

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Legislative Session**  
**March 9, 2016**

**Call to Order**

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Macklin, Mr. Rose, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck and Michael Witherel, Solicitor and Amanda J. Ford, Assistant Borough Manager. Absent – Ms. Garrett, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson and Mayor John Thompson. A quorum was established.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Shattuck, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of victims of violent crimes.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Items**

1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 03/02/16 and 03/09/16.

***Motion: Ms. Macklin***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

2. Approving February 1-29 Checks Issued.

***Motion: Mr. Taiani***

***Second: Ms. Macklin***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

3. Approving Resolution No. 16-026 – Offering Condition of Employment to Mario Johnson as DPW Laborer effective March 10, 2016.

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

4. Approving Resolution No. 16-027 – Sponsoring Banner – Bible Chapel Diaper Giveaway.

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

5. Approving Resolution No. 16-028 – MSF Fee increase for 2016.

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Mr. Rose***

- ***Ms. Trice – Question. Will we consider an affordable fee for next year? This is too much on the elderly residents.***

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***A Roll Call Vote:***

- ***Ms. Trice – Yes***
- ***Ms. Macklin – Yes***
- ***Mr. Rose – Yes***
- ***Mr. Taiani – No***
- ***President Shattuck – Yes***

***A vote 4 – 1; Motion carried.***

6. Approving Resolution No. 16-029 – Exoneration of 2015 Real Estate Taxes forward to MBM.

***Motion: Ms. Macklin***

***Second: Ms. Trice***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

7. Approving Resolution No. 16-030 – Appointing Marlee Gallagher - WCACDC.

- ***Motion to take off the table Resolution No. 16-030:***

***Mr. Taiani***

***Second: Mr. Rose***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-030:***

***Motion: Mr. Taiani***

***Second: Mr. Rose***

***A Roll Call Vote:***

- ***Mr. Taiani – Yes***
- ***Mr. Rose – Yes***
- ***Ms. Macklin – Abstain***
- ***Ms. Trice – Abstain***
- ***President Shattuck – Yes***

***A vote 3 – 2 Abstentions; Motion carried.***

- Ms. Macklin and Ms. Trice commented that they would abstain from the vote until the WCACDC requirements are made clear to understand the positions of that Commission.

8. Approving Resolution No. 16-031 - Appointing Kathy Wilson - CSC.

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

9. Approving Resolution No. 16-032 – Approving Handicap Parking Permits at 1212 Morrow Street, 1338 Woodlawn Street and 1409 Superior Street.

***Motion: Mr. Rose***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.***

10. Discussion to authorize Glenn Engineering to seek proposals to replace manhole located at Center Street @ Ramsey Street.

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

11. Discussion to authorize the lower bid Eveready contractor for the demolition of 614 Coal Street.

***Motion: Ms. Macklin***

***Second: Mr. Taiani***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

12. Discussion regarding the Estate of Gertrude Kelsey Lot-n-Block (233-B-39).

***Motion: Mr. Taiani***

***Second: Ms. Trice***

***A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.***

13. Discussion regarding monetary contribution for the TCVCOG hospitality room at the ALOM Conference 2016.

- Consensus amongst Council to have members of Council attending the conference to donate \$20.00 per person.

### **Old Business**

- President Shattuck – Update on stop sign request at North Avenue @ Princeton Blvd. – Traffic Study conducted by the Engineer; recommendation was not to put a stop sign in place due to visibility issues of not able to see oncoming traffic coming up hill.
- Mr. Taiani – Public Safety traffic issue at the 3-Way intersection on 500 Block of Kelly Avenue and Hay Street. Stop sign needed to avoid a motor vehicle accident. Assistant Borough Manager will check with DPW regarding missing stop sign.

### **New Business**

- Ms. Macklin – Announces a Clean-Up campaign for March 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 with Block Watch Groups. PittServes Students/CMU Students coming on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.
- Mr. Taiani – Reminder regarding Penn Hills “You Pull and Pay” public hearing scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Taiani - Another concern is heavy recent activity of Drone Use in the area.

### **Public Comment**

- 1) ***Jerri Gaudi – 722 North Avenue Apt #7 –***
  - ✓ Coro-Pittsburgh - 6 Hour Clean- Up along Penn Avenue.
  - ✓ What can be done about 1300 Wood Street? Interested parties has been looking for rented space.
- President Shattuck – That parcel is a R-1 Transit Development overlay. It has additional uses permitted under the Adaptive Re-Use Overlay as well.
- 2) ***Alan Holland – 40 years resident top of North Avenue.*** Five abandoned houses on North Avenue; years ago I wrote a letter to the borough to that I would demolish these properties for \$5,000. The offer no longer stands. Since then most of these properties has fallen down. The other issue is Princeton Blvd; I removed 21 bags of trash along that block.

Penn avenue to NE to McNary Blvd – Street-Sweeper never cleans on this street. I am requesting that a schedule for street cleaning be implemented for cleaning.

- 3) **Theo Williams – 1315 North Avenue** – Requesting a jersey barrier to be placed on North Avenue @ Princeton (Illegal left hand turn). There needs to be a “No Dumping Sign” posted as well.
  - 4) **Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue** – Public collaboration to tear down buildings is a good thing. Tire issue; residents would love to pay for the cost of another trailer. Collection of tires is important for health and safety issues.
- President Shattuck announced that the County has awarded Wilkinsburg designation as a Banner Community for the second year in a row.

### **Adjournment**

- President Shattuck – Announces Council will go into executive session for purpose of personnel and legal litigation. No action is expected to be taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Executive session start time: 7:55 p.m.

Executive session end time: 9:00 p.m. (No action taken during Executive Session)

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Patrick M. Shattuck  
President Council