

WILMERDING BOROUGH
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 6, 2018 MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council Met in an executive session for a legal matter.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

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

REV. D. REEVES / P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Allegheny County will be baiting August 3rd to August 17th.
2. 2018 Fall Conference will be held September 27-30 at Seven Springs.

J. THOMAS/L. KIRK TO RECEIVE AND FILE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK – the EMS for July responded to 46 calls and had 27 transports. Their average response time for emergencies was 7.9 minutes and for non-emergencies was 7.7 minutes.

The fire department responded to 30 calls, 10 were in town and 20 were out of town, 9 work detail and 2 training classes and 6 maintenance hours.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: for the month of July we had 295 events which included 5 abandoned vehicles, 11 animal complaints, 7 assaults, 2 burglary, 3 criminal mischief, 4 domestic disputes, 2 DUI, 2 fugitive arrest, 6 vehicle crashes, 5 narcotics, 1 overdose, 3 thefts, 39 traffic stops, and 4 warrants. There were 28 arrests made that included 4 narcotics, 2 DUI, 4 fugitive, 7 simple assault, 1 harassment, 1 retail theft, 1 gun charge, 1 public intox, 2 aggravated assault, 1 altered document, 1 habitual offender, 1 defiant trespass, and 1 criminal trespass.

L. KIRK: crime watch had a successful bike rodeo and we will be doing a bake sale at Nation Night Out.

S. SHURGOT: did you handle the situation pertaining to dissemination of information?

L. KIRK: yes.

P. SHURGOT: last month I asked them to check on the cars behind Valley Auto.

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INSPECTOR KEARNS: if it's private property there is not much we can do.

G. JAKUB: We have a car in the parking lot of the white apartments that was dropped off and the tire is bent.

INSPECTOR KEARNS: you can have a vehicle with expired stickers on public property you just can't park it on the street but it could be a code violation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

S. SHURGOT: everyone received a report

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT: they cleaned up debris on Maple Avenue, filled some holes around town, cut grass around town along with 3 vacant lots on the 100 block of Middle Avenue, they removed low lying branches along Middle Avenue. North Versailles came with the brush hog and cut the walking trail, Morningside, and Orient they are charging \$300.00 per day. The pickup truck was repaired and inspected, the reflectors were added to the stop signs at Station & Westinghouse, Commerce & Westinghouse, Herman & Westinghouse, and all of Airbrake Avenue, picked up garbage around town and cleaned the building for meetings. On that note with the brush hog, when doing the budget this year I think we need to put in to get a 2nd had brush hog so we don't need to be dependent on anybody.

L. KIRK: what about 1st street accident?

C. LANG: the last time we discussed it were going to wait for the brush hog to come in then schedule e for the repairs. I have calls into the companies and we are just waiting on them.

K. PETERSON: do you know if the "kids at play" signs are up?

P. SHURGOT: I'm not sure but I will check on that. We would like to hire for a full time laborer, the one we have now is unable to go full time.

J. THOMAS: we have discussed the brush hog in the past and felt that would be an excellent piece of equipment for COG to buy.

P. SHURGOT: Caroline send a letter to them and see what they say.

G. JAKUB: the rate they want to charge each municipality goes up when they buy new equipment.

P. SHURGOT: it's just a suggestion and we can look into that for next year.

ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND: I spoke with the contractor doing the demolitions and he said he will be back in town August 8th. He will remove the porch at 428 Airbrake then move on to 652-654 Middle. He is aware of the steps on Watkins and the tree stumps on Morningside that needs removed. The application made with County Emergency Management to PEMA & FEMA for emergency assistance with 412 Welsh/Orient slide was denied. We could apply for a CITF grant in the next round which is January. With the Morningside subsidence we obtained quotes for asphalt patch over the slide to prevent water infiltration. The 3 quotes: NuCoat Asphalt - \$6500.00, McKee Asphalt - \$6830.00 & Victor paving - \$8000.00. The quotes are for 2 layers of

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asphalt; leveling and 1.5" wearing to bring pavement up to level plus a wedge curb to prevent water running over the hillside.

J. THOMAS/K. PETERSON TO USE MOTOR LICENSE FUND AND AWARD THE MORNINGSIDE SLIDE TO NUCOAT AT THE AMOUNT OF \$6500.00.

P. SHURGOT: how long will this take and how will it tie up the road?

D. GILLILAND: it would be a 1 day project.

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D. GILLILAND: specifications are complete for the paving of Caldwell Avenue and the Airbrake playground. Once the agreement from HUD and issues the agreement to TCVCOG we can advertise. CD 45 pre-application are due in September. They are not favoring demolition projects but seem to be leaning toward paving.

J. THOMAS: in the packet there are some estimates on paving could we put that in?

D. GILLILAND: We probably won't have enough grant money to do all of Caldwell so you may want to add that from Lydia to Brown. I'm not sure if Patton will qualify because it goes by residents and there are none on that section.

L. KIRK: 3rd and middle has had a cone by the catch basin for at least 6months. Also Airbrake Avenue at 3rd Street.

J. THOMAS: I think we should have the road foreman go out and find the worst 4 or 5.

K. PETERSON: Steve's at Card & Lydia and I think there is one on Caldwell.

COG REPORT – K. PETERSON: NO REPORT

BOROUGH PROPERTY – L. KIRK: I had AGL look at the fireman's door and he came back with a cost of \$3720.00.

