

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The virtual 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: LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY BELIN, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; JOE HARTZELL, present; STEPHEN SHURGOT. MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB WAS ALSO PRESENT.

K. MAXWELL/L.KIRK TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS: none

CORRESPONDENCE

a. We received a Handicap application for a personal sign to be placed at 548 Middle Avenue Rear.

S. SHURGOT: is the 500 block the private alley.

C. LANG: yes

G. EVASHAVIK: if it is not a Borough Street then we cannot authorize her to place the sign.

L. KIRK: can we ask if she could move it to Middle Avenue?

P. SHURGOT: since it's a private alley if she would put one in herself, we would not be able to enforce it correct?

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: she can hang the sign up but if people want to park there they can, and she cannot call us to enforce it.

S. SHURGOT: please reach out to her and explain that we don't own the alley and see if they would like to have one place on Middle or she can place her own.

b. Modified transfer agreements for the T-22 & T-24 lines to be taken over from ALCOSAN. The contracts were reviewed by Mr. Evashavik, Mr. Gilliland, and Mr. Zischkau and all approved them.

S. SHURGOT: these are the 2 lines that come down Ice Plant Hill to Westinghouse correct.

C. LANG: yes

K. MAXWELL/P. SHURGOT TO APPROVE THE ALCOSAN TAKEOVER OF THE T-22 AND T-24 LINES AS STATED IN THE MODIFIED TRANSFER AGREEMENT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

c. Ratify email vote to inspect sewer lines at 300, 304 and 308 Westinghouse Avenue to verify the laterals are connected to the storm sewer. Estimated cost is \$1500.00 to \$3000.00 per Glenn Engineering.

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K. MAXWELL: can we charge BG2 Properties for that bill?

G. EVASHAVIK: yes, we could try.

J. THOMAS/L.KIRK TO RATIFY EMAIL VOTE TO TELEVIS THE SEWERS AT 300, 304, AND 308 WESTINGHOUSE AVENEU AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3000.00 AND TRY TO HAVE THE OWNERS PAY THIS COST IF THERE IS FOUND TO BE A PROBLEM. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

d. Resolution 2021-1 for the Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

J. HARTZELL/L.KIRK TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2021-1 FOR THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY 2020 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

e. Concurring Resolution for the ACT 152 funds in the amount of \$197,000 for demolition purposes.

J.THOMAS/L.KIRK TO ACCEPT THE CONCURRING RESOLUTION FOR DEMOLITION OF 8 HOMES AS PART OF THE ACT 152 GRANT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

f. To go along with the Act 152 demolition funds, we need to approve the attachment C – Demolition Slums and Blight Resolution.

J. HARTZELL/L.KIRK TO ACCEPT THE ATTACHMENT C NEEDED TO ENACT THE ACT 152 GRANT OF THE DEMOLITION SLUMS AND BLIGHT RESOLUTION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. HARTZELL: is COG handling this?

C. LANG: yes, they will be our designated representative.

g. We received a donation letter from East Allegheny Football, Touchdown Club. They will be hosting a golf outing and are asking for us to sponsor a hole.

P. SHURGOT TO DONATE \$50.00. MOTION DID NOT CARRY AS OF A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK: The Fire Department responded to 14 calls, 2 in town and 12 out of town. They also did 6 maintenance hours. For the month of April Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services responded to 36 calls and made 20 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.4 minutes and for non-emergencies it was 10 minutes.

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: for the month of March we responded to 227 calls which included 3 assaults, 3 disturbances, 5 domestics, 1 escort, 2 Harassment, 7 local ordinance, 5 motor vehicle crashes, 1 PFA, 2 property, 2 theft, 33 traffic stops, and 4 warrants. There were 6 arrests made, 1 dog law, 1 PFA violation, and 4 warrants. Our narcotics unit got information about a heroin dealer from McKeesport that was laying low on State Street. They put together probable cause to serve a search warrant, found some heroin and arrested him for possession.

P. SHURGOT: There have been 2 boys on motorized bikes, are those aloud on the streets?

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: no, absolutely not.

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G. JAKUB: Can you let the guys know that we are starting to see skateboards at the school and bike up and down the steps.

K. MAXWELL: a few people at the Community Center said the kids are playing chicken and will be in the street. They are doing it on Herman as well.

J. HARTZELL: across for 425 Marguerite is a gray SUV that parks on the sidewalk, can you have the officers check that?

L. KIRK: is our curfew still at 9:45 and does that go off?

P. SHURGOT: that usually doesn't start until Memorial Day and goes off until Labor Day.

J. HARTZELL/P.SHURGOT TO MOVE THE CURFEW ALARM TO BE TURNED ON MAY 1, 2021 AND RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2021. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – AL HUSSEY: nothing aside from the report.

K. MAXWELL: at 425 Marguerite and the 400 block of Westinghouse there are basketball hoops on the sidewalks, are those permitted?

S. SHURGOT: Al can you look into that and see if we can come up with a solution?

G. JAKUB: can you clarify what is going on with Valley Auto?

A. HUSSEY: we mitigated the hazards and now Lou will be getting a company to remove any paint thinners and such. He would also like to get rid of the building for the back taxes that are owed on it. There are no utilities turned on in the building and there was no structural damage to the building.

J. HARTZELL: on the illegal tenants with failed inspection, how long do you give them?

A. HUSSEY: it depends on the failure point. If it is a major repair of course it would take longer but minor issues we expect to have done in 2-3 days.

