

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE OCT. 2, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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 SEPT. 4, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MS. S. SMITH: I have a correction to the minutes. The minutes said that the personnel was looking at making a public works supervisor and we were thinking about moving Brandon into that position. I said that we are going to look at making a supervisor position and that we would discuss this at our workshop. If we decide to go with a supervisor then we would talk to both employees.

M. TRKULA / J. MASON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. There will be a flu clinic here at the borough building on Tuesday Oct. 9th from 10 am to 12:30 pm.

2. The police pension CD is up for renewal. I would recommend that we renew it for \$100,000 for six months and put the rest of the money in the savings account. There is not much difference in interest between the two.

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO RENEW THE POLICE PENSION CD FOR \$100,000 FOR SIX MONTHS AND TO PUT THE REMAINING MONEY FROM THE CD INTO THE POLICE PENSION SAVINGS ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

3. Received a letter from the C.I.A.C. asking assistance to rectify another boundary issue. They would like to combine parcels 546-B-357 and 546-B-359 into one parcel. This is the same situation that Council helped us correct for the Caldwell Station Apartments. They will pay all the necessary fees.

MR. G. EVASHAVIK: in order to combine the two parcels Council must approve this and the Engineer has to verify that the assessment is correct.

J. THOMAS / M. TRKULA TO HAVE THE ENGINEER REVIEW THE ASSESSMENTS AND IF THEY ARE CORRECT TO GRANT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWO PARCELS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

4. Received a letter from the Fire Department asking Council to accept two new members, Kathy Taylor and Zabrena Comer. Background checks and child abuse clearances have been received.

M. TRKULA / J. THOMAS TO ACCEPT KATHY TAYLOR AND ZABRENA COMER AS MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HAVE THEM CONTACT THE MAYOR TO BE SWORN IN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - M. TRKULA: for the month of September the fire department responded to 17 calls. They had 3 training sessions and they assisted by other companies 11 times. There are 5 members taking a structure burn class at WCCC and 7 members taking a firefighter 1 prep class.

For the month of September Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 43 calls with 32 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 6.96 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 8.55 minutes. For the third quarter they had 169 calls with 119 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 8.1 minutes. Through 3/4 of the year they responded to 476 calls with 345 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 8.15 minutes.

There were a lot of companies that responded to the structure fire on Third Street and everyone worked well together.

The Chief will give his report.

CHIEF V. DiCENZO: for the month of September there were 207 calls and 11 arrests. A summary of some of the calls were: 8 animal and dog complaints, 2 assaults, 5 criminal mischief, 2 disorderly conducts, 11 domestics, 5 drug investigations, 5 juvenile related calls, 2 public intoxication, 6 suspicious activities, 2 terroristic threats and 5 traffic accidents.

PUBLIC WORKS - J. MASON: the roof on the salt bin will be put on starting October 12th. It will take about 4 to 5 days to complete.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - D. GLENN: report was given at the workshop.

COG REPORT - J. MASON: report was given earlier in the workshop.

UTILITIES - REV. D. REEVES: report was given at the workshop.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: report was given at the workshop.

PERSONNEL - S. SMITH: no report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

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

MR. J. THOMAS: I would like to continue the discount on garbage collection for next year. If the bill is paid in full for the year by Jan. 31st it would cost \$130 instead of \$144. It would be a savings of \$14. This is only for anyone that is current with their bill. Anyone that is delinquent cannot participate.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO CONTINUE THE DISCOUNT ON GARBAGE COLLECTION TO ANYONE THAT IS CURRENT WITH THEIR BILL. THE BILL FOR NEXT YEAR MUST BE PAID BY JAN. 31ST. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MR. J. THOMAS: so far as of today the total real estate taxes collected for 2012 is \$269,258.76 which is 93.3% of the budget.

BOROUGH PROPERTY - K. PETERSON: I signed a contract to repair the Wilmerding sign and it should be done by next week.

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RECREATION - S. SMITH: we will have the costume judging during the fall fest on Saturday Oct. 27th. Registration will begin at 4 pm and the judging will start at 4:30 pm..

The fall fest will be on Saturday Oct. 27th from noon until 6 pm in the park. There will be a lineup of people performing. Rox Performance Academy in Monroeville will be providing the entertainment. We have contacted the churches and organizations to see if they would like to participate and any thing that they sell is profit for them. There will be food available, there will also be flu shot available and the police department will be doing children's fingerprinting.

PLANNING - REV. D. REEVES: we want to know that the funds we did not use this year in the budget if that can be carried over to next year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

J. MASON / J. THOMAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$15,700 FROM EVERYREADY CONTRACTING TO DO THE DEMOLITION OF 715 MIDDLE, 74 MORNINGSIDE AND 14 SPRAGUE STREET WITH THE BOROUGH'S SHARE BEING \$1,221. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$11,625 FROM LAWSON EXCAVATING TO DO STORM SEWER REPAIRS ON WOOD STREET AND ON STATION STREET. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MAYOR'S REMARKS - D. PARISI: I would like to follow up on the matter with Mrs. Meighan. I talked to Dave Miller and asked if it was feasible to send out a more tasteful letter to the citizens in good standing. He said he could not do that because it would discriminate between owners.

I helped Sandy distribute flyers for the Fall Fest.

I would like to thank the everyone who helped with the fire on Third Street. The fire department did an excellent job with the assistance from North Versailles, Pitcairn and Turtle Creek.

MR. J. THOMAS: when Turtle Creek was up here they had their ladder truck and they helped us put the flag up on the island by the credit union. I would like to send a thank you letter to Chief Jack Osmond for their help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.