S. SHURGOT: What was the price of fixing the double doors in the Recreation Room?

L. KIRK: that was the Flying Locksmith and it was \$1396.00 to repair.

P. SHURGOT/ REV. REEVES TO REPLACE THE EXTERIOR DOOR TO BRUNNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3645.00 MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

P. SHURGOT: can you keep working on the other doors because I would rather replace than just repair. Also, I have a question about the trees. Did they say they will mulch them?

L. KIRK: No the logs are our responsibility, they will cut them into 18" logs and we will handle how they are dispersed. His quote is for tree removal, log cut into 18: logs, grind stumps, and fill holes. Wait he did call me back and say he would mulch it and that's when Steve had me ask Dave if we could use it in the playground.

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Its \$3400.00 for 6 trees, stump grinding, and the logs chipped into usable mulch. This will be done on September 18th and 19th.

UTILITIES – K. PETERSON: No report

SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK: Public hearing for Ordinance addressing continuing problems with occupancy permits and people moving in without a permit. This ordinance authorizes police officers to prevent any person or entity from occupying a property prior to obtaining an occupancy permit.

P. SHURGOT/K. PETERSON TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING POLICE TO PREVENT OCCUPYING A PROPERTY PRIOR TO OBTAINING A PERMIT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0

S. SHURGOT: we have been trying to get this quality of life ticket to pass. I don't think we need to re-advertise. It is the same ordinance that we have with just worded a different way.

G. JAKUB: any update on 318 Middle/Miller?

G. EVASHAVIK: the last discussion I had was with Kyle on June 18th, he said he would do a reinsertion of the property and send a Notice of Violation.

C. LANG: He sent the notice and got a response stating that she was unable to do repairs due to the court proceeding. I had emailed you and you said that is not true so Kyle was to move forward from that.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / K. PETERSON TO PAY ALL AUTHORIZED BILLS. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 7-0.

At the workshop I passed out the 2016 back taxes.

J. THOMAS/K. MAXWELL TO FILE REMAINING 60 LIENS COSTING APPROXIMATELY \$3600.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

P. SHURGOT: Can we do the same thing on garbage as we do on taxes?

J. THOMAS: yes, Caroline, myself and Marcy have been talking about this. MBM wanted to let the current process go for another month or 2.

C. LANG: MBM has payment plans worked out for a lot of them. Aside from that they were going to start to take some to court. She was going to prepare the 1st round but so far up to date we have collected over \$15,000.00. We are also collecting current payments from several people who are on the delinquent list.

RECREATION – K. MAXWELL: National Night Out is tomorrow, Spitfirez will start serving food at 5, Kona ice will be her, there will be a bounce house, face painting, games, and the movie. The band will begin at 6:30.

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PLANNING – REV. REEVES: no report but I do want thank you for your permission to have our annual block party. We had a great turnout.

OLD BUSINESS:

P. SHURGOT: was there a letter sent to AWR about the trees?

C. LANG: yes and there was no response.

P. SHURGOT: concerning the bridge, they had to shut down those lines when they put the new signals up, why could we not get the bridge done that day?

C. LANG: they did not shut the line down completely for that project.

P. SHURGOT: should we send another letter from Dave or Greg.

S. SHURGOT: we have our State Rep and Senator Markosek trying too.

K. PETERSON: It is supposedly on a list.

P. SHURGOT/L. KIRK TO SEND A 2ND LETTER TO NORFOLK SOUTHERN AND COPY ALLEGHENY COUNTY, SENATOR MARKOSEK, AND CONGRESSMAN DOYLE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. THOMAS: Has anybody heard anything from Mindhunters?

G. JAKUB: not yet.

MAYORS REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I just want to let everyone know that the council is actively involved in trying to keep the YMCA open.

M. WOJTOWICZ: my wife Bonnie Alexander and I own several properties in town including the property next to 528 & 530 Middle Avenue. It has been 9 months since the fire, it's been 6 months since they applied for the demolition permit and it is still not complete. It's a safety hazard and a health issue; I have a rodent infestation in my building. Tony came over and baited but it's getting worse, he's catching 2-3 a night. Is there a time frame for this permit? Can you as a council step up and do anything about this?

A. HUSSEY: I have been working on this with Kyle but as long as they are performing work the permit is good until completion.

B. ALEXANDER: so they do work 2 day take 8 weeks off then come back for another day and this is acceptable.

A. HUSSEY: it's not that is acceptable but unfortunately that's the rules in the construction code.

G. EVASHAVIK: Kyle being the agent should be issuing violations.

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B. ALEXANDER: I've been after Kyle and he told me if I cite them it goes to the magistrate and shell lower the fine and give them an extension. I told him to keep doing it.

M. WOJTOWICZ: Let do something to promote this, it's a safety hazard.

G. EVASHAVIK: we'll talk to Kyle and get him to cite the guy if it's dragging on too long.

B. ALEXANDER: so what happens with our porch since its pulling now?

G. EVASHAVIK: that becomes a civil matter and you would have to take them to the magistrate.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.