

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

Meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell at 7:02p.m.

K. MAXWELL: Council met in an executive to discuss personnel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: JOHN MARCOZ present; TURNER SIEBLES, present; JOE HARTZELL, present; STEVE VOLPE, present; LEAHMANDA BARNE present; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2025 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

G. EVASHAVIK HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE VERIZON CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

BILL PRICENER – 525 WESTINGHOUSE AVE: There is a severe water and ice issue going on in front of our homes on the 500 block of Westinghouse. We believed there was a water break but now we are not sure if it is a leak or if this is because of the sub-pumps being fed into the street. Our Public Works came out and they were unable to remove the ice and the mayor did have to call North Versailles to help clear it off. Can we ask for a variance stating that these pumps cannot push into the street?

G. EVASHAVIK: it wouldn't be a variance but if this is a private pump then the owner is responsible and must get out there and salt it. They cannot create a public hazard on a public right-a-way.

G. JAKUB: you cannot tie the sub pump into the drain in your basement.

B. BRANTHOVER: you cannot tie into a combination sewer so the residents would have to dig across the street to tie into the storm sewer. This is the coldest winter we have had in a while, and we have found that there have been several water leaks that have been repaired. WPJWA is going to do core drilling on Glenn to see if there is additional breaks that may be causing this issue.

ED JACKMAN: I went to look on the website and it says it is not developed.

C. LANG: There are issues with the site we use, and I have been working with Netfirms to resolve this. It should be back up in a few days.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY T. SIEBLES: No fire department report. The EMS report shows 63 calls with the average emergency response time was 10.3 minutes and the average non-emergency response time was 11.8 minutes. Chief has the police report.

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CHIEF FARALLY: There were 42 calls. On New Years Eve we had 7 officers on and thank god we did because there was a pursuit that came thru town on the way to Monroeville where they finally crashed and the dog was deployed to find him. There was another the other day out in Hempfield township, and she wrecked into my vehicle after a pursuit through Pitcairn. Monroeville is now our primary backup, and they are going to be training a dog very soon.

CODE ENFORCEMENT –

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – M. SNYDER: see report

PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ: we are down to 1 person again and although there are some complaints I feel he is doing the best he can. We are accepting applications for another laborer.

ENGINEER – B. BRNATHOOVER: We have 2 grants for demolition. The Keyston Communities initiative was awarded \$150,000.00 and the GEDTF was \$50,000.00. I am working with Molly to see what the best way to do all of this is and see if we can bid them all out together. I will need a prioritized list so we can start moving forward with the asbestos testing. I had Tremco come out yesterday and look at the roof with me and take core samples. They will be getting some estimates to us, but I can tell you that we will need to start looking for a grant to have that replaced completely.

COG – J. HARTZELL: they have not moved into the old water authority building and are looking into some other options. They talked about the PRT bus line changes and from what I understand there will be no bus service coming through Wilmerding. We received \$50,000.00 grant for the CodeEnforce program and the more that join the lower the cost. They are looking for members to join the Climate Control Board and in January at the managers' meeting they discussed setting up a committee to discuss the issues with WPJWA.

C. LANG: Since the initial talk most towns have been getting 2 payments a month.

J. HARTZELL: they also want to discuss a shared refuse collection committee to see if it may be feasible.

J. THOMAS: has anyone informed the school of this change?

G. JAKUB: we have a meeting tomorrow.

C. LANG: there is a website you can go to and see the proposed changes and fill out the survey or ask questions.

BORO PROPERTIES & UTILITIES – S. VOLPE: I just want to thank the CIAC for all of the decoration they donated for Christmas.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: Nothing to report

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE PAY ALL OTHER BILLS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,612.44 AND FROM PLIGIT SEWAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1950.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS: REPORT ON THE INCOME WE HAVE RECEIVED. The real estate for January was actually a 2023 payment in the amount of \$2171.29, the delinquent real estate for December was \$10,957.36, delinquent garbage was \$663.29,

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RAD for January was \$13,792.48, deed transfer \$4,792.20, EIT \$7,721.33, and LST \$65.16. Also, I am involved with the Fire Department, and they are hurting for cash and remembered that we have given them money in the past.

J. THOMAS/S. VOLPE TO TRANSFER FUNDS INTO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PLGIT ACCOUNT SPLIT TO BE \$4,000.00 NOW AND \$4,000.00 IN JUNE. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. HARTZELL: Are they doing anything on their own to raise money?

J. THOMAS: Yes, they are selling a ticket every month. Funds are low because they're applying for a 501C3 and they didn't think it would cost anything to do but it has already cost us \$2,500.00 and it has not gone to the IRS yet.

RECREATION – L. BARNES: We will be working on the upcoming Easter event.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing

NEW BUSINESS: nothing

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I just want to thank Glenn Engineering, especially Brad and Lou, they are doing their best to get this all worked out. I have been contacted by all the mayors to sign a letter as a participant with the Napon Steel merger.

S. VOLPE TO ADJORN 7:42 P.M.