants. The grants are for \$32,000, \$55,000, \$60,000, \$380,000, and \$400,000.

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M. TRKULA / S. SMITH TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CD GRANTS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COG REPORT - J. MASON: there wasn't much to discuss at the meeting. One gentleman said he had a solution to the problems with the Parkway.

UTILITIES - REV. D. REEVES: everyone received a letter from ALCOSAN and what they are planning to do

MR. D. GLENN: you are a participating member and you are in compliance with the consent order.

MS. S. SMITH: Joe, what happened with the bids for the electric.

MR. J. HARTZELL: we signed a new contract which won't take effect until May 2013. The new price for the electric to this building will be .0552 and the contract is for three years.

PLANNING - REV. D. REEVES: we did not have a meeting in June and we will not meet until August.

The block party was a success and the neighbors seemed to enjoy the evening.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: we prepared a mortgage satisfaction for Alesia Keller at 344 Station Street. This is for the townhouses across the street and the borough held a second mortgage on the property. If the tenant resided there for more than ten years then she would not have to pay the borough back any money. She has lived there for twelve years and we prepared the proper paperwork for her to acknowledge the payment of the mortgage.

M. TRKULA / J. MASON TO RATIFY THE MORTGAGE SATISFACTION FOR 344 STATION STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: we attended a hearing downtown on an appeal filed by Sean Kerrigan. We were successful in defending that appeal and the citation was upheld for \$300.

We also attended another hearing for 710 Middle Avenue and John Thomas and Jack Mason also testified on the borough's behalf. The Judge denied his appeal and now he has thirty days to file an appeal to the next level. He told us as he was leaving that he was going to Federal Court with this.

PERSONNEL - S. SMITH: I would like to hire Noel McCarrell for the summer. He has passed the drug screening and we can start him on Thursday since tomorrow is a holiday.

S. SMITH / REV. D. REEVES TO HIRE NOEL MCCARRELL FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AT A RATE OF \$7.25 PER HOUR.

MR. M. TRKULA: I never received a copy of his application.

MS. S. SMITH: he put his application in after our last meeting and he put one in earlier in the year.

MR. M. TRKULA: he is an older gentleman, what happens if he doesn't work out.

REV. D. REEVES: if he doesn't work out then we can consider another employee.

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MR. M. TRKULA: I thought we were going to hire four people for the summer.

MR. J. THOMAS: we only budgeted \$6,000 for summer help.

MS. S. SMITH: we cannot justify hiring four people.

MR. J. MASON: he cannot fulfill his obligation of the hours. He can only work four hours a day.

MS. S. SMITH: we hired for the position not the hours.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO HIRE NOEL MCCARRELL FOR THE SUMMER, 5-1 WITH M. TRKULA OPPOSED.

J. MASON / TO HIRE JONATHAN TRKULA FOR THE SUMMER AT \$7.25 PER HOUR.

THERE WAS NO SECOND SO THE MOTION DIED.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS: so far 83.7% of the real estate tax has been collected.

For the past month Maiello collected \$625.14 in delinquent garbage and \$3,873.18 in delinquent real estate taxes. Since they started collecting our delinquents they have collected for us \$92,816.21.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MR. J. THOMAS: the air conditioner is not working downstairs in the recreation room.

J. THOMAS / J. MASON TO BUY A NEW AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE RECREATION ROOM NOT TO EXCEED \$600. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. M. TRKULA: can a boat that is hooked up to a truck park on the street.

MR. S. SHURGOT: according to our ordinance that are not allowed to be parked on the street.

MS. S. SMITH: if it is going to be moved within 24hours there shouldn't be a problem. If it is there any longer then it has to be removed.

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MR. S. SHURGOT: in May the Fan Club presented plans and we verbally hired a third party company, CEA Code Enforcement, to review the plans. I would like to hire them as our third party inspector's to review any plans in the future.

M. TRKULA / S. SMITH TO HIRE CEA CODE ENFORCEMENT AS OUR THIRD PARTY INSPECTOR FOR PLAN REVIEW. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MR. S. SHURGOT: since we are having a night out in the park the same day as our meeting, what time do you want to start. Is 6 pm okay.

S. SMITH / REV. D. REEVES TO START THE AUGUST MEETING AT 6 PM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

MS. S. SMITH: can the public works stop throwing salt to kill the grass and weeds. They are putting by the trees and it is killing them.

MR. M. TRKULA: we do not put any salt by the trees. It keeps the weeds and grass from growing at the Tonaluka Club. We are not going to go up there every month to cut it.

MR. S. SHURGOT: I don't care who owns the property, we need to make sure our town keeps looking good

S. SMITH / J. THOMAS TO NO LONGER USE SALT TO KILL THE GRASS AND WEEDS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-1, WITH M. TRKULA VOTING NO.

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. PARISI: thanks to Representative Paul Costa, the graffiti has been removed from Patton Street.

Some of the residents are complaining that the whistle is too loud.

Is there anything that we can do about the yield sign coming down Fifth Avenue to go across the bridge. Cars are ignoring it and there is going to be an accident there.

MR. M. TRKULA: that yield sign belongs to the county. You would have to talk to them about that.

MR. D. PARISI: can we get a copy of Act 43.

In the 400, 500 and 600 blocks of Middle Avenue the sidewalks are deteriorating. Can we notify the owner to repair their sidewalks.

There is a problem with parking on Airbrake Avenue. We need to paint the parking space lines.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.