

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING
NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2020 WORKSHOP**

J. THOMAS: Can we discuss the budget? I agree with Steve on raising the employee increases from 1.5% to 3%. We can adjust the budget so that the bottom line would stay the same.

P. SHURGOT: we have 4 employees.

J. THOMAS: I didn't include Michael because when he becomes eligible for full time, he will get the health benefits increase but we can discuss that. Everything I budgeted for taxes has come in and the EIT and LST is a little below last year but not like what we thought.

L. KIRK: were you considering Christmas bonuses?

J. THOMAS: Steve usually brings that up and it's fine with me if we do it.

J. HARTZELL: did you figure out how much the percentage would be with the 3% raise?

J. THOMAS: it's a little over \$1700.00.

J. HARTZELL: how much added to the hourly rate would that be? Can we just give a flat rate, so everybody gets equal amounts?

S. SHURGOT: so, each person's 3% would be different according to their current rate.

J. HARTZELL: I know but I think we should give everyone the same amount instead of one person getting more than the others.

J. THOMAS: I would like to leave it at the 3%. Also, did you ever find out what the surcharge is with the Duquesne light bill?

J. HARTZELL: no but it is on all of the bills. It has to do with recovering costs incurred to repair, improve, or replace property.

INSPECTOR MCCLELLAN: We set up very strict guidelines at the station due to the recent resurgence in COVID. We do not want more than 2 people in the building at a time and anyone in there must wear a mask. There have been several local police departments almost completely taken out by this.

S. SHURGOT: I was going to talk about this as well. I think the Borough Building should be closed down to all meetings including fire, planning and our council meetings. No one should be in the building unless they have an appointment, and everyone should be wearing their masks inside the building and borough trucks.

K. MAXWELL: do you want to close down the parks again too?

S. SHURGOT: I don't think the parks because they are outside. I will draft something and send it over to everyone to review.