**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH**
**Council Legislative Meeting**
**February 12, 2014**

## CALL TO ORDER

President McCarthy-Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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. Present were Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Macklin and President McCarthy-Johnson. Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager and Solicitor Michael J. Witherel were also present. Mayor John A. Thompson and Mr. Taiani were absent. A quorum was established.

President McCarthy-Johnson noted that Mr. Taiani called to inform her he would not be attending.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approving Council Meeting Minutes of 01/06/14, 01/08/14, 01/15/14, and 01/29/14.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre **Second:** Ms. Moore

Ms. Trice stated that she is opposed to accepting the minutes of January 8 as they do not accurately reflect the comments made by the Council President regarding the seating assignments. Ms. Trice stated that the Council President had inquired of Council as to whether there were any objections and there were none. She further commented that she believed the matter was blown out of proportion and requested that her comments be included in the minutes of this meeting.

**Yes:** Ms. Garrett, Ms. Moore, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, President McCarthy-Johnson

**No:** Ms. Trice

**Abstain:** Ms. Grannemann

**Motion carried 6:1 with one absention**

2. **Approving January Checks Issued:**

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| **Regular Disbursements 01/01 – 01/31/14** | **$ 1,192,553.42** |
| **Payroll Disbursements** | **300,323.16** |
| **Payroll Disbursements – Quarterly taxes** | **14,856.56** |
| **Voided Checks** | **-0** |
| **Total Disbursement** | **$1,507,733.14** |

**Moved:** Ms. Moore **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Yes:** Ms. Moore, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, President McCarthy-Johnson

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

**Motion carried 6:2**

3. **Approving Resolution No. 140-020 – Awarding Hay St. Sewer project to Creative Enterprises in the amount of $13,500.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre **Second:** Ms. Moore

Ms. Macklin questioned the location of the project and Ms. Marcinko responded that there are two locations on Hay Street between Penn and South Avenues.

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

4. **Approving Resolution No. 14-021 – Denying Subdivision Plan – 925 South Avenue.**

**Moved:** Mr. Shattuck **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

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

5. **Approving Resolution No. 14-022 – Reappointing Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Board for a four-year term to continue through January 31, 2018.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre **Second:** Ms. Moore

**Yes:** Ms. Moore, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Trice.

**Abstention:** President McCarthy-Johnson

**Motion carried 7:0 with 1 abstention**

President McCarthy-Johnson recognized a Point Park student in the audience who is present to observe a council meeting and take photographs.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Macklin stated that she attended the Delinquent Tax Committee meeting with the Wilkinsburg School Board. The Committee is reviewing the agreement with Portnoff Law Associates, which expires on June 30, 2014, and evaluating how the contract terms for the Borough and School District may be aligned. Karen Payne is the Chairperson and she has requested the participation of more Council members in the process. The Committee meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Macklin also commented on the need to evaluate any potential penalties which may be imposed if the contract is terminated.

Ms. Trice inquired as to the meeting date to discuss establishing a warming center. President McCarthy-Johnson stated that the meeting will be held on February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Police Department.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Shattuck announced that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be attending a lecture and discussion entitled "Playing It Too Safe: Play, Playgrounds and the Value of Risk" at the Carnegie Museum in lieu of their regular business meeting in February. There is an exhibit on the history of playgrounds and the evolution of it on display. Registration is required.

Ms. Moore presented the Library Report that included:

- The 21st Century Library survey is being conducted by the ACLA
- The Wilkinsburg Library has been selected as one of four libraries in the County to receive a grant for a Creative Aging Project Workshop. Possible workshops include visual, performing and written arts, painting, creative movement, choral music memoirs, poetry writing, and sculptures.
- The Urban Fiction book group will hold their first discussion on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. They will meet the last Monday of each month.
- Library data base software is being upgraded this weekend with both libraries closed for Presidents' Day. The Library will close again on March 22, 2014 and March 24, 2014 for a major technology upgrade.

Ms. Macklin informed Council that she spoke at Canon McMillan High School, with a moderator from the Heinz History Center, about history courses and history competitions. She will be passing the information on to the Wilkinsburg School Board and as a possible project for the public library.

Ms. Moore stated that EAPHS had recently been recognized for its work in pediatric health. Allen Hitchen, EAPHS, stated that it is the only ambulance service in the County to reach Master level for pediatrics. Ms. Macklin inquired as to the work in Wilkinsburg in pediatric care. Mt. Hitchen stated that they assist with the Junior Police Academy as well as providing CPR and first aid training and flu shot clinics. They would like to do more work with local soup kitchens.

Ms. Moore commented on a problem with a snow plow that caused Cresson Street residents to be snowed in.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, on motion by Mr. Lefebvre, second by Ms. Grannemann, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M.

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Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
President of Council