

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 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.

**ROLL CALL: JOHN MARCOZ, present; TURNER SEIBLES, present; JOE HARTZELL, present; LEAHMANDA BARNES, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEVE VOLPE, present; KELLY MAXWELL. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB WAS ALSO present.**

**L. BARNES/S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025, MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:**

Gerald Dirks, 217 Card Avenue: I would like to thank Chief Farally, Officer Caruso, Mayor Jakub and Caroline for setting up the charging station and having a place for the community to go in their time of need. Please remember to check in on your neighbors, not just when something is wrong, but all the time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. We need to ratify the email vote to hire George Kresich at a rate of \$18.00/hr. with single party benefits after 90 days. George is in attendance tonight to introduce himself.

**S. VOLPE/ L. BARNES TO HIRE GEORGE KRESICH AS DISCUSSES. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

- b. Mayor Jakub issued a Declaration of Dister Emergency on April 30, 2025, as a result of the storm. Allegheny County had also issued a state of emergency. We had to have a piece of the fence at the Wilmerding Community Center removed as an emergency. This was leaning onto John Street and a danger to residents. Creative Enterprises completed that work at a cost of \$3900.00. We had also opened up the Recreation room for those residents without power. Chief Farally and Officer Caruso were able to get food and drinks set up for the approximately 127 residents without power. Power was finally restored to everyone by Saturday evening.

**S. VOLPE:** can we apply for a grant for the fence?

**C. LANG:** Once the county assesses all of the damage they will open up a portal for us to get reimbursed for the money we lost during that time. We can estimate gas for our fire trucks and generators as well as overtime for the employees and any other expenditure that we put out.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – T. SEIBLES:** no reports

**CODE ENFORCEMENT –** nothing

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - M. SNYDER:** report attached

**PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ:** you have all met George. He has only been with us for 2 days but he has done a lot in that time.

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**ENGINEER – B. BRANTHOOVER:** 2023 LSA grant was awarded for the VFD driveway and wall repairs. We received \$133,044.00 and will be working on the design options at this time. 2023 GEDTF was completed by El Grande for the replacement of 10 catch basins. 2024 GEDTF and KCI grants for demolition are moving forward. We have received the asbestos inspections and TCVCOG is waiting for the contract documents. While we wait, we are preparing specs and bid documents. PA Small water and Sewer Grant has been submitted for more inlet repairs. We will still be working off of the previous list with 18 to finish, you need to ratify the resolutions. We had planned to submit a 2025 GTRP grant for Airbrake Park by you may want to consider redirecting that to replace the fencing at the Wilmerding Community Center, and we visited the center to evaluate the concrete conditions of the pool. I have contracted a structural engineer and will follow up with this once we get a recommendation.

**J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO CHANGE OUR GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 GTRP GRANT AND REMOVE AIRBRAKE PARK AND ADD FENCING AT WILMERDING COMMUNITY CENTER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**L. BARNES/T. SEIBLES TO RATIFY RESOLUTION FOR THE PA SWSG GRANT FOR INLET REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,767.75. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**COG – J. HARTZELL:** We did not have a quorum. COG is moving to Oxford Drive soon, and I was told that Reconnect Communities is on hold. The next meeting is on May 22.

**BOROUGH PROPERTIES/UTILITIES – S. VOLPE:** There was a tree that broke one of the lights here in the parking area.

**J. HARTZELL:** What happened to the light that was over the fire department plaque?

**J. THOMAS:** I did not know it was missing.

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** nothing

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS**

**J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,304.64 FROM GENERAL FUND, AND \$3653.75 FROM PLGIT SEWAGE.**

**J. HARTZELL:** What are we paying Dravosburg trucking for?

**J. THOMAS:** they were on the way to a call and the truck died. They called their friend and there was an issue with the fuel tank which is what this bill is for.

**MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**J. THOMAS:** some other totals for you year to date we have collected \$76,725.82 in real estate taxes, \$3711.81 in delinquent tax, \$5065.09 in delinquent garbage, \$56084.93 in RAD, \$21324.31 in deed transfers, \$49039.57 in EIT, and \$3614.96 in LST.

**G. JAKUB:** have we heard anything from Keystone about the Mercantile tax?

**J. THOMAS:** I sent them what they asked for but have not heard anything back.

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**RECREATION – L. BARNES:** thanks to everyone who helped during the Easter event, Baron Landscaping for cutting the grass and John and Greg for setting up and cleaning up after the event. We will probably need a new Easter Bunny costume, but I am going to see if this one can be repaired. We are preparing for the National Night Out and looking forward to Christmas.

**J. HARTZELL:** What are we doing for Memorial Day.

**K. MAXWELL:** our usual ceremony in the park. Caroline has that all set up with everyone and we will start at 8am.

**J. MARCOZ:** we will have Aidan, our summer laborer from last year, starting back soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**J. HARTZELL:** I just want to discuss the high grass, what is being done about this?

**S. VOLPE:** do we have access to the owner's information?

**C. LANG:** yes, for most of them. There should be notices given for both the tenant and owner.

**K. MAXWELL:** how is she keeping track of properties that show up on

**C. LANG:** I'm not sure

**S. VOLPE:** I don't know why she is putting stiff on the door, just send a letter to the owner and then take them to court when they don't comply.

**J. HARTZELL:** she has a lot of garbage issues but the cans I keep telling her about are still there.

**C. LANG:** the notices she is issuing is not for garbage cans being left, it is for garbage being out but not being in cans. She feels that all garbage should be placed at the curb for pickup in a can. I have told her that our ordinance states that you can place it out on garbage night in just a bag, but it needs to be stored through the week in a can.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**J. THOMAS/T. SEIBLES TO ADVERTISE FOR A NEW GARBAGE CONTRACT EVEN THOUGH OUR CONTRACT IS NOT UP UNTIL DECEMBER OF 2026. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB:** Thanks to everyone for helping out with the charging center and a special thanks to Officer Caruso for everything she did getting food cooked and set up. We had the clean up day and picked up approximately 30 bags of garbage from Middle and Airbrake.

**J. HARTZELL MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:49 P.M.**