

BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH

Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Shurgot at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

ROLL CALL: LINDA KIRK, present; KELLY BELIN, frozen logged back in 7:06 p.m.; JOE HARTZELL, present; KELLY MAXWELL, present; PAULA SHURGOT, present; JOHN THOMAS, present; STEPGHEN SHURGOT, present; MAYOR GREGORY JAKUB was also present.

J. HARTZELL/P. SHURGOT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sable Kennel contract

G. EVASHAVIK: I reviewed the contract, and it does not have the necessary language so I will write up an addendum with the language that will need accepted by Sable Kennel and you can move to approve it with said language.

P. SHURGOT/L. KIRK TO APPROVE THE SABLE KENNEL CONTRACT WITH THE ADDITIONAL LEGAL LANGUAGES STATED BY MR. EVASHAVIK, MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY - L. KIRK: I do not have a fire report because they misunderstood the shutdown of the building. After checking with Steve, I explained to them they are not permitted to have meetings or congregate but are permitted to enter for business reasons. The EMS had 37 calls. The average emergency response time was 6.8 minutes, and the average non-emergency was 9.0 minutes. For the entire year there were 363 transports, 17 stands by, 39 refused transport, 32 no treatment given, 34 no patient found, 29 cancelled, 3 DOA, 30 others, for a total of 547 calls. The average emergency response time for the year was 7.5 minutes and the average non-emergency was 10.1 minutes.

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: We had 214 events for the month including 4 abandoned vehicles, 5 assaults, 1 burglary, 7 domestic disputes, 1 commercial fire alarm, 2 harassment, 2 motor vehicle crashes, 1 narcotic, 1 theft, 16 traffic stops, and 1 warrant. There we 8 arrests for the month including 1 criminal mischief, 4 harassment, 1 open container alcohol, 1suspended DUI related, and 1 warrant.

J. HARTZELL: the assist police look high, is that normal?

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: that's a little high for the month because it's been busier all around us, but we've been quiet here.

S. SHURGOT: does that have anything to do with covering North Braddock because they were shut down with COVID-19?

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: no, we kept then completely separate.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT – A. HUSSEY: I will just refer to the report that was submitted.

P. SHURGOT: I am very glad you got 318 started, it is very nice seeing the repairs done finally. Also, can you look at that garage on the 400 block of Middle that has no windows?

A. HUSSEY: I am already working on that, Mr. Shurgot brought that to my attention about a month ago. Mike Kelly broke in a while back and took all the junk out and destroyed it.

P. SHURGOT: Wes, I appreciate that you got the piano moved so quickly but there is still one piece left, should I have my guys go to get that?

A. HUSSEY: Ryan committed to me that he was going to pick that up. That piece is the soundboard and is heavy mahogany.

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: one last thing, Sgt. Havens is back, and Officer Wilksmore is a daylight officer.

PUBLIC WORKS – P. SHURGOT:

P. SHURGOT/J.THOMAS TO RATIFY THE PHONE VOTE FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES OF AN EZ VAC BLOWER AND BAGGER IN THE AMOUN OF \$3073.00 AND A LARGER TOOLBOX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

P. SHURGOT: so last month we received 12” of snow and they did a fantastic job. We had a few complaints but overall, nothing major, and Jeremy came out to do around the park for them.

ENGINEERS REPORT – D. GILLILAND: report was given at workshop.

COG & UTILITIES REPORT – J. HARTZELL: There was no meeting for COG. WPJWA is going to start working on Airbrake and they are still replacing poles on Maple. Any pole you see with a white X will be replaced.

C. LANG: they should be completing the project from last year with the water line replacement.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – K. MAXWELL:

K. MAXWELL/J.THOMAS TO PAY HALF OF THE TOTAL REPAIR COST FOR THE ROOF TOP HEATING UNIT AT THE WILMERDING COMMUNITY CENTER. THE TOTAL BILL WILL BE \$19,700.00 WITH THE BOROUGH PAYING \$9850.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 6-1.

K. MAXWELL/J. THOMAS TO APPROVE ELK REPAIR THE BOILER IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5693.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

K. MAXWELL: Caroline have you received anything regarding the roof work?

C. LANG: not yet I sent an email, and I will let you know.

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K. MAXWELL: the unit at the community center has been replaced and the bill has been paid to Elk. We will get a profit and loss over by workshop.

G. JAKUB: Kelly and I have been working together to set a goal of how much they can pay back to the Borough and we will get that in writing.

