

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH 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; STEVE VOLPE, present; LEAHMANDA BARNES, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB, present.

J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: T. SEIBLES: There is no EMS or fire report. Pitcairn Police responded to 90 calls.

CHIEF FARELLY: I have missed the last several months due to training but have tried to have delegates show up on my behalf. We have been working with the school doing some training there and have been working closely with Monroeville and they are our primary backup. There have been some violent crimes, but we have a 95% arrest rate and now we have 9 full time officers and a DOT officer.

GREG JAKUB: we are also working with Monroeville to get some additional cameras installed on both sides of town.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

G. JAKUB: did we ever interview the person that was interested in the position?

K. MAXWELL: No, we discussed it but never brought her in. Caroline, can you call her and see if she is still interested.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ: There is a report in the packets, and he is trying to keep busy. He has a part time summer helper at this time, but Michael has never plowed so we need to prepare for winter.

K. MAXWELL: We received the cost to advertise.

J. HARTZELL: Can we just do it online?

C. LANG: it runs for 30 days, and it was approximately \$350.00.

J. HARTZELL: I think we should just do the Trib and the Borough things.

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K. MAXWELL: Is he going to start getting the leaf machine ready?

J. MARCOZ: Yes, Tyler was working with him to get that ready. Would we be able to get a dumpster for a day for the street department to pick up the large items that have been laying around for months?

G. JAKUB: and where are we going to put it so that no one will use it?

K. MAXWELL: we may be able to put it in the driveway? Can we call Big's and get a price for this to be here just for a day.

G. JAKUB: Have we heard anything about the salt bin?

C. LANG: it was turned into insurance; they had an adjustor come out and look at it and now we are waiting for the results of the adjustors.

ENGINEER – B. BRANTHOVER: CD-49 park improvements are almost done. The concrete work has been completed and the electrical is underway. The GEDTF catch basin project bids were opened and we received two quotes. The Borough was awarded \$50,000.00. We did a base bid for 10 basins and an alternate bid for 15 basins. El Grande came in at \$65,750.00 for the base bis and Creative Enterprises was \$85,000.00. We recommend awarding the work to El Grande and council will just need to determine if they want to do the base project or the alternate.

J. HARTZELL: COG shows that we were awarded \$65,750.00.

B. BRANTHOVER: I will touch base with Molly to double check what we are being awarded.

J. HARTZELL: We can apply for catch basins with the county project as well.

B. BRANTHOVER: I had a meeting with them and I'm not sure how they sold it to you, but they will do some cleaning of basins and they have some money set aside to make a rain garden of some sort. I don't believe they will replace inlets though.

K. MAXWELL: can we do an email vote once you get the exact amount awarded for the catch basin project.

B. BRANTHOVER: yes. Next is the Act 152 applications, we submitted for 9 structures and I just need council to approve the resolution for the grant in the amount of \$199,000.00.

**J. HARTZELL/J. THOMAS TO APPROVE THE ACT152 CONCURRING RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,000.00.
MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.**

B. BRANTHOVER: last is the LSA application that is opened. We have not heard what, if any, we will receive from last year's LSA but we do need to look forward to what you would like to apply for this year so we can start to work on that.

COG REPORT – J. HARTZELL: there was not much aside from what we just discussed. There were enough towns to join the Verizon contract so we will be receiving a 20% discount and COG is going to put \$2000.00 toward the cost for each participating town. Are we getting the same amount of money from the water company as we did last year?

C. LANG: No, but I have been in the talks with all of the other managers, and we are about 10% less then we should be. For the most part everyone is the same.

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UTILITIES /BORO PROPERTIES: nothing

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: I drafted an ordinance to terminate the borough police pension plan because we have no more participants, so we just need a motion to advertise.

J. THOMAS/J. MARCOZ TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 1057 TO TERMINATE THE WILMERDING BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,758.10 FROM THE GENERAL FUND. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

J. THOMAS: year to date figures are RAD \$105,567.15, deed transfer \$18,225.49, EIT \$119,916.39, LST \$12036.90, Current Real Estate \$400,109.89, delinquent real estate \$58,579.37, delinquent garbage \$27,594.77.

G. EVASHAVIK: Caroline you should be able to send a letter requesting this information.

J. THOMAS: We have also been trying to get a Section 8 report, but they are not responding to the letters that Caroline has sent. I am going to talk with the council woman and see if she can assist with this. So far to date we have collected \$107,270.26 in RAD, \$14,189.96 in deed transfer, \$106,814.98 in EIT, \$8,959.45 in LST, \$357,434.15 in Current Real estate, \$27,253.16 in delinquent real estate, and \$28,279.57 in delinquent garbage.

RECREATION – L. BARNES: Halloween in the park and costume contest on the 31st from 5-6 and judging at 5:45. Trick or treat from 6-8. I will need 4 tables, and we will be passing out cookies and candy.

K. MAXWELL: we received this letter from the health department about dog feces in the park. Can we have the police enforce this, there are now signs up and fines established.

G. JAKUB: can we get a copy of this to Scott and I will discuss it with him.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MAYORS REMARKS – G. JAKUB: The police have been working on tagging and towing abandoned vehicles since we were able to clarify the ordinance. The school would like to be included at Christmas in the park and Art in the park will be scheduled prior to Memorial Day.

L. BARNES: I would like to see them do more in the Park, it looked like they were putting on a separate event because everything was at the school.

J. MARCOZ MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:49 p.m.