

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

Meeting was called to order by President Kelly Maxwell at 7:03 p.m.

Council met in an executive session 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 BARNES, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025, MEETING. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

KATE VANDER WIEDE – A-TEAM. Talked about the A-team and what they will bring to our town as they work with Pitcairn Police. They are a team of individuals who will respond to the 911 call and be able to assess the person and follow up with the needed services.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. We received a property use form from Westinghouse Arts Academy to do Art in the Park on Friday, May 23 from 10a-8p. They included a \$25.00 check for the use of electricity. They will provide security and clean up after the event.

J. HARTZELL: can we request a deposit to hold in case they do not clean up?

J. HARTZELL/S. VOLPE TO APPROVE THE USE OF WILMERDING PARK ON MAY 23, 2025 FROM 10A-8P ONCE THE SECURITY DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 IS RECEIVED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

- B. We received a quote from Elk to repair a steam pipe in the bathroom of the Fire Department. They could not give an exact quote but estimate it will be approximately \$2000.00

S. VOLPE/J. HARTZELL TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF THE STEAM PIP AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$2000.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY – T. SIEBLES: The EMS had 42 calls. The average emergency response time was 10 minutes, and the average non-emergency was 10.7 minutes. There is no Fire report for February

OFFICER CARUSO: There were 38 incidents.

K. MAXWELL: if there are multiple disturbances at the same location when does the 3-strike rule apply.

OFFICER CARUSO: that is considered a disorderly house but does not account for any type of domestic.

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C.LANG: we have the 979 ordinance that the police use but most of the time the tenants move out before we can do anything with the ordinance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – M. SNYDER: report attached

PUBLIC WORKS – J. MARCOZ: Austin did a decent job with the snow since he was on his own. He got the lights out of the park and off the building. The dump truck has had a lot of maintenance done and Austin will be away for a week due to his reserves.

J. HARTZELL: can he do concrete? Those steps between Middle and Airbrake need repaired.

J. MARCOZ: NO

K. MAXWELL: the potholes on Patton Street need to be filled.

J. MARCOZ: We just had a discussion in Caroline's office about the potholes and he said they were all done so then we started pointing out the streets and he got defensive.

G. JAKUB: I had a talk with him about how he responds to people and also about responding to fire calls.

J. MARCOZ: he has been doing a lot of things with East McKeesport PW and I did have a talk with him about that.

J. HARTZELL: he needs to start cleaning up over on Middle at the bus stop.

ENGINEERS REPORT – B. BRANTHOVER: We finished up the annual reporting for wastewater requirements. The catch basin work will start in March, they will be doing 10 inlets. The demolition funding in total from the GEDTF and Keyston Initiatives program gives us \$1150,000.00 but we have to use the \$50,000.00 from the GEDTF toward the 412 Airbrake property since that is what we applied for. We will need asbestos testing done and I did the RFP already. We received 1 bid at a cost of \$6500.00 for all 10 to be done.

J. THOMAS/J. MARCOZ TO HAVE THE ASBESTOS TESTING DONE IN THE 10 PROPERTIES THAT ARE ON THE CURRENT DEMOLITION LIST.

B. BRANTHOVER: We have been dealing with more water issued on Westinghouse. Hopefully this last repair has helped, and we are done dealing with that. On February 24, 2025, we received notification that you were going to be awarded \$400,000.00 from the MultiModel program for paving. This paving will be Card Avenue from Station to Lydia, Patton Street, the section that was not in the grant last year, and Middle Avenue from Bridge to Maple. Not sure when but it is something to look forward to. Also, the GTRP grant is opening, last year we had put in for Airbrake Park and the Community Center but then we had to pick one or the other. We received information from TREMCO regarding the roof and for a total replacement they estimated the cost to be \$274,195.00. I will start looking into grants that we can apply for.

C.Lang: we went with the fencing at Airbrake Park.

COG REPORT –J. HARTZELL: there was no meeting because of the dinner.

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BOROUGH PROPERTY/UTILITIES – S. VOLPE: nothing.

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: I have nothing to report.

G. JAKUB: can you send a letter to the owner of 315 Patton Street stating they have 30 days to resolve the issue.

G. EVASHAVIK: Caroline can you send me the owners' information.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

J. THOMAS / S. VOLPE TO PAY ALL BILLS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,329.46, AND PLGIT SEWAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,444.26. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. THOMAS: There has been no real estate tax received yet, the bills go out in April. We have collected to date \$11,838.28 in delinquent real estate, \$2,767.61 in delinquent garbage, \$30,440.96 in RAD, \$6,732.11 for deed transfer, \$28,308.13 in EIT and \$3,225.75 in LST.

J. HARTZELL: what is that \$150,000.00?

C.LANG: the is our money from the Keystone Communities Initiative Grant.

J. HARTZELL: can we start to go after some of these people that are not paying?

RECREATION – L. BARNES: the easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 19th at noon in the park and it will be similar to last year.

L. BARNES/J. HARTZELL TO TRANSFER \$400.00 INTO THE RECREATION ACCOUNT. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: none

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: I have been talking to several people at Allegheny County about the bridge lights and they are working to get them repaired.

J. MARCOZ: Borough wide cleanup April 12th at 9am with a rain date of April 26th.

J. THOAMS/S. VOLPE TO ADJORN MEETING AT 8:03 P.M.