

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Council met in an executive session for legal matters.

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:17 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: REV. DOROTHY REEVES, absent; KAREN PETERSON, absent; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT, present; LINDA KIRK, present. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB WAS ALSO PRESENT.

P. SHURGOT / L. KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEB 6, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

S. ZIEBRAT AIRBRAKE AVENUE: I wondered if there was any ordinance about the sides of the building that are being demolished on Middle Avenue.

S. SHURGOT: yes. After the last one fell through the cracks, in the demolition permit there is a requirement that they need to put siding on the buildings.

S. ZIEBRAT: not the 1st one but the 2nd one they are using that to park their boat in. I thought there was an ordinance that you couldn't have stuff like that parked on you property.

S. SHURGOT: there is one parked down your way for about 25 years and I have asked code to check with the chief to see if the registration is good.

S. ZIEBRAT: Is there anything about Regan's house being demolished?

S. SHURGOT: it's on the list we are voting on tonight.

S. ZIEBRAT: the one next to it to because they are both in disrepair.

S. SHURGOT: we are looking into condemning it but it is not in this round. We are getting all the title searches done which is the start to the process.

E. BARRETT HERMAN AVENUE: what are your plans to update the ordinances this year, they need to be updated, and that's your number one job. I looked up online to get that amended ordinance, and there has not been an ordinance posted since January of 2015

S. SHURGOT: It cost us \$10,000-12,000 to update the ordinances online and with the payment to the Airbrake we were going to hold off till that was paid off then get everything caught up.

E. BARRETT: with a right to know can I get a copy of all the ones from 1021 up.

G. EVASHAVIK: you don't need a right to know you just have to pay for the copies. I wanted to look up the one on amending. So do you have any plans on updating?

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S. SHURGOT: we haven't talked aside from a few council people mentioned to you at the workshop about helping out with that.

E. BARRETT: that's your number one job and I think if we had stronger ordinances we wouldn't end up with the Faller building again.

B. RICHARDSON 112 CARD AVENUE: curious about the alley behind the house, its solid mud and water running down. Is that the property owner's responsibility?

S. SHURGOT: unfortunately that road is private property and it is the property owner's responsibility. Welcome to Wilmerding too!

T. FRYDRYCH WELSH AVENUE: would it be possible to have somebody from the County look at 5th Avenue. The slide and the cliff coming down is a disaster waiting to happen.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: somebody from public works came down over the weekend and they were supposed to come back Monday.

P. LIVERATTI AIRBRAKE AVENUE: do we have a snow ordinance in town?

S. SHURGOT: you have 16 business hours after the snow stops to get your sidewalk cleaned.

P. LIVERATTI: so what's the penalty?

S. SHURGOT: the 1st thing is you receive a letter

G. EVASHAVIK: you have to give them a notice to clean the snow or ice then you issue a citation, then you go to the magistrate and the snows gone. We have to follow the procedures established by the state.

S. SHURGOT: it's definitely 16 business hours. If anyone's interested, and you have a smartphone, you can get the ECODE app and search the ordinances we have updated.

N. RONALLO PAT MEWS DRIVE: I called you Steve and the mayor about the garbage on Lilac alley and I don't see it on here, and I talked to the code guy.

S. SHURGOT: I called Amanda and told her to have him go over.

N. RONALLO: State Street across from the church. There has been mattress and all kind of garbage there since Friday. I've told Jesse and the new guy about this and the rats in the alley and nothings been done.

S. SHURGOT: I'll follow up with it tomorrow morning and let you know.

N. RONALLO: well the mayor says he rides around, doesn't he see it?

G. JAKUB: yes and I've also called in.

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N. ROLALLO: well with those big rats over there does that mean there should be an action or should someone call the Board of Health

G. JAKUB: we're trying to get action, what happened is we have a disconnect. We had one guy left and a new guy that trying to get familiar with everything.

N. RONALLO: and all this snow crap is this all you're going to put on here. Does anyone want to see mattress when they drive around and it's an empty lot so who's garbage is it?

S. SHURGOT: I know there's garbage around, we all see it. I will follow up with COG and see if they can do better.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resignation notice from Louise Walker giving her 2 week notice and her last day will be Friday April 6, 2018.

J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LOUISE WALKER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

2. Handicap sign for 145 Watkins Avenue.

P. SHURGOT/ K. MAXWELL TO INSTALL HANDICAP SIGNAGE FOR 145 WATKINS AVENUE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

3. Invitation to the 2018 Mon Yough Area Chamber Legislative Breakfast on April 20, 2018 at 7:30a.m. At Westwood Golf Club.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INVITATION FROM MON YOUGH AREA CHAMBER OF LEGISLATIVE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0

4. Invitation to the 2018 Golf Classic and Pig roast dinner on June 4, 2018 at Youghiogheny County Club.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INVITATION FOR THE 2018 GOLF CLASSIC AND PIG ROAST DINNER. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: for the month of March Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services responded to 32 calls and made 24 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 8.4 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 10.6 minutes. I also have the 1st quarter report with 100 calls and 74 transports. The average response time was 7.6 for emergencies and 9.2 for non-emergencies. The fire department responded to 18 calls, 5 in town and 13 out of town. There were 6 work details, 3 trainings, and 6 maintenance hours. Crime watch citizen's police academy starts tomorrow at St Jude Church from 6-9pm. It will be held from April 4th to June 6th. There will be an active shooter training drill scheduled also.

