

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**October 5, 2016**

**Call to Order**

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221. An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal & personnel issues.

**Roll Call**

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

- 1) Jim Balthrop – PETRA 235 Eastgate Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

**Agenda Items**

1. Discussion regarding 1430 Foliage Street for home-based Daycare for Conditional Use application in an R-1 Zoning District.
  - a. A public hearing was held earlier in the day regarding this item to allow council to ask questions.
  - b. Motion was presented to approve the conditional use application.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. Garrett***

***A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.***

2. Discussion regarding Robinson Blvd Lot and Block #0296-E-00001 (Former East Hills Shopping Center) – Subdivision and Land Development Application.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. Macklin***

***Roll call vote 5 yes – 2 no (Mr. Taiani & Mr. Rose); Motion carried.***

3. Discussion regarding DPW audit.
  - a. Mr. Henderson would like to write a letter of intent to have a peer-study performed within the Department of Public Works in order to help get the department working more efficiently.

*Motion: Ms. Macklin*

*Second: Mr. Lefebvre*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

### **Finance**

-Review of the General Fund expenses. Corrections noted:

- Line item 401-110: Mr. Egler instructed to increase by 3%
- Line item 430-750: Should be \$10,000
- Line item 432-750: Should be \$1,000
- Line item 438-Minor Equipment: Should be \$1,000
- Line item 455-542: Should be increased to \$1,000

-Further discussion followed in regards to presenting ideas to increase revenues and/or reduce expenses.

### **Public Comment**

- Joe Davis – 401 Biddle Ave (Biddle’s Escape)
  - Presented a petition to have the re-painted to look better.
  - Also mentioned a damaged corner (Handicapped Spot) that was temporarily repaired with asphalt. Requested for this to be fixed with a more permanent solution.
  - Requested the “No Parking” signs to be modified to 6AM-8AM to reduce the number of tickets issued to his customers.
- Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave
  - Spoke in support of Joe Davis’ thoughts & concerns.
  - Comments regarding the abandoned properties that are structurally sound and tax delinquent but not being taken to tax sale in a timely fashion.
- Judy Menosky – 7513 Penn Bridge Ct
  - Inquiring about obtaining a permit for parking in front of her patient’s houses. She works for visiting nurses.

### **Old Business**

1. Regarding the “Orange Water” brought up at the last meeting.
  - a. Eric Parrish is still investigating this issues. It seems to be coming from the railroad area. May consult with the Railroad Company and/or Nine Mile Run.
2. 1009 Ross Ave.
  - a. Abandoned for several months after a fire and not boarded up.

- b. Still a hold from the Allegheny County Fire Marshall before the borough can do anything with the property due to open investigation.
3. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 The Dept. of Human Services held a treasure hunt in Wilkinsburg.
  - a. The treasure hunt was able to highlight different areas of Wilkinsburg to individuals who otherwise may not know much about the borough.
4. Halloween Party to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October at 5pm.

### **New Business**

1. Local Government Week to be held Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. The new logo for the Borough of Wilkinsburg has been selected.
3. Community Conversations will be held on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> highlighting the role of churches in our community.
4. Train station fundraiser kick-off will be held at 10AM on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>.
5. Boys & Girls club in Wilkinsburg to close on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Most children will be going up to the Hosanna House.
6. Accepting Kate Grannemann's letter of resignation.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. Garrett***

***A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.***

### **Adjournment**

- President Shattuck – Announces Council will go into a short executive session for purpose of discussing a real estate matter.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Patrick M. Shattuck  
President Council