

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
December 13, 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, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Rose (arrival at 7:09pm), Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager.

Absent was 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

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Spoke in reference to the Ardmore Wall project.
 - b. President Shattuck advised that there is no items on the agenda today related to this project and gave Ms. Luxemburg the option to speak at the 2nd public comment segment of the meeting.

Recognitions

1. Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh was recognized and thanked for their assistance with rebuilding the stage at the Penn Avenue Parklet.
 - a. The individuals involved with the project were honored by name, read by the Borough Manager.
2. 2 members of council, Marc Taiani and Evan Diamond, were recognized for their service on borough council as tonight being their last meeting for 2017 as council members.
3. The Mayor, John Thompson, was recognized for his many years of service as tonight being his last meeting for 2017 as Mayor.
 - a. Mayor Thompson gave a speech following his acceptance of the award provided to him from Council.

Agenda Items

1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 11/1/2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 11/8/2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Diamond

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving of Checks Issued November 1-30, 2017.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Accepting Tracey Evans resignation from the Wilkinsburg Municipal Authority and the Wilkinsburg Industrial and Commercial Development Authority effective December 31, 2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Resolution No. 17-107 – Alcosan 2018 Sewer Budget Rates effective January 1, 2018.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 yes – 1 no (Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.

6. Resolution No. 17-108 – VPRP Application for 718 North Avenue.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 yes – 1 no (Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.

7. Resolution No. 17-109 – VPRP Application for 1108 Swissvale Avenue.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 7 yes – 1 abstain (Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.

8. **Resolution No. 17-110** – VPRP Application for 1112 Swissvale Avenue.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 7 yes – 1 no (Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.

9. **Resolution No. 17-111** – Awarded contractor as low bidder is Murin & Murin Inc., in the amount of \$79,055 for Whitney Park renovations project.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

10. **Resolution No. 17-112** – Adoption of the final 2018 budget.

- a. Mr. Lefebvre also suggested setting aside \$10,000 potentially for a Pilot Project for Sidewalk improvements. Funds will come out of the General Fund, will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- b. Mr. Taiani made a motion to lower the millage rate by 1% taking the millage rate to 13%. There was no Second to the motion.
- c. Motion made to approve the 2018 budget with the amendment to set aside \$10,000 for the possible sidewalk project.

Motion: Mr. Rose

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 yes – 1 no (Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.

11. **Resolution No. 17-113** – Prohibiting Category 4 Mini Casinos.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

12. **Resolution No. 17-114** – RAAC Penn Lincoln Building Agreement to request proposals for the redevelopment of the existing site publically.

Motion: Vice-President Garrett

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

13. **Resolution No. 17-115** – Opposition to House Bill/1620 Wireless Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Bill.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

14. **Resolution No. 17-116** – Conditional Offer of Employment for position of Code Enforcement Officer – Latifah Winkey.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

15. **Resolution No. 17-117** – Conditional Offer of Employment for position of Finance Clerk III – Shawniece Johnson.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Comments regarding the Ardmore Wall corridor and the realtor involved.

Old Business

1. Vice-President Garrett inquired about the appointment time frame for their board members. The borough has reached out to inquire, but has not received a response yet.
2. Ms. Macklin inquired about the status of council signing their affidavits of residency. The Borough Clerk/Secretary, Mr. Workman, will be getting signatures and notarizing the forms by the end of the night.

New Business

1. Mr. Taiani advised of an abandoned vehicle in the 1200 Block of South Avenue.

Adjournment

President Shattuck advised that council will enter a brief executive session. No action will be taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council