

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Legislative Session Minutes**  
**April 18, 2018**

**Call to Order**

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 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. Atkins, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Lee, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose (via phone), Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Trice, President Macklin, Mayor Garrett, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager.

Absent was Ms. McCarthy Johnson and Mayor Marita Garrett. A quorum was established.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Public Comment**

1. N/A

**Agenda Items**

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 3/7/2018.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Mr. Shattuck***

***A vote 8 – 1 Abstain (Rose); Motion carried.***

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 3/28/2018.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Mr. Shattuck***

***A vote 8 – 1 Abstain (Rose); Motion carried.***

3. Approval of Checks Issued for March 1-31, 2018.
  - a. Mar 1-31, 2018 - \$566,890.06
  - b. Payroll Disbursements - \$318,764.46
  - c. Voided Checks – (\$533.49)

d. Total Disbursement - \$885,121.03

***Motion: Ms. Edwards***

***Second: Mr. Lefebvre***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

4. Approving Donn Henderson PSAB Voting Delegate.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

5. Approving 2018 Connect Delegates as Councilwoman Denise Edwards and Vice-President Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson.

***Motion: Ms. Lee***

***Second: Ms. Trice***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

6. Accepting the resignation of Douglas Duffus from the Wilkinsburg Arts Commission.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

7. Resolution 18-029 – 2018 Police Pension Contribution.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. Edwards***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

8. Resolution 18-030 – Allowing document disposition of public records.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Mr. Shattuck***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

9. Discussion regarding re-submission of the Wood Street Support Letter.

a. Street lights on Wood Street at the intersections of Wallace and Ross would be removed and replaced with 4-way stop signs.

b. Motion to re-submit the Wood Street 2-way project support letter.

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson***

***A vote 5 Yes – 4 No (Rose, Edwards, Trice, Lee); Motion carried.***

10. Discussion regarding Park Avenue project bids.
  - a. Mr. Henderson advises that Rob Arnold, HRG Engineer, will be recommending who to award for the project in the coming days. He urges council to vote to award whomever is recommended.
  - b. Submitted bids are viewable at [www.pennbid.com](http://www.pennbid.com)

### **Public Comment**

1. Patricia Lewis – 1512 Center Street
  - a. Blight concerns and litter in the area.
  - b. 1519 Center Street up for foreclosure in bad shape.
  - c. Telephone Way, alley, a lot of trash needs cleaned up.
2. Ann Henderson – Fairlawn Street
  - a. 2 abandoned houses on the street.
  - b. Blight concerns
  - c. Tree debris on property at 1891 Fairlawn.
  - d. Dumping in garage behind her house on Chainman Way.
  - e. Animals/Rodents, kids smoking in alleyway, abandoned car in alley.

### **Old Business**

1. Ms. Trice advised that she'd like to see another appraisal done for the lot located at 720 Hill Avenue.
  - a. Would like to recommend an appraiser by the name of Gary Bodner
  - b. Solicitor Kalina advises council that in order to sell the property, it will need to go up for auction unless an appraisal is obtained valuing the property at \$1500 or less.
  - c. Motion was made to have Mr. Bodner to review the appraisal received with additional expenses to the borough not to exceed \$400.

***Motion: Ms. Edwards***

***Second: Mr. Lefebvre***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

### **New Business**

1. Ms. Edwards attended the Port Authority meeting regarding the 61A, 61B, and 61C routes at the Rankin Christian Center.
  - a. Routes will not be cut as a result of public outcry.
2. Ms. Edwards advised that she attended Allegheny League of Municipalities conference.
  - a. Learned a lot about the EMS Funding Issues.
  - b. Will look further into a Tax Bill for Municipal Funding, wants details on how it affects us.
3. Mayor Garrett advised that the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will have a concert at the Wilksburg High School on May 31, 2018 at 7pm. Ticket are 5 for students, 10 for adults.

4. Mayor Garrett advised that the Wilkinsburg Police Department recently seized 22 bricks of Heroin in a drug deal at the local McDonalds.
5. Mr. Rose advised that there is hair attached to a utility pole at Penn & Graham.
6. Ms. Lee advised that there is a TRID meeting at the Hosanna House on April 23, 2018.
7. Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson advised that she noticed that free and clear properties are having trouble being sold.
8. Ms. Lee mentioned she'd like to consider advertising properties up for Sheriff Sale.
9. Ms. Atkins advised that the next Senior Fun Day is on April 24, 2018.

### **Adjournment**

President Macklin advises that council will go into an executive session, no action is expected to be taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Pamela Macklin  
President Council