

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: JOHN MARCOZ, present; TURNER SEIBLES, present; JOSEPH HARTZELL, present; STEVE VOLPE, present; LEAHMANDA BARNES, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; Mayor GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

L. BARNES/S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. We need to ratify an email vote that was done for the LSA resolutions. The first was for Municipal Building Handicap improvements in the amount of \$187,275.00. The second was for Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$418,746.00.

J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO APPROVE THE LSA RESOLUTIONS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

2. We need to approve the 2025 council meeting dates.

J. MARCOZ/S. VOLPE TO APPROVE THE 2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

3. This is year 4 of the 5-year rate increase for ALCOSAN. Effective January 1st of 2025 the wastewater treatment charge will increase \$.78 for every 1000 gallons used and the quarterly flat customer service charge will increase by \$1.64.
4. We received an increase from Evashavik Law, the hourly rate for 2025 will be \$160.00.

S. VOLPE/L. BARNES TO APPROVE THE INCREASE FOR EVASHAVIK LAW. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - T. SEIBLES: I have no reports.

CODE ENFORCEMENT -

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE- M. SNYDER: report attached.

J. HARTZELL: Can we see if she wants to work every day for like 4 hours a day or switch her days around just so people don't get used to her being here at a certain time?

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PUBLIC WORKS - J. MARCOZ: they have been cleaning up leaves, the couch on state has been removed, they're decorating the park and getting that ready for Saturday. Pastor Reed donated a bunch of lights for the park.

ENGINEER - B. BRANTHOVER- Just to touch on the LSA grant. The street reconstruction is for Marguerite from Westinghouse to Clara, and Westinghouse from Ice Plant to Station. Then the separate application for the ADA handicap improvements. The 2023 GEDTF grant we were approved for was for \$50,000 for inlet repairs. This was awarded to El Grande, and they should be starting mid-December. I have also contacted both Independent Enterprises and Peoples gas regarding the street openings. They have both responded and will be looking into the situation.

COG - J. HARTZELL: no meeting yet, it is a dinner meeting scheduled for next Thursday.

BOROUGH PROPERTIES/UTILITIES - S. VOLPE: I was wondering about the park, do they work? I noticed there are a lot of decorations that have fallen over, not sure if it was from the wind or the kids.

K. MAXWELL: they still need to stake everything down and the wind has been terrible the last few days.

G. JAKUB: all the cameras are working.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I have nothing to report.

FINANCE - J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO PAY BILLS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,660.94. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/S.VOLPE TO PASS THE 2025 BUDGET THAT WAS ADVERTISED AND THE MILAGE REMAINING AT 13. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO HAVE TAX BILLS PRINTED FROM KEYSTONE AT AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1000.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS: A few other figures for the year that have been collected. RAD - \$134,593.00, deed transfer - \$21,244.62, Earned Income - \$145,781.27, LST - \$14,794.47, Real Estate - \$404,996.49, Delinquent real estate - \$61,205.66, and delinquent garbage - \$36,443.59. In the new year we will owe a refund to McKeesport Rentals, the owner of the old Faller building, due to a reassessment that was done. It will be in the bills for January in the approximate amount of \$14,000.00. We have collected approximately 93% of our real estate tax for 2024.

RECREATION - L. BARNES: we will be giving all the children stockings from Santa. There will be cookies and things for the kids to decorate. We still need someone to be Santa, we will be donating \$100.00 to Westinghouse Arts so that the coffee and the hot chocolate will be free.

L. BARNES/S. VOLPE TO TRANSFER \$400.00 FOR RECREATION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

J. THOMAS: do we have any update on our roof?

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C. LANG: I contacted Likar again, just waiting for them to get back to me but the salt bin is fixed, and I ordered the first half of salt we need to take from our 2023-2024 contract. We need to take 120 tons. Dan Funk cleaned the area of debris and trimmed back some of the trees, but we may want to look at removing some of those, so this does not happen again. In 7 years, we have repaired the roof at least 3 times just from tree damage.

NEW BUSINESS: none

MAYORS REMARKS: **There** were 15 kids from the school that came out to help decorate. I want to thank Pastor Reed for his donation of lights. I want to thank Mr. Marcoz and public works for all their work, and Leahmanda for everything she has done.

J. HARTZELL: If anyone has old lights, they are getting rid of, you can drop them off at Level Green Community Building, they are collecting them for the Lion Club as part of project bundle up.

G. JAKUB: I heard that the police were going to do "stuff a cruiser" but I haven't heard any other details.

K. MAXWELL: **they** are calling for snow Wednesday into Thursday and there is a pothole forming in the bridge again.

C. LANG: **their** numbers have been updated with Monroeville dispatch and with the police directly. Monroeville dispatch will be contacting them directly so there will be a record of when they are called out. I will contact the Allegheny County and inform them of the bridge issue.

J. THOMAS MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:29.