

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Legislative Work Session**  
**June 14, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 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 Mr. Diamond, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Lefebvre, Mr. Rose, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Mayor John Thompson, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager. Absent was Ms. McCarthy Johnson and Ms. Macklin. 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. N/A

**Agenda Items**

1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 5/3/17
  - a. Ms. Trice abstains due to her absence.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Vice-President Garrett***

***A vote 6 – 1 abstain; Motion carried.***

2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 5/10/17

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Mr. Rose***

***A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.***

3. Approving Checks Issued for May 1-31, 2017.

***Motion: Mr. Taiani***

***Second: Mr. Lefebvre***

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

4. Accepting Children’s Librarian, Emily Bryan-Reeder letter of resignation effective July 3, 2017

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Vice-President Garrett*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

5. **Resolution No. 17-049** – Appointing Mattie Woods – WCIDA

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Trice*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

6. **Resolution No. 17-050** – Reappointing Jason Cohn - WCIDA

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Mr. Rose*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

7. **Resolution No. 17-051** – Reappointing John Irwin - WCIDA

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Mr. Rose*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

8. **Resolution No. 17-052** – Appointing Lynne Feinberg – WAC
  - a. Vice Pres. Garrett pointed out a known applicant, Leah Solomon, had applied for the Wilkinsburg Arts Commission.
  - b. The application is still in the office and she’ll be considered once Ms. Garrett’s (newly resigned from WAC) seat is officially vacant.
  - c. Ms. Trice requested an updated Authorities, Boards, and Commission list for personnel committee review.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Mr. Rose*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

9. **Resolution No. 17-053** – Appointing Melissa Wilson – Wilkinsburg Library Board

*Motion: Ms. Trice*

*Second: Mr. Lefebvre*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

10. **Resolution No. 17-054** – Appointing Jody Kotun – Wilkinsburg Planning Commission

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Vice-President Garrett*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

11. Resolution No. 17-055 – Appointing Nicole Santella – Wilkinsburg Planning Commission

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Trice*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

12. Discussion regarding Sierra Club Public Property Use of Council Chambers – Barbara Grover for June 21, 2017 from 7PM – 8:30PM.
- a. Motion to approve application.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Mr. Rose*

*A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.*

13. PHDA (Pittsburgh Housing Development Association) – Greg Whitted
- a. Seeking support from council in the restoration of 1341 Marlboro St.
  - b. Some funding will be received from the county.
  - c. Property was donated from the Wells Fargo Asset Management Group.
  - d. Clarification raised by what Mr. Whitted means by support; meaning a letter of support from the borough for his project and that the borough would not be liable.
  - e. Motion was made to issue letter of support.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Vice-President Garrett*

*A vote 6 – 1 abstain (Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.*

### Public Comment

1. N/A

### Old Business

1. President Shattuck announces that we received a rejection letter from the Allegheny County for the request for Community Development Block Grant funding which was reported prematurely. This grant request will actually be funded using Housing Trust funds in order for the funds to be more flexible. The borough should be receiving a letter shortly.
2. Vice President Garrett mentioned that we need to check on the status for the “No Thru-Traffic” sign for the intersection of Old Gate Rd and William Penn Hwy. Borough Manager to check on this.

3. Mr. Taiani advised that there have been additional car accidents in 1<sup>st</sup> ward on Penn Avenue, near The Ambassador Apartments. Would very much like to see more speed enforcement in this area. The Chief of Police has been advised.
4. Vice President Garrett advised that she was informed that one of our officers is on the waiting list to take part in a Weights and Measures training class to better enforce large trucks traveling residential streets.
5. Mr. Taiani advised that he's noticed an increase of illegal parking and wrong-way drivers near the intersection of Kelly & Mulberry. Instruction will be passed on to DPW to look at additional signage.

### **New Business**

1. Mr. Henderson requested for free parking for the Park It! Kickoff event on Monday 6/19/2017 between 9:30am-3pm.
  - a. Motion was made to make the South Avenue Parking lot free for the duration of this event.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Mr. Rose***

***A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.***

2. Mayor Thompson advised that the sidewalk was destroyed in a demolition of a property nearby 1143 South Avenue. Code Director to look further into this.
3. Mayor Thompson advised that African American Heritage day at Kennywood has a pavilion reserved for Wilksburg to be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Art in the Park will begin tomorrow, 6/14/17 at 6:30 PM.
5. Movie Night in the Park will begin on Friday, 6/15/17 at 8PM. Secret Life of Pets will be shown.
6. Wilksburg Community Festival will be held on 7/1/2017 from 11AM to 7PM at Hunter Park.

### **Adjournment**

- Prior to today's council meeting, an executive session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Patrick M. Shattuck  
President Council