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INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of January we responded to 297 calls. They included 3 assaults, 1 community relations event, 4 criminal mischief, 1 natural death investigation, 7 domestics, 1 DUI, 4 escort, 8 local ordinance, 1 Megan's law violation, 3 motor vehicle crash, 1 motor vehicle theft, 5 narcotics, 1 overdose that was administered Narcan, 1 sex assault, 5 theft, 64 traffic stops, and 4 warrants. There were 18 arrests made that included 2 fugitive arrests, 1 aggravated assault, 2 simple assaults, 7 narcotic charges, 1 DUI, 1 Megan's Law, 1 tampering with evidence, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 false ID, and 1 rape.

COG – K. PETERSON: None

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: Urban Construction worked under the ball field and Orient Avenue, cleaned up the building for the Easter party, snow removal, new compressor was installed with the help of AI and BC Electric, cleaned up garbage around town, ordered school bus stop signs for Westinghouse, and patched pot holes. As you know we have been without a laborer since February, we took applicants for the position and interviewed Frank Bole. He has experience as a landscaper and would like to hire him full time at \$12.00 with single party benefits pending criminal background check and drug testing.

P. SHURGOT/J. THOMAS TO HIRE FRANK BOLE AT \$12.00 WITH SINGLE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PENDING A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG SCREENING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:

S. SHURGOT: during the Engineers report we had bid openings and I would like to refer to the Solicitor.

G. EVASHAVIK: Bid openings for 2018 CITF Demolitions, 4 bids received, the requirement of the law is that the Borough has to accept the lowest qualified and responsible bidder. The lowest bidder was Stash Trucking; our engineer is very familiar with the company and has submitted documentation of complaints, poor workmanship, failure to complete projects, and other instances of reasons to disqualify the bid. He gave us other instances of 3 other municipalities that have disqualified this contractor as a bidder. He recommends that this bidder be disqualified, this is appropriate legal basis.

J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO DISQUALIFY STASH TRUCKING AS NOT BEING A QUALIFIED AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER UNDER THE 2018 CITF DEMOLITION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

S. SHURGOT: the next lowest bidder is BJC Construction at \$76,645 with the deduction of 428 Airbrake Avenue.

J. THOMAS: we only received \$80,000, we weren't sure if we had enough to take down all of the houses and we took 428 Airbrake off the list so we would fall under the budgeted amount. We will be demolishing 70 Morningside, 409 Orient, 652 Middle, 532 Airbrake and 133 Watkins.

J. THOMAS/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$76,645 FROM BJC CONSTRUCTION TO DEMOLISH THE LIST OF PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED ABOVE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: there are copies of the report out for the public. 18 page report and 15 pages are for snow and dog feces. I only saw 2 or 3 things for garbage so I will call them in the morning.

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BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: now that we have a laborer we were hoping that sometime in April they could paint the Community Room and maybe Caroline’s office.

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: none

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: I got the title search in for 654 Middle Avenue, which is a property I was directed to move on for condemnation and demolition. It is owned by Sean’s Real Estate Service and the property has not been maintained. I `m in the process of a lengthy search because of all the mortgages. I will get the notice prepared and get that to Caroline so we can get a hearing scheduled and move forward with the condemnation of this property. Hopefully we can add this to the demolition since we are demolishing the adjoining structure.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS

J. THOMAS / L. KIRK TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

J. THOMAS/L. KIRK TO INCREASE CAROLINE’S SECRETARY SALERY BY \$3.00 AND HOUR AND HAVE HER ASSUME LOUISE’S DUTIES EFFECTIVE MONDAY APRIL 9, 2018. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

J. THOMAS/L. KIRK TO CHANGE THE MAY REGULAR MEETIN FROM THE 1ST TO MAY 8TH. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 5-0.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: we had the Easter party in the Community room due to the rain and snow. There were 38 children in attendance. Next we are working on Nation Night Out.

PLANNING – REV. D. REEVES: none

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

MAYOR’S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I have been trying to get involved with the Doctors office and UPMC seems to be uninterested. I spoke to somebody from Allegheny Health Network and found someone who is willing to talk. I was told we are 4 miles from Braddock and they have an Urgent Care Center, we are the same from McKeesport Hospital, the same distance to Monroeville. I explained we are an elderly community but that doesn’t matter.

P. SHURGOT/J. THOMAS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:50 P.M