

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE DEC. 15, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Sandra Smith at 7:10 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: KAREN PETERSON, absent; REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; MICHAEL TRKULA, absent; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present; WILLIAM PRICENER, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; SANDRA SMITH, present. MAYOR HENRY SLACZKA was also present.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

None

REV. D. REEVES / W. PRICENER TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DEC. 1, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MAYOR H. SLACZKA: on page 4 of the minutes, Mr. Thomas said that everyone has received a copy of the proposed budget for 2016 and that it is a balanced budget of \$868,054. It should have said that the 2016 proposed budget was distributed to all the Councilmembers.

MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL WITH THE CHANGE, 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An ordinance setting the millage rate for 2016 at 10 mills.

MR. W. PRICENER: is it the same as this year.

MR. J. THOMAS: yes.

S. SHURGOT / J. THOMAS TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2016. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION – S. SHURGOT: we had 43 people at the children’s Christmas party.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS: the WABTEC agreement was supposed to be done by Dec. 18th but Nick has not heard from their attorney.

MS. S. SMITH: we told them that we want to be independent from the school and suggested a five year payback plan.

J. THOMAS / W. PRICENER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2016 BALANCED BUDGET OF \$868,054.

MR. S. SHURGOT: is there an increase in wages for our employees.

MR. J. THOMAS: there is a three percent increase in the wages.

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MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE 2016 BUDGET, 5-0.

W. PRICENER / J. THOMAS TO GIVE OUR EMPLOYEES A BONUS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST AND ALSO TO GIVE A BONUS TO OUR FIRE MARSHALL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

J. THOMAS / W. PRICENER TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

MS. S. SMITH: the Green Grocer is here every Friday and I would like to purchase some yard signs from B3 Marketing to advertise this.

W. PRICENER / REV. D. REEVES TO PURCHASE FOUR YARD SIGNS TO ADVERTISE FOR THE GREEN GROCER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

MS. S. SMITH: we have going to try and get one lane opened on Ice Plant Hill opened but there are no free barriers. In talking to Don Glenn we would need fifty-two inch barriers at \$180 each and we would need 12 of them. I am not sure about the delivery cost. Don has talked to George Thompson to have the County on site to set the barriers. We are looking at Dec. 22nd to do this project.

MR. S. SHURGOT: we are also going to need lighted stop signs.

W. PRICENER / S. SHURGOT TO APPROVE UP TO \$5,000 TO PURCHASE THE BARRIERS AND LIGHTED STOP SIGNS PLUS THE DELIVERY CHARGE WITH THE MONEY COMING OUT OF THE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT.

MR. J. THOMAS: has the County agreed to finance the project to open the road up completely.

MS. S. SMITH: they are waiting for a response from the school district.

MS. S. SMITH: in talks with North Versailles on the police contract we asked for a four or six month contract but the township said no, they wanted it for a year. Also, we then asked for a six month opt out clause but they did not include that in the agreement. I am not comfortable with the agreement without that clause. We also will be meeting with the County about police coverage but they could not start until Feb. 1st.

Discussion followed on whether to accept the contract as is or to include an opt out clause in the agreement. It was decided to include an addendum to the agreement that states "During the term of this agreement Wilmerding may cancel this agreement upon giving ninety (90) day notice to North Versailles."

S. SHURGOT / W. PRICENER TO SIGN THE POLICE CONTRACT WITH NORTH VERSAILLES WITH THE ADDENDUM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

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MS. S. SMITH: we met with COG to discuss their code enforcement program. If we go with COG we may be losing about \$5,000.

MR. S. SHURGOT: right now it costs us about \$36,000 for two code officers. If COG does it we have to give them twenty hours a week at a cost of about \$30,000 a year and they also will keep all the money that they collect. We get about \$11,000 in fines so our actual cost is \$25,000. I do not believe that we should do it at this time. I also talked to Al Hussey about being our BCO but he needs to take one more course to be certified.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.