

WILMERDING BOROUGH
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 5, 2024, 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 SEIBLES, present; JOSEPH HARTZELL, present; STEVE VOLPE, present; LEAHMANDA BARNES, absent; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

S. VOLPE/J. HARTZELL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Ratify an email vote for the Multimodal Grant in the amount of \$451,165 for Street Reconstruction of Patton Street, the 100 and 200 block of Card Avenue and the 200-600 block of Middle Avenue.

S. VOLPE/T. SIEBLES TO RATIFY THIS EMAIL VOTE FOR THE MULTIMODAL GRANT RESOLUTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

- b. We received 2 Quotes for our Borough Insurance. The 1st through American Alternative Insurance at a cost of \$30,340 and the 2nd through Mckee Risk at a cost of \$27,394. Both policies are identical to the current insurance we carry. The only difference between the 2 is that some of the deductibles with the McKee Risk plan are lower.

J. THOMAS/J. HARTZELL TO ACCEPT THE MCKEE RISK INSURANCE POLICY AT A COST OF \$27,394.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – T. SIEBLES –EMS for July shows 39 calls and 19 transports. The average emergency response time of 8.6 minutes and non-emergency 15.7 minutes. There is no fire or police report. They found a stolen car on State Street.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – see list of inspections.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – T. BERESFORD:

C. LANG: there is a list of what Tyler has done as well as a copy of the notice that is being issued for garbage complaints. He is doing this on Tuesday and Friday and has hung several of these notices on Middle and Airbrake.

K. MAXWELL: can we have him contact Jim Filia regarding the vacant lot an I have asked before about a Cadillac parked behind the Faller building and the silver hatchback parked on Herman.

A. HUSSEY: I will take care of those for you.

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PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ: They will be placing notices on Patton Street tomorrow. As for Public Works they cut all the vacants, cleaned out multiple catch basins, filled some potholes, cut burb lines and swept, cut low hanging branches around Summit and Morningside, remulched the monument, cleared weeds in the park, trimmed shrubs, cut all boro properties, painted parking lines on Westinghouse and removed a downed tree on Caldwell. There were also 2 call outs last month.

K. MAXWELL: can we get them to paint in the business district.

J. MARCOZ: he keeps talking about that, but he doesn't want to rent the machine if it's going to rain.

K. MAXWELL: the kids can do the curbs by hand.

J. HARTZELL: why is he cleaning catch basins? We usually have a company come out and do those. Can you just have him get a list of them and we can have someone come in and do them all.

ENGINEER – B. BRANTHOVER: CD 49 held bid openings, and the results were sent to the Borough. The low bidder was Satira in the amount of \$94,441.00 for both parts. We can remove the new lamp posts and the concrete work from the flagpole area and come in around \$78,850.00.

J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO SATIRA WITH THE REDUCED SCOPE FOR A COST OF \$78,850.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

B. BRANTHOVER: We are ready to begin bid documents for the 2023 GEDTF grants, we were awarded \$50,000 to replace catch basins. The 2024 MTF grant was submitted, and the resolution passed in correspondence. The 2024 GEDTF and CD-51 pre applications are due so I will need to know what you would like to apply for.

J. HARTZELL: for the catch basins you have 2 listed on Ice Plant but there is only 1 there.

B. BRANTHOVER: there is one on the opposite side of the road as well that is covered by grass and weeds.

G. JAKUB: we filed some information with Markosek's office for some demolition money.

C. LANG: I asked about demolition because we have that house on Airbrake that is really bad, and it is now causing damage to the homes on either side of it and both of those are occupied.

K. MAXWELL: would it classify as an emergency demolition?

B. BRANTHOVER: I mean it could, but the problem is it's not simple. For an emergency a company is going to come in and just knock it down and not consider the homes on either side. That home will be very expensive, and we will definitely need to get into the structure to see what we are up against before we move ahead. So, what I'm hearing is that we want to do demolition and street reconstruction for the GEDTF and street reconstruction and handicap ramp on the CD-51.

K. MAXWELL: have we looked into fencing at the WCC?

C. LANG: we had it for a grant but they would not cover both Airbrake and the WCC so we made our focus the Airbrake fence due to the creek.

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COG REPORT – J. HARTZELL: no meeting till September

BOROUGH PROPERTY – S. VOLPE: someone posted on Facebook about selling Lemonade in the Park.

A. HUSSEY: not to interrupt but I already addressed that with the individual. She was setting up in front of the Family Center and saying the money is for them. I notified the police, and they went and told her that she was not permitted to do that on private property and she could be charged with fraud for saying the money was for the daycare.

UTILITIES – S. VOLPE: I'm going to be going around and checking the lights but have noticed there is a light in the middle of the woods behind Westinghouse.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: we received a letter from an attorney representing Karen Peterson and I sent a letter in response that Wilmerding does not have their own police department and this needs to be addressed with Pitcairn. I have not heard anything in return from the attorney but have heard from the Chief who stated that the whole incident was recorded on body cam footage.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / S. VOLPE TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,893.91 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND \$36,941.00 FROM THE PLGIT SEWAGE FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-0.

J. THOMAS: I have a list that Caroline gave you regarding delinquent garbage so we can discuss that at the workshop.

RECREATION/PLANNING – J. MARCOZ: Tomorrow is National Night Out, and it is supposed to rain. We have Jimmy Bacco set up to play, walking tacos, and games to set up in the grass. They will be taking over some tables and chairs and blocking the road off at the alley.

K. MAXWELL: if it's raining what is the plan?

J. MARCOZ: if there is rain then we will just set up downstairs and try to get rid of all the food.

PLANNING – T. SEIBLES: meeting was cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: -

J. HARTZELL: The League of Municipalities sent a notice that they are now doing advertising for employment ads and bids. Can we check to see if this can be used and if it is legal.

G. EVASHAVIK: For bids you must still advertise in the newspaper per the Borough Code.

MAYORS REMARKS – G. JAKUB: there is an upcoming Mayor meeting.

S. VOLPE/T. SIEBLES MOTION TO ADJORN AT 7:49P.M.