

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Capital Planning Work Session
December 6, 2017
Minutes

Call to Order

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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, 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. Kate spoke in support of keeping Serena Broughton on staff.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion regarding Public Hearing held on December 6, 2017 accepting the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the Subdivision and Land Development Application for 1707 Douglas Drive.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding Alcosan 2018 Sewer Budget Rates proposed resolution.
 - a. Ms. Trice mentioned that residents should be notified of this 7% rate increase.
3. Discussion regarding Linda Law resignation from the Parks and Recreation Board effective November 3, 2017.

Motion: Vice-president Garrett

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Discussion regarding Tracy Evans resignation from the Wilkesburg Municipal Authority effective November 30, 2017.
 - a. She has not submitted written notification to this effect, only verbal.
5. Discussion regarding establishing dates and time of Council Meeting Calendar for 2018
 - a. The Re-Organization meeting will be held on January 2, 2018, any updates to be discussed at that meeting.
6. Discussion regarding VPRP Application for 718 North Avenue.
 - a. Item to be voted on at next week's meeting.
7. Discussion regarding VPRP Application for 1108 Swissvale Avenue.
 - a. Item to be voted on at next week's meeting.
8. Discussion regarding VPRP Application for 1112 Swissvale Avenue.
 - a. Item to be voted on at next week's meeting.
9. Discussion regarding restoration projects on the Lincoln Statue and the Borough Building Murals.
 - a. Jody Guy was in attendance to speak towards the preservation and restoration of the Lincoln Statue at the Penn Avenue/Ardmore Blvd intersection and the display in the Borough Building stairway.
 - b. Jody would like to look into avoiding any further deterioration and get it restored.
10. Accepting the termination of Serena Broughton effective November 20, 2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 6 yes – 2 abstain (Ms. Trice, Ms. Macklin); Motion carried.

11. Council Committee Reports:
 - a. Administration Committee – Full Council
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - b. Blight Committee – Patrick Shattuck, Chair
 - i. Keystone Communities Grant was approved for \$475,000 for additional improvements to the Ardmore Wall.
 - c. Budget and Finance Committee – Michael Lefebvre, Chair
 - i. Financial reports were reviewed.
 - ii. Over the past 15 months or so, the Borough of Wilkesburg has been successful in obtaining over 1.5 Million dollars in grant money.
 - d. Capital Planning Committee – Patrick Shattuck, Chair
 - i. Energy consumption in the Borough Building is being reviewed.
 - e. Constituent and Community Relations – Pamela Macklin, Chair
 - i. Senior Event Day was a success, 30+ seniors in attendance.
 - f. Personnel Committee – Paige Trice, Chair
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - g. Policy and Procedure Committee – Pamela Macklin, Chair
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - h. Public Safety Committee – Michael Rose, Chair
 - i. Nothing to report.

- i. Social Media and Promotions Committee – Marita Garrett, Chair
 - i. The Facebook likes for the Borough Page have passed 1,000 likes.
- j. Special Events Committee – Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
 - i. The Holiday Parade will be this Saturday morning.
- k. Borough Manager’s Report – Donn Henderson
 - i. Paving project is complete. Brick repair will be reviewed in the spring.
 - ii. Signal removal is being looked at for Wood Street.
 - iii. Covestro looked into energy consumption and did a great job.
 - iv. The CMU Students did some “Visioning” for the 800 block of Penn avenue to help brainstorm.
 - v. There are some plans being reviewed for cleaning out the Auditorium on the 3rd floor of the Borough Building.
 - vi. Payroll service is in process of being installed. Slight technical delay.
 - vii. Online payments are still being looked into.
 - viii. TRID Meeting will be happening soon at the Hosanna House.
 - ix. The new Welcome to Wilkinsburg sign has been installed.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Old Business

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New Business

1. Mr. Taiani mentioned that the utility companies that are digging up in the streets are not doing a very good job with patching up their street openings.
2. President Shattuck was invited by the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission to attend a conference call to discuss the Wilkinsburg Downtown Historic District nomination.
3. Mr. Henderson advises that we should review the Casino resolution to address at next meeting.
4. Mr. Henderson advises that we will honor the outgoing Mayor John Thompson, Councilman Marc Taiani, and Councilman Evan Diamond at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council