

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Legislative Session**  
**January 9, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cohn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Council members present were: Mr. Lefebvre (via telephone), Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, and President Cohn. Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager, Mayor John Thompson, and Michael Witherel, Borough Solicitor were also present. Ms. Moore was absent. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed to remember victims of violent crime.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Tom Montgomery – 1003 Savannah Ave.** – Due to an incident on Braddock Avenue in November, the Regent Square Civic Association will be holding a meeting to discuss the issue on January 23, 2013, 6:30 PM at the Environmental Charter School. He commented that there has been no further update on the Parkway East Ramp Metering Project. President Cohn advised that he sent a letter to PA DOT on behalf of the Borough. President Cohn reported that PA DOT had assured him in its response that they are taking a substantive step back but are still pursuing the project. There is apparently discussion regarding a contract with a new engineering firm.

Chief Coleman distributed Public Safety Forum announcements for January 22 and February 7, 2013.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Adopting Ordinance No. 2901 – Stop intersection at Biddle & Mifflin.**

Ms. Ervin questioned whether the recommendation of the engineer was taken into consideration. Ms. Marcinko stated that the engineer had advised that the stop intersection was warranted.

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. Goodman

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

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**2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes of 12/5/12 and 12/12/12.**

Ms. Macklin referred to the December 5, 2012 minutes and that Council didn't decide on pay stations. In paragraph two, Ms. Macklin stated "she" commented on a two prong approach. Ms. Macklin stated that the minutes did not reflect the entirety of her comments and she will email suggested changes to Ms. Marcinko. Ms. Macklin requested adding "rather than using bond proceeds" with regard to the discussion on the Eastridge branch financing. She requested changing paragraph three to read "removing property from Section 8 eligibility". President Cohn suggested focusing on more substantive changes. In paragraph four, she commented on the new pension contribution rate following the arbitration award. Ms. Marcinko stated that Council will need to adopt a new resolution to increase the contribution rate.

**Moved:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**Second:** Ms. Goodman

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**3. Approving December checks issued:**

<b>Regular Disbursements 12/01 – 12/31/12</b>	<b>807,330.84</b>
<b>Payroll Disbursements</b>	<b>378,693.84</b>
<b>Voided Checks</b>	<b><u>213.45</u></b>
<b>Total Disbursement</b>	<b>1,185,811.23</b>

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**Yes:** Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans, President Cohn

**No:** Ms. Trice, Ms. Macklin, Ms. Ervin

**Motion carried 5:3**

**4. Approving Resolution No. 13-001 – Reappointing Joel Minnigh – Library Board.**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

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**5. Approving Resolution No. 13-002 – Reappointing Jean Dexheimer – Library Board.**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**6. Approving Resolution no. 13-003 – Reappointing A. B. Carl – Library Board.**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. Goodman

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**7. Approving Resolution No. 13-004 – Reappointing Tracey Evans – WCIDA**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**Yes:** Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Macklin, Ms. Trice, Ms. Ervin and President Cohn

**Abstention:** Ms. Evans

**Motion carried 7:0 with one abstention.**

**8. Approving Resolution No. 13-005 – Reappointing Rick Hawkinberry – WMA.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second:** Ms. Goodman

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**9. Approving Resolution No. 13-006 – Reappointing Brenda Joyce-May-WPJWA.**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**10. Approving Resolution No. 13-007 – Reappointing Patrick Shattuck – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

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**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**11. Approving Resolution No. 13-008 – Sponsoring Banner – WBA.**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. Trice

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA – VPRP APPLICATIONS**

- 1. Approving Resolution No. 13-009 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 1.**
- 2. Approving Resolution No. 13-010 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 2.**
- 3. Approving Resolution No. 13-011 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 3.**
- 4. Approving Resolution No. 13-012 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 4.**
- 5. Approving Resolution No. 13-013 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 5.**
- 6. Approving Resolution No. 13-014 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 6.**
- 7. Approving Resolution no. 13-015 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 7.**
- 8. Approving Resolution No. 13-016 – Approving VPRP Application for 855 Rebecca – Unit 8.**

Ms. Macklin noted that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the applications. The County is acquiring and seeking investors for the property. President Cohn commented that the building is an architectural gem in Wilkinsburg.

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**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Macklin questioned whether all issues relating to Police Department grants had been resolved. She commented on the need to dispose of the vehicles in the underground garage. Ms. Macklin questioned the status of the Police Department renovation project. Ms. Marcinko advised that the bid documents are being finalized. Ms. Macklin questioned the status of the law enforcement liability insurance and Ms. Marcinko advised that there is a meeting tomorrow with the carrier. Ms. Macklin commented that she would like to move quickly in certifying a new eligibility list. Ms. Marcinko commented on the resignation of the Civil Service Commission Solicitor.

President Cohn questioned the status of the retiree acknowledgement.

Ms. McCarthy-Johnson questioned the status of the KaBOOM grant for Ferguson Playground. Ms. Marcinko advised that no further information had been received. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson will follow up.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Approving Resolution No. 13-017 – Hiring Emily Bryan-Reeder-Children’s Librarian.**

Ms. Ervin inquired about the provision in the offer of employment relating to relocation expense.

**Moved:** Ms. Goodman

**Second:** Ms. Evans

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, on motion by Ms. Evans, second by Ms. Ervin the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37 P.M.

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Jason Cohn, Council President