

WILMERDING BOROUGH  
MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gregory Jakub at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

**ROLL CALL: LINDA KIRK, absent; TURNER SIEBLES, present; JOE HARTZELL, present; STEVE VOLPE, absent; LEAHMANDA BARNES, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, absent; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB present.**

**L. BARNES/J. HARTZELL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

**PETITIONS & MEMORIALS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. We need to ratify an email vote for a concurring Resolution for the Act 152 demolition grant in the amount of \$197,000.00

**L. BARNES/J. THOMAS TO RATIFY THE EMAIL VOTE FOR THE CONCURRING RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,000.00 FOR THE ACT 152 DEMOLITION GRANT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

- b. We need to ratify a email vote for the Slums & Blight Resolution stating that the properties we applied for from the above grant are a public nuisance.

**L. BARNES/J. THOMAS TO APPROVE THE SLUMS & BLIGHT RESOLUTION IN CONCURRENCE OF THE ACT 152 GRANT APPLICATION. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

- c. Sponsorship request for the 2023 EA Football Golf outing.

**J. HARTZELL/J. THOMAS TO AWARD EA FOOTBALL A SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

- d. We have an application for use of the mail park on August 20, 2023 for a back to school event being held by Pasquale's Pizza and EA family center.

**J. HARTZELL/ L. BARNES TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY USE FOR AUGUST 20, 2023. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

- e. Notice of a meeting being held at the Pitcairn Borough Building on July 25, 2023 to discuss the Turtle Creek Connector.

- f. Request from WCC to hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5k run on October 21, 2023.

**J. HARTZELL/L. BARNES TO APPROVE THE WCC'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL 5K RUN ON OCTOBER 21, 2023. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY – L. KIRK:**

MAYOR JAKUB – everyone has a copy of the EMS report but there is no fire report.

**DETECTIVE CARUSO:** The month of June we had 171 calls. I want to start by saying the movie in the park event was so nice. We are trying to get the bus removed from behind Valley Auto that the children are playing in and throwing rocks at.

**HUSSEY:** I will talk to the owner tomorrow and put a tow tag on it. It will be out within 10 days.

**DETECTIVE CARUSO:** I have been working with Caroline on the soliciting in town, some of them have obtained the permit that is requested but we are still keeping an eye on that. I also contacted Caroline regarding the cars parked in alleys and she informed me that there is no ordinance against that they just have to follow the regular traffic laws. There have been a few issues on the 400 block of Airbrake with cars parking in the handicap spots so those were all ticketed and I see we got most of those back.

**J. HARTZELL:** According to the contract we are supposed to be receiving 24-7 coverage and officers are to patrol the streets several times per shift, this is not happening. You are not following or enforcing ordinances, there has been a truck parked on Herman, half on the sidewalk for weeks, we have an ordinance that says parking of buses, trucks and certain other vehicles is prohibited but it hasn't been tagged. There are cars parked on the sidewalk on Caldwell. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July I don't think there was an officer in town.

**DETECTIVE CARUSO:** I was here till 11 and drove around the entire time.

J. HARTZELL: I called twice, and no one showed up.

**DETECTIVE CARUSO:** I saw them and advised them to stop.

**J. HARTZELL:** well, they didn't, they went off till after midnight. They were shooting them off again on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We passed an ordinance about fireworks, and it was not followed, I just want to see these ordinances followed.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT – A. HUSSEY:** everyone received a copy of the report.

**G. JAKUB:** Filia's lot is terrible, I see it was on the report but that was last month, and it needs done again.

**L. BARNES:** on the corner of Welsh and Frank, there is a sign on the door, is that one of ours?

**HUSSEY:** I will look into it.

**PUBLIC WORKS – J. HARTZELL:** They have been cutting grass, painting lines, and will be doing hot patch tomorrow. Usually, we have 2 guys working although we are supposed to have 4 but it seems like they all take off a lot.

**J. THOMAS:** We have to do our Rock Salt obligation for 2024-2025. We currently have 130 tons that we still need to take from the 2023-2024 season, but we need to determine what to order, usually it's 300 ton. Also, did anyone look at the railings on Card?

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**J. HARTZELL:** those are all good, but Steve mentioned a railing on Lydia that was hit by a car a few years ago, I guess Steve wants us to replace that.

**G. JAKUB:** can we authorize Matt to move the stop sign on Ice Plant?

**J. HARTZELL:** it doesn't need to be moved, that is a one-way street and there is no traffic coming down John. You stop at that sign, and you can see everything you need to see.

**ENGINEER – B. BRANTHOVER:** report was given in workshop.

**COG – T. SIEBLES:**

**J. HARTZELL:** There are no meetings in the summer.

**UTILITIES – L. BARNES:** still trying to get in touch with Duquesne Light.

**J. HARTZELL:** are you aware that the lights in the business district and around the park belong to us, a few of those are out.

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** report was given in workshop.

**FINANCE – J. THOMAS:**

**J. THOMAS/ L. BARNES TO PAY ALL BILLS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,281.62. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL 4-0.**

**J. THOMAS:** just a few other figures for the year, RAD - \$74,117.39, Deed transfer - \$3,689.00, Earned Income - \$71,882.98, Local service tax - \$8,292.56, Real Estate - \$311,784.49, Delinquent Real Estate - \$22,812.63, and delinquent garbage - \$4,044.83.

**J. HARTZELL:** years ago, we used to have the tenants pay the delinquents directly to us, are we still doing that?

**C. LANG:** we cannot do garbage.

**J. THOMAS:** I guess we could, I'm going through the MBM info now so we can discuss this in the future.

**RECREATION – S. VOLPE:** absent

**PLANING – T. SIEBLES:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C. LANG:** the price for the railing repairs would be \$3000.00

**L. BARNES/J. THOMAS TO AWARD MIKE SMITH THE SPRAGUE STREET RAILING REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 4-0.**

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**MAYORS REMARKS:** I received the Emergency plan from the WCC for childcare, this will be sent to the county for review and filed with the Borough.

**J. HARTZELL:** what about the electrical box?

**G. JAKUB:** the ballet told us immediately and they will be getting this repaired.

**J. HARTZELL MOTION TO ADJORN 7:38 P.M.**