

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE DEC. 16, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:05 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; WILLIAM PRICENER, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR HENRY SLACZKA was also present.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MR. J. THOMAS:** everyone has received a copy of the 2015 budget. I have not heard any comments about the budget which includes a 2 mill tax hike. The total balanced budget is \$879,370.

**J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO ADOPT THE 2015 BALANCED BUDGET OF \$879,370. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

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**J. THOMAS / W. PRICENER TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR 2015 AT 10 MILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

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**J. THOMAS / S. SMITH TO GIVE OUR THREE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND OUR ONE PART TIME EMPLOYEE A 3% RAISE WHICH IS REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET.**

**MR. M. TRKULA:** did you do a performance evaluation.

**MR. W. PRICENER:** we should have but we didn't.

**MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0, TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A THREE PERCENT RAISE.**

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**MR. J. THOMAS:** I talked to Keystone and they will print our tax bills at the same rate as last year.

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**J. THOMAS / W. PRICENER TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

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**W. PRICENER / REV. D. REEVES TO GIVE OUR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES A \$100 BONUS AND OUR PART TIME EMPLOYEE A \$50 BONUS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.**

**MR. M. TRKULA:** it has not been done every year. Last year we gave our full time employees, who were only here for four months, the same amount.

**MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0 TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A BONUS.**

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**RECREATION – S. SMITH:** we had about 50 people in attendance at our Christmas party for the kids. We had a chalk presentation and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

**MR. M. TRKULA:** how many kids were at the party?

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**MS. S. SMITH:** there were probably about twenty kids there but I did not do the registration so I don't know the exact number.

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**REV. D. REEVES:** Allegheny County is offering an improvement loan program for eligible low/moderate income homeowners through the Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program.

**MS. S. SMITH:** Compass also loans money to residents at a low rate.

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**BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. PETERSON:** I still have not heard from the door company on replacing the doors in the building.

**MR. J. THOMAS:** the door on Station Street, can we take all the glass out and put in a solid door. We can just leave the glass in on the sides for some light.

Woodland Hills School District has joined the Land Bank but Gateway School District still is undecided on what they are going to do.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** I have applied for a tax exempt number for the Wilmerding Community Days.

The LERTA Tax Ordinance was sent to the school district.

American Wire has informed us that their second building is going to be the old Westinghouse Printing Plant in Trafford.

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**MR. S. SMITH:** we are working on getting some electricity in that little triangle area by the credit union.

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**MAYOR H. SLACZKA:** have you decided if you are going to make Card Avenue one way.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** can you wait until winter is over.

**MAYOR H. SLACZKA:** I am concerned about the snow plowing. You can't push the snow to the curb because there are too many cars parked along the curb.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** which way would you want it to go?

**MAYOR H. SLACZKA:** whatever way is more productive.

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**MAYOR H. SLACZKA:** the people on the north side of town seem left out when we put up our Christmas decorations. There are some things in that little triangle but that is all they get. There was a redevelopment plan for the north side but they ran out of money.

I don't know how it affects the people who live in the townhouses across the street, but the train's park there and they blow their whistles.

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We need to get some type of bulletin board for the north side to put in that triangle.

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**MR. J. THOMAS:** are we going to change the meeting date to the second Tuesday in August due to National Night Out.

**MR. M. TRKULA:** are we going to have the night out. We do not seem to get many people to attend.

**MS. S. SMITH:** yes, we are going to have it the first Tuesday in August.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** I don't know if the Solicitor and Engineer can attend the meeting if it is the second Tuesday. They may have other meetings to attend.

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**MR. J. THOMAS:** I think that we need to have our zoning map done in color. Looking at it now you cannot tell the different zones. I believe that Dave said it would cost \$1,200 to do it in color.

**M. TRKULA / K. PETERSON TO HAVE THE ZONING MAP DONE IN COLOR. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.