

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Council met in an executive to discuss employees.

ROLL CALL: JOHN MARCOZ, absent; TURNER SEIBLES, present; JOE 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 OF THE MARCH 4, 2025, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. We need to ratify a vote to hire Nathan Grice at a rate of \$18.00 hr. with single party benefits and a review after 90 days.

J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO HIRE NATHAN GRICE AS SPECIFIED. MEMBERS VOTED 6-0.

- b. We received a quote from T&D to repair the leaf springs on the pick up at a cost of \$3196.00.

S. VOLPE/L. BARNES TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS TO THE PICK UP AT A COST OF \$3196.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

- c. We have received a handicap sign application for 246 Welsh Avenue and would like a general sign.

J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A HANDICAP SIGN AT 246 WELSH AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – T. SEIBLES: NO REPORTS RECEIVED

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

C. LANG: the house on Patton Street has finally been torn down, they are in the process of removing all of the debris and plan to have the lot cleared out by Thursday.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – M. SNYDER: report submitted

PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ: No report.

ENGINEER – B. BRANTHOVER: I assume we are still waiting on the contract for the LSA grant. The inlet replacement began, and they have had some issues. The inlet on Ice Plant has a gas line running in the same

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location and we were trying to figure out a solution, but it will cost more. I feel that we should hold off and try to get this funded off of a different grant.

J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO REMOVE THE INLET AT THE CORNER OF ICE PLANT HILL AND ADD IT ON TO A FUTURE GRANT. MEMBERS VOTE APPROVAL, 6-0.

B. BRANTHOOVER: the asbestos testing has been completed and Molly is looking for the legal clearances. Once we receive those the county will do their environmental reviews then we will be able to put this out for bid. We will need to have some discussion in the future once we open the bids. We will be adding the last 5 inlets and Ice Plant inlets onto the Small water & Sewer grant which has a minimum of \$30,000.00. We also have a GTRP grant open till the end of May. Last year we applied for fencing for Airbrake Park and fencing and moving the playground equipment at WCC. They made us choose one of those parks, so we need to decide if we want to try again for either of those.

J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO APPLY FOR FENCING ADDITION AND REPAIRS AT AIRBRAKE PARK. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COG – J. HARTZELL: the EPA grant from the Health Department has been cancelled. There was a code enforcement meeting at COG, not sure if Melissa went or even knew about it. They are still talking about collecting rubbish.

C. LANG: yes, we have filled out the questionnaire and I am trying to get some additional information from Bigs.

J. HARTZELL: they feel since they are a non-profit, they will be able to offer a lower rate. It is still in the planning stages though. They are still trying to decide where they are moving to.

BORO PROPERTIES/UTILITIES – S. VOLPE: There was a sewer problem on Marguerite Avenue and Caroline and Brad took care of that and had North Versailles come down and to do the repairs. I missed the roof issues.

C. LANG: that was fun, Triangle was here, had been on the roof doing repairs, and went to lunch when Likar showed up to do the repairs. I had contacted Likar to tell them we were going to proceed with another company since they would not give me a date for repair and then they both showed up on the same day.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: I was directed by Council to send the letter to Mr. Gambridge which was very specific in the amount of time they had to remove the structure and as you heard this situation has been taken care of.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS

J. THOMAS/ J. HARTZELL TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS FOR APRIL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0

J. THOMAS: all of the WABTEC property is now gone and owned by Wilmerding Warehouse LLC. A few updates for people, there was no tax collection the notices just went out, we have collected \$3,561.38 in delinquent real estate tax, \$1797.33 in delinquent garbage, \$12927.28 in RAD, \$13232.45 in deed transfer, \$13675.45 in EIT, and \$274.62 in LST.

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RECREATION– L. BARNES: I will need some assistance for the Easter event, and we are still looking for an Easter Bunny. I will also need Public Works to put some tables and a canopy. They will also need to clean up after the event. There are a few more things I want to purchase

OLD BUSINESS: nothing

NEW BUSINESS: nothing

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: The bridge lights are finally being worked on. They have replaced the boxes and wires and are waiting on an inspection which should be done next week. The clean up day is April 12th and we have some kids from the school and a few members from the community center. The dumpster will be located in the lower parking lot of the community center so we can chain off the lot.

S. VOLPE: do we have anyone to take tires?

G. JAKUB: not that I'm aware of.

L. BARNES MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING 7:33 P.M