

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: MICHAEL TRKULA, present; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; SANDRA SMITH, absent; JOHN MASON, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR DOMINIC PARI SI WAS ALSO PRESENT.

M. TRKULA / D. REEVES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEB. 7, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

MRS. S. ZIBRAT, AIRBRAKE AVE.: last month you discussed the buildings that are going to be demolished and you told us that they would done by the end of the month. It is now March and nothing was done. Do you know when they are going to start the demolition.

MR. S. SHURGOT: they told us that we are next on the list.

MRS. S. ZIBRAT: what about 715 Middle Avenue. Is that going to be demolished.

MR. DAVE MILLER: I talked to Mrs. Keefer, who is in Florida, and told her that her house is not on the list to be demolished. I told her that someone broke into the house and it needs boarded up. She told me that she will be back in April and that she will have it demolished.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. received a letter from the Turtle Creek Valley COG about the conference at Seven Springs. They are hosting a hospitality room and are asking for a donation.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO DONATE \$50 TO COG FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY ROOM AT SEVEN SPRINGS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

2. received a request for a handicap sign for 618 Lydia Street. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted, which you have a copy of.

K. PETERSON / J. MASON TO GRANT A HANDICAP SIGN FOR 618 LYDIA STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

3. received a request for a handicap sign for 139 Watkins Ave. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted, which you have a copy of.

K. PETERSON / J. MASON TO GRANT A HANDICAP SIGN FOR 139 WATKINS AVE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

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MR. M. TRKULA: the spreader is still on the truck. Once we take that off then we hook up the compressor and install the signs. It may be a few weeks.

4. received a letter from Turtle Creek COG asking us if we want to participate in the vector program. If you opt in the rate is \$700 a day and if you opt out it is \$875 a day. The agreement calls for 15 days of vector service.

MR. J. THOMAS: there is no way that we can justify spending that amount of money.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO OPT OUT OF THE VACTOR PROGRAM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

5. received a notice that the polling place for district one has been moved to the fireman's recreation room on the first floor of the borough building for the April 24th primary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - M. TRKULA: for the month of February Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 58 calls and 38 were transports. The average response time for emergencies was 6.06 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 8.05 minutes.

For the month of February the fire department responded to 21 calls. There were 2 training sessions and 2 work details. Currently 1 member is taking essentials at the fire academy. Nine members attended a certified class on carbon monoxide emergencies.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: for the month of February the police responded to 157 calls and there were 5 arrests. A breakdown of some of the calls were 3 assaults, 1 burglary, 2 criminal mischief, 4 domestics, 4 juvenile related calls, 2 missing persons, 5 parking complaints, 3 public intoxication, 5 suspicious persons, 1 terroristic threat and 4 traffic accidents.

FIRE MARSHALL/ CODE ENFORCEMENT- D. MILLER: everyone has a copy of my report and I will entertain any questions. The rental license fees are coming in and they have until the end of the month to submit them or they will pay the late fee.

PUBLIC WORKS - J. MASON: we are going to hold off on the salt bin and time clock for now.

ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND: I met with the contractor for the electric in the park to review the work items and to discuss any additional work that may be possible. Since we are dealing with co-stars the contractor has withdrawn and now we have to put it out to bid.

MR. J. THOMAS: can you contact Mr. Mike Smith about the electric in the park. I believe that he put it in and he can show you where they put in the conduit.

MR. D. GILLILAND: the CD demolition project should be started March 9th. While cleaning the sewer that runs through WABCO a buried manhole was discovered. This

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manhole is needed for access due to the heavy amount of debris encountered. We requested three quotes to raise the manhole lid and we received two back. The lowest quote came from Lawson Excavating for \$1,500.00. The other quote was from Soli Construction for \$2,250.00.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO AWARD THE MANHOLE RAISING IN WABCO TO LAWSON EXCAVATING FOR \$1,500. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COG REPORT - J. THOMAS: there was no meeting because of the annual banquet. At the banquet Sandy spoke to Rich Fitzgerald about the transportation problem and she told them that a lot of residents depend on the buses. He told her to contact Governor Corbett and express to him that public transportation is vital to Wilmerding.

UTILITIES - REV. D. REEVES: there is a street light out at Clara Street and Bank Way.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I have reviewed the ordinance and agreement on a joint UCC Appeals Board with COG. Our office did some work on this and everything seems to be in order.

K. PETERSON / D. REEVES TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE FOR THE UCC APPEALS BOARD. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PERSONNEL: no report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

BOROUGH PROPERTY - K. PETERSON: we received a notice that the Allegheny County Health Department has free smoke detectors to owner-occupied homes which have no smoke detectors or ones that are too old. To schedule an installation residents should call the County Health Department.

RECREATION - J. THOMAS: the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 7th with registration beginning at 10:30 am in the park.

PLANNING - REV. D. REEVES: we discussed the problems with the creek and the potential of flooding. At our meeting we had Bob Zischkau, from Glenn Engineering, talk about stormwater management. We also told him about the trees that are growing out of the walls. We asked if there was any grant money available to cut the trees down. He told us that there is no money available anywhere.

MR. J. THOMAS: when we met with the Army Corps of Engineers they told us that the trees are not affecting the water flow but the roots may crack the concrete. It is difficult to get the necessary permits to do anything in the creek. Since the flood control was put in there has never been an overflow of the water and the Corps of Engineers is not concerned.

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REV. D. REEVES: he also told us that there is no change in the rate for flood insurance.

TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE - J. THOMAS: Keystone Collections is now collecting our wage tax and the local services tax. They are also making direct deposit into our account.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MR. S. SHURGOT: our Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA which means that assistance is available.

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. PARISI: I would like to commend Dave Miller who has one of the most important jobs in the borough.

I received a call from R Place Homemade that the house next to them is in bad shape.

MR. D. MILLER: the homeowner has been cited.

MR. D. PARISI: the entrance to Bank Alley from Clara Street, the sidewalk is all torn up and it is a muddy mess. Can we get someone to fix that. The garbage trucks back down that alley to empty the dumpsters. Would they be responsible to fix it.

I also would like to commend Sandy Smith on a great job she does with her committees. I want to suggest to her about having our first picnic in the park. I feel that this would bring people closer together.

MR. S. SHURGOT: a few years ago we tried to have an Oktoberfest in the park and it didn't work out. We have the National Night Out festivities in the park which is very well attended.

MS. G. HOMITZ: we are going to have the George Westinghouse Days again this year inside the Castle. It will be June 8th and 9th.

MR. J. MASON: I forgot to mention this under my report. We are going to have our summer equipment serviced so it will be ready.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.