G. JAKUB: there is still an illegal tenant at the end of Westinghouse.

A. HUSSEY: we received the application for those units, and I will be inspecting them.

P. SHURGOT: how long do they have to clean up on Airbrake and can you give us a monthly report on the progress?

A. HUSSEY: I have given him as long as he needs.

J. HARTZELL: 425 Marguerite, you have been there twice for the same issue, have you been back to check on it.

A. HUSSEY: yes, and it was cleaned up.

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PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: they attended some classes, trimmed low branches, and stated that there are 11 trees in the park that need trimmed. They removed some handicap signs and would like to purchase a pole puller.

K. MAXWELL: I didn't hear about the trees, but we were waiting to see what happens with the grant.

L. KIRK: Is there any update on the "no truck signs"?

P. SHURGOT: the signs are ordered, and I will talk to him about the signs to go onto Herman.

J. HARTZELL: the steps on Pete's garden are filled with garbage., I'm not sure if that is ours or the property owners?

P. SHURGOT: I will have him check into it.

J. HARTZELL: also, why did they purchase another pole pruner, that makes 2 that we have.

P. SHURGOT: That's so they can work together on opposite sides and meet up in the middle. I will check to see if the one broke but I'm going to say it is so they can both be working.

ENGINEER – L. HEMPHILL:

S. SHURGOT: we received the engineer report in the pre meeting are there any further questions?

COG – J. HARTZELL: the government money we are receiving should be sent to the state by May 10th then they have 30 days to send it to us. Amazon applied for a building for the old Eastland Property, they should be starting by July.

S. SHURGOT: On the news they did not say Amazon, but a factory person was building.

L. KIRK: I asked Joe about that because they are saying they have petitions from Amazon for the old Westinghouse plant, but the news is saying something else, so I wonder if they are looking at both.

S. SHURGOT: yes, they want both of them.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. MAXWELL: I already talked about the Park grant and Paula talked about the arrows so the only other thing I have is to get Tony to put up the new flag and to fix the bathroom. Also, I just want to make sure that we are still going to vote at the Community Center? Caroline and I had talked about it in the past and I think we had them change it to the center until further notice.

S. SHURGOT: I think we should just leave it there for now.

K. MAXWELL: last thing is the ALOM conference, we get a free admission from being a Banner Community so we would just need to pay for a room. Do I just pay it and submit it to Caroline?

S. SHURGOT: yes, that is how it has been done in the past.

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P. SHURGOT/L.KIRK TO SEND KELLY MAXWELL TO THE ALOM CONFERENCE AS LONG AS HER TAXES AND GARBAGE ARE PAID TO DATE, REGISTRATION IS FREE DUE TO BEING A BANNER COMMUNITY AND SHE WILL PAY FOR THE ROOM AND BE REIMBURSED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

L. KIRK: isn't it a part of the Banner community distinction to have a representative at the conference?

K. MAXWELL: yes.

UTILITIES – J. HARTZELL: does everybody have a copy of the streetlight list for conversion, there are 22 of them.

J. HARTZELL TO DO THE LED CONVERSION ON 22 STREETLIGHTS TO INCLUDE CALDWELL AVENUE, WESTINGHOUSE AVENUE, JOHN STREET, GLENN STREET AND FLORANCE.

P. SHURGOT: would we be able to cut that back to 10-12?

J. HARTZELL: originally this is what I was told to do.

G. JAKUB: how many would it be for Caldwell and Westinghouse?

J. HARTZELL: 17, I will just table it until next month.

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: no, I have covered everything in the workshop.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS

J. THOMAS / P. SHURGOT TO PAY ALL THE APPROVED BILLS FOR MAY. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. HARTZELL: what is Frank Tylka's bill?

C. LANG: that is the monthly printing that he has done from home so I cannot verify what is being done. The HP receipt just lists a number of what has been printed.

J. HARTZELL: we need to know, and he should be told to break it down for us. We shouldn't have to pay for the school stuff. Also, the Fire department squad, who owns that?

C. LANG: we both do, it is titled and insured to both.

J. HARTZELL: are we still paying WABTEC because there is a line item?

C. LANG: no, we are completed with that.

RECREATION & PLANNING – K. BELIN: nothing for either.

OLD BUSINESS: none

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NEW BUSINESS:

J. THOMAS: I think we should send Mr. Tylka a letter explaining that we will give him an office with a computer, file cabinet, and keys. He is to leave information in the building and should not take anything home. Caroline can print anything he needs, and he can pick it up the next day.

J. HARTZELL: we can't change his hours because they are already printed.

S. SHURGOT: we can change it for next year.

K. MAXWELL: can make it effective January 1st but this year you leave it the way it is. If his house needs to be inspected for fire and safety, then we need to send Al up there and if it needs to be handicap accessible then will need to put something out about changing it and what about his wife being bonded.

S. SHURGOT: we have no knowledge that she is accepting checks and I don't think we should make a lot of wave right now.

J. HARTZELL: didn't we talk about certain months he needed to be accessible?

J. THOMAS: what I had said is for things to continue as they have in the past. I don't think we need to make a ton of changes right now.

J. THOMAS, KIRK TO GIVE FRANK TYLKA AN OFFICE IN THE BUILDING AND A COMPUTER TO USE. ALSO HAVE THE HOURS CHANGED JANUARY 1, 2022 TO HAVE OFFICE HOURS IN THE BUILDING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: we are just waiting to set up our next meeting with Pitcairn.

J. HARTZELL MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING 8:07 P.M