

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

L. BARNES/T. SEIBLES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2025 MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. We need to ratify an email vote to hire Aidan Smith-Stiegerwald as a full-time Public Works laborer at a rate of \$16.00 per hour with single party benefits after 30 days.

J. THOMAS/J. MARCOZ TO HIRE AIDAN STIEGERWALD-SMITH AS A FULL TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER AT A RATE OF \$16.00/HR WITH SINGEL PARTY BENEFITS AFTER 30 DAYS. MEMBES VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

- b. Mayor Jakyb issued a Decleration of Disaster Emergency following the June 6, 2025 storm.

S. VOLPE: do we have a list of damage that we can use to try and get some money for repairs?

C. LANG: yes, and if there is assistance given, we will apply for it.

- c. We need to ratify a vote for the 2025 GTRP grant application for Wilmerding Community Center fencing in the amount of \$96,166.00.

J. THOMAS.L. BARNES TO RATIFY THE VOTE TO APPLY FOR A 2025 GTRP FOR WILMERDING COMMUNITY CENTER FENCING AT A COST OF \$96,166.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

- d. Ratify a vote to accept the contract from Keyston Collection to begin collecting our Mercantile/Business Privilege tax at a cost of 3% plus postage on the amount collected.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO RATIFY THE VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS TO COLLECT THE MERCANTILE.BUSINESS PROVILEGE TAX AT A COST OF 3% PLUS POSTAGE ON THE COLLECTED AMOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFTEY – T. SIEBLES: for the month of May Eastern Area Ambulance responded to 46 calls and had 26 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 9.7 minutes and for non-emergences it was 12 minutes. There are no reports from the police or the fire department.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT – M. SNYDER: report attached

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K. MAXWELL: she was out for a few weeks due to a death in the family, but she really needs to get going with the high grass complaints.

PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ: They have been cutting all of the Borough properties, they prepared for Memorial Day, cut vacant lots, cuts weeds on Morningside, and Orient, repaired the steps from Middle to Airbrake and cleaned up some catch basins.

J. HARTZELL: Who takes care of the weeds in those trees that CIAC planted?

C. LANG: We do, and it is on the list for them.

ENGINEER -B. BRANTHOVER: We received confirmation of the grant contract from the 2023 LSA for the Fire Department wall and driveway and are working to determine the design. We have completed the asbestos inspection and testing reports for the structures that are on the demolition list but do not have a contract for the GEDTF yet. The 2023 Act 152 grant from TCVCOG is ready so we will be preparing bid documents and will work with COG to advertise but we did find an issue. The State Street home has a garage that appears to be on a separate parcel, but I do not think we included this in the condemnation, and we did not include it in the grant application. We are preparing the garbage bid documents and should be ready to advertise soon, I am going to send it to Greg to review prior to advertising. As discussed, we have applied for a 2025 GTRP grant for fencing at the WCC, and we are still working on the pool issues. We have not been able to find a drawing to look at, so it is making it a little more difficult. I also received an email from Caroline about the storm and some issues that need to be addressed. I reviewed the quote from Urban and feel that we do not need the extra riprap so I would just go with the cleaning. There was a property slide on Middle

COG REPORT – J. HARTZELL: There was no quorum but they are looking to change the bylaws so this will stop happening. Michell from Allegheny County council is trying to get all the fire departments together to meet on July 29th to discuss mergers. Amanda would like to set up a meeting with council just to discuss upcoming needs.

K. MAXWELL: we can do it at the July workshop.

BOROUGH PROPERTIES & UTILITIES – S. VOLPE: I think everything has been covered but I was wondering if something happens do we have what is needed to open the building up for charging and stuff.

S.VOLPE/J. THOMAS TO HAVE URBAN CLEAN OUT THE PIT ON ORIENT AND UNDER THE BALLFIELD AT A COST OF \$7000.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: I looked further into the garbage exemption, and it says that fees are applicable to residential units whether or not properties are occupied but there are some inconsistencies in the language. I recommend that the last line be removed from this ordinance and rewritten to state exactly that all residents will be responsible for paying for garbage.

J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO FOLLOW MR. EVASHAVIKS RECOMMENDATION TO STRIKE THE LAST SENTENCE OF ORDINANCE 883. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

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J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,778.03 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND \$134,662.85 FROM THE PLGIT SEWAGE FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. HARTZELL: is there a way we can add the yearly budget onto the profit & loss?

C. LANG: Not sure but I will try and figure that out.

RECREATION – L. BARNES: just working on National Night Out

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

J. HARTZELL: Can we cancel the workshop for next week since we just had a meeting?

K. MAXWELL: yes we will reconvene on July 1, 2025.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: just want to thank Public Works for coming out an cleaning up on Saturday.

J. THOMAS/S.VOLPE MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:06 p.m.