S. SHURGOT: I can attest that I agree with Kelly Belin, we can't keep funding them so they can do other projects in the building. Also, Kelly Maxwell, do you think we can talk to the Arts Academy about possibly painting the wooden Christmas cutouts, they will hold up better.

P. SHURGOT: there is a lady on Patton Street that made some cute decorations out of pallets, can we do something like that?

SOLICITOR - G. EVASHAVIK: just a follow up from last month and the Comcast agreement. I found an unsigned copy that I forwarded. I was just wondering if we ever found a signed copy.

C. LANG: Comcast has a signed copy that we are waiting to get a copy of. After working with you, Amanda at COG, and Phil from Cohen law we were able to determine that our contract expires June of 2023. I will send it over once I get it and Joe was notified of the details.

G. EVASHAVIK: the other item is the ongoing research on the shell game and ownership of the Faller Building. Is there any progress as to repairs or renovation that we believe this new owner has planned? McKeesport Rentals LLC was just formed this year and took ownership of the property from Bayview loan Servicing.

A. HUSSEY: So, I took a drive to McKeesport to see if it was a legitimate address and it was but there was no occupant just a building with a sign. I then spoke with David Allen from the Park House and he was going to see what he could find out.

G. EVASHAVIK: okay just keep me in the loop.

FINANCE – J. THOMAS:

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

J. THOMAS: I was trying to find out the status of our auditor and found out that he has completed our 2018 audit and is working on the 2019 audit. I still believe that we should try to pursue another auditor.

J. HARTZELL: ON THE Motor License fund, that is where we pay the streetlight correct?

J. THOMAS: yes, but there are no monies left because we have been eating it up with the salt bills.

J. HARTZELL: will that affect our budget?

J. THOMAS: no, I put provisions in to use the general fund to pay the streetlights because we are not sure what we will be getting for Motor License.

J. HARTZELL: Caroline on the bills I don't see anything here for the Borough magazine?

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C. LANG: it is under PA State Association of Borough.

K. MAXWELL: those whose pay their garbage bills annually did not receive a bill.

C. LANG: I don't believe we sent bills in the past just the newsletters or letters.

J. HARTZELL: I thought when I did it everyone got a bill for the 1st quarter and it said on the bill about the discount.

C. LANG: we should have to extend the discount or send bills early because our 1st quarter billing doesn't go out until March.

J. HARTZELL: why so late?

C. LANG: we bill at the end of the quarter.

K. MAXWELL: shouldn't the bills be paid in advance because if they move, you're not going to get that money from them.

C. LANG: this is how the billing has been set up for years. Joe would be more able to answer why we bill at the end of the quarter.

J. HARTZELL: you're right we have always billed at the end of the quarter.

C. LANG: if you wanted to change it, we could just have to notify the residents of the change.

K. MAXWELL: that mess' up the books because they are paying for service, they received in 2020 but they don't pay until 2021 so the auditor would have to go back and move that monies around.

C. LANG: the bills are due by the December 30th and most people pay within that time. The monies we receive in January are for the discounts.

RECREATION – K. BELIN: Santa went around on the fire truck and that's it!

PLANNING – K. BELIN: I see this note that Joyce wants to have a meeting.

C. LANG: she does want to do in person and said she tried to call you but was unable to get you.

K. BELIN: I will call her and talk with her.

J. HARTZELL: there are a few people with expired terms do they still want to be on.

C. LANG: I didn't receive anything, but I will touch base with them and let them know if they want to continue, they need to submit their letters.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

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L. KIRK: just the parking on 3rd Street, can we get a letter sent to the residents that during bad weather can they just park on one side.

S. SHURGOT: we need to do the vote for the Westinghouse repairs.

J. THOMAS/K. BELIN TO AWARD THE WESTINGHOUSE AVENUE SEWER REPAIR TO SOLI CONSTRUCTION FOR THE AMMOUNT OF \$19,625.00. MEMBERS VOTED APPROVAL, 7-0.

J. HARTZELL: how much can a committee spend?

S. SHURGOT: a committee can spend \$400.00.

P. SHURGOT: are dumpster permits done every time a dumpster is changed?

C. LANG: dumpster permits are good for 1 month no matter how many times you replace your dumpster. They will have to reapply once their month is up.

MAYOR'S REMARKS – G. JAKUB: We are beginning to get everything together in an attempt to get the county to resign a contract. I have heard that they want to be here so I hope that we can come to an agreement.

J. HARTZELL: does anyone attend the ACBA meeting and do we still belong to that?

S. SHURGOT: I think we still belong, but no one goes to the meetings. Caroline can you check into that.

K. MAXWELL TO ADJOURN MEETING 8:04 p.m.