

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

**ROLL CALL: REV. DOROTHY REEVES, present; KAREN PETERSON, present; LINDA KIRK, present; SANDRA SMITH, absent; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.**

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss an insurance policy matter.

**REV. D. REEVES / K. PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**MS. A. TUCKER, LYDIA STREET:** we have new neighbors moving in on Card Ave. I know there is a parking problem. Between four houses there are 15 vehicles. The last three nights I could not get a spot and I have a handicap placard and I am willing to park anywhere near my house but I could not park anywhere. The sidewalks in front of 242 and 244 Card Avenue, can anyone park there or just the owners of the house.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** the sidewalk there is considered part of the roadway and anyone can park there, is that right Chief.

**CHIEF J. MATRAZZO:** yes, anyone can park there.

**MS. A. TUCKER:** there is a lady who moved into Kerrigan's house and she parked up the street instead of parking in Gerbi's handicap spot. She said that is Miss Gerbi's spot and that is why I am parking up here. Is there any way to pay for permit parking on that street?

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** we can look at the ordinances on permit parking. We will also take a look at doing residential parking like we have on Marguerite and Bridge Street and see if we can limit the number of vehicles a resident can have.

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**MRS. E. BARRETT, HERMAN AVE.:** last month there was some discussion about the rental license and I have some questions. Your ordinance reads that no license shall be issued if the owner has any unpaid or delinquent fines, liens, fees, taxes or ordinance violations. What comes under delinquent fees, is that your garbage, dumpster or building fees and what encompasses taxes.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** that part of the ordinance is unconstitutional and that is why we passed the ordinance to enact Act 90. Act 90 gives us the power to go after their property. We cannot deny anyone the privilege of renting out their property. We are going to have to amend that part of the ordinance.

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**MRS. E. BARRETT:** I was also looking at your ordinances on parking violations and the only thing I could find on this was under meter parking. It seems that no one is issuing tickets.

**CHIEF J. MATRAZZO:** yes they are.

**MRS. E. BARRETT:** on my way over here there were two cars parked on the sidewalk on top of a yellow line. Are they allowed to do that?

**CHIEF J. MATRAZZO:** yes, because Ms. Smith put it out in public that we are not to cite anyone for parking on the sidewalk. I cannot chose and pick which streets we can ticket, I cannot ticket someone on Watkins but you are saying to ticket cars on Herman. That is unconstitutional, just like parking on the left side of the roadway. Ms. Peterson told me we could not write tickets on Marguerite for parking on the left side of the curb. We do not write tickets for parking on the left side of the curb or for parking on the sidewalk. I cannot write on one street and not write on another.

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**MR. P. LIVERATTI, AIRBRAKE AVE.:** Mr. Thomas, do you have the spread sheet on the delinquent taxes.

**MR. J. THOMAS:** see me after the meeting and I will give you everything you want.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. We have an ordinance approving and accepting a contract with Allegheny County to provide for police protection and police services by the county in Wilmerding Borough.

**MS. MALLORY GOLD:** at this time we will conduct a public hearing concerning the adoption of this ordinance. At last month's meeting Council adopted an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the County to provide police protection and this ordinance just approves the accepting of the agreement.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** at this time does anyone have any questions or comments.

**ROLL CALL:** REV. D. REEVES, yes; MS. K. PETERSON, yes; MS. L. KIRK, yes; MS. P. SHURGOT, yes; MR. J. THOMAS, yes; MR. S. SHURGOT, yes. **Motion passed to adopt the ordinance approving and accepting the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the County, 6-0.**

2. Received a letter from Agape Fellowship Christian Community Church requesting permission to block of Caldwell Avenue from Herman Avenue to Clara Street for their annual block party. The event will take place on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 8 pm.

**K. PETERSON / P. SHURGOT TO GRANT THEM PERMISSION BLOCK OFF CALDWELL AVENUE FOR THEIR BLOCK PARTY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

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3. Received a letter from St. Jude the Apostle Church to block off Westinghouse Avenue from Clara Street to the Forest Hills Medical Association office for their annual festival to be held from July 7-9.

**K. PETERSON / L. KIRK TO GRANT THEM PERMISSION TO BLOCK OFF WESTINGHOUSE AVENUE FOR THEIR ANNUAL FESTIVAL. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK:** the fire department responded to 30 calls for the month of June, 18 were in town and 12 were out of town.

Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services responded to 47 calls. There were 32 transports and their average response time for emergencies was 5.9 minutes and 8.4 minutes for non-emergencies. For the second quarter they responded to 143 calls and made 103 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.1 minutes and 9.0 minutes for non-emergencies. For the first six months of the year they responded to 291 calls and made 210 transports. The average response time for emergencies was 7.1 minutes and 9.0 for non-emergencies.

**CHIEF J. MATRAZZO:** for the month of June the police responded to 163 calls and made 6 arrests. A summary of the calls are: 3 criminal mischief, 4 disturbances, 4 domestics, 3 fireworks complaints, 2 gunshots, 3 harassments, 6 juvenile complaints, 4 loud music, 1 man with a gun, 4 neighbor disputes, 1 open burning, 2 parking complaints, 2 public intoxication, 1 speeding complaint, 5 suspicious activities, 3 suspicious persons, 2 theft from vehicles, 3 traffic accidents and 2 unwanted persons. The K9 made 1 narcotics vehicle search, 4 narcotics building search and 1 apprehension of a person who was running away through the woods.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – S. SHURGOT:** the code reports were on the table as you came in.

**MAYOR G. JAKUB:** can we get a report on what letters Louise has sent out for code violations.

**MR. S. SHURGOT:** I just received today a report of what permits were issued and I will get this on the website.

**PASTOR M. REED:** I have been waiting since the beginning of May for the inspector to come out. I applied for a building permit at the church and for five occupancy inspections in the apartment buildings and no one ever gets back to me. I called today and the secretary told me he was out again. I told her that I do not mean to be rude but does he ever work. The other week he was out every day.

**PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT:** the curbs have been sprayed with weed killer and they will be painting the curbs. We are going to rent a spray painted that does curbs for \$270 a week. They are cutting the grass on a timely basis and all the grass will be cut in the order as it needs to be done. They are also doing their weekly and monthly maintenance on the vehicles.

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**ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:**

1. Don is scheduling a pre-construction meeting with the contractor to review the scope of work prior to the start of construction. COG is getting all the contracts, bonding and insurance in place. The contractor has asked for a 180 day extension of the deadline for completion.
2. The low bidder for the Station Street sidewalk repairs was Satira Construction in the amount of \$11,276.75 with the tree pits or \$12,276.75 without the tree pits. This quote is good until Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Contracts have been issued to Victor Paving & A. Liberoni for the paving projects. Work will likely begin in 4-5 weeks.
4. We opened proposals this morning to replace 5 failed catch basins. The locations are at, 524 Glenn St.; Lydia and Poplar Alley; 2<sup>nd</sup> and Airbrake; 1<sup>st</sup> and Airbrake and 4<sup>th</sup> and Airbrake. The low bid was received from JL Urban Company for \$13,800.

**J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO AWARD THE CATCH BASIN PROJECT TO JL URBAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,800 WITH THE MONEY COMING OUT OF THE SEWER FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**COG REPORT – K. PETERSON:** no report.

**UTILITIES – K. PETERSON:** no report.

**SOLICITOR – M. GOLD:** no report.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:**

**J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

**MR. J. THOMAS:** so far we have received \$272,971 in real estate taxes, which is 85% of our budget. For the month of May we have received \$3,982 in delinquent garbage and \$11,659 in delinquent real estate taxes. So far Maiello has collected \$189,361 in delinquent taxes and \$79,496 in delinquent garbage. There are 41 accounts that are on a payment plan for delinquent real estate taxes and 33 accounts for delinquent garbage.

**RECREATION – P. SHURGOT:** we will be having our Annual National Night Out on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be music and refreshments.

**P. SHURGOT / REV. D. REEVES REQUESTING \$400 FOR THE EVENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.**

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**PLANNING COMMITTEE- REV. D. REEVES:** we are not going to have a meeting in July. We are also looking at a property on Card Avenue that needs to be torn down or repaired.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MR. J. THOMAS:** prior to the meeting we were reviewing our liability insurance policy which expires on August 10<sup>th</sup>. We have received a better quote from McGowan Government Underwriters for \$10,385 which is a 25% savings over this year.

**J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO GO WITH MCGOWAN GOVERNMENT UNDERWRITERS FOR OUR LIABILITY INSURANCE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB:**

Anyone that wants to call me for complaints or concerns please leave your name and number so that I can get back to you.

Every month I get copies of the reports for Ordinance 979. Louise is not sending any letters out to these people who violate the ordinance. How am I going to be responsible for making sure the codes and ordinances violations are addressed if I do not get a report on her response to these people.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.