

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Legislative Work Session Minutes
August 1, 2018

Call to Order

President Macklin 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 Ms. Atkins, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Lee (7:05pm arrival), Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Shattuck, President Macklin, Mayor Garrett, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager.

Absent was Ms. Trice. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approving Checks Issued for July 1-31, 2018:
 - a. July 1-31, 2018 - \$999,303.50
 - b. Payroll Disbursements - \$286,821.62
 - c. Voided Checks - \$91.35
 - d. Total Disbursement - \$1,286,033.77

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving letter of support from Wilkinsburg Borough Council for solar powered amenities at proposed park at South Ave. @ Wood St. being sought by Jody Guy.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Authorizing the Borough Engineer to advertise for sewage line smoke testing at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Certificate of Appreciation to Violet Shattuck as Summer Youth Program Director.
 - a. Certificate was awarded to Violet for her many contributions, her volunteering, and her hard work over the summer for the Borough Of Wilkinsburg.
5. Approving Park Permit for Park Avenue Playground on 8/5/18 – Sakia Hutching.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Street Closure for Hosanna House on 8/9/2018 on Wallace Avenue between Center Street and Mill Street – Kyle Henderson

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Street Closure for El-Bethel Temple Church on 8/18/18 on Center Street between South Avenue and Franklin Avenue.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Street Closure for 4 year old’s birthday block party on the 1800 Block of McNary to Paden Street. – Shanell Wright

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Public Property Use of Wallace Ave. Lot on 8/2-4/18 – Late Seventies Productions, LLC.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

10. **Resolution No. 18-051** – Authorizing DPW employee Kevin Santillo job title change from Driver to Electrician per the SEIU contract effective pay period July 28th, 2018.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Discussion regarding authorizing a change to the Police Pension Ordinance making the retirement age 50 from the current age 55 with 25 years of service.
- a. Motion was made to keep existing retirement age the same at 55 with 25 years of service.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

12. **Resolution 18-052** – Honorable Discharge of Police Officer Badge #34 effective August 1, 2018.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Discussion Items

1. Request to sell 805 Swissvale Avenue.
 - a. The 10 year comprehensive plan states that the borough should retain certain properties with the goal of business development.
 - b. At this time, Borough Council is not looking to sell this property.
2. Offer to donate 8014 Susquehanna to the Borough of Wilkinsburg.
 - a. Property previously foreclosed on. Owned by BNY Mellon.
 - b. Council is not interested in accepting the donation of this property at this time.
3. Council Retreat date 9/8/2018.
 - a. 9am – 3pm with a 1 hour break at noon.

Public Comment

1. President Macklin, speaking on behalf of Cliff McGill advises that there is a “Wilkinsburg Night-Out” event on the 500 Block of Hill Ave on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 7pm – 10pm.
2. Jeanne Drennan – Shade Tree Committee
 - a. Proposing to install an additional “Welcome to Wilkinsburg” sign.
 - b. Requesting to be on the agenda for the next September Council Meeting.
3. Greg Stocke – Foliage Street
 - a. Concerns about landslides in the area.
4. Rayden - 412 Rebecca Avenue

- a. Conference called Grounding Solutions Network coming up September 15th, 2018.
5. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Sent an email to the Borough Manager to distribute to council.
 - b. Assessment appeals are undecided by the school board.

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Ms. Edward - mentioned the proposed Wilkinsburg Film Studio. At the corner of Swissvale & Franklin.
2. President Macklin - Career Event was a huge success.
3. Mr. Henderson attended the Opportunity Zone meeting this morning. Reviewed with one of the attending banks in regards to weatherproof.
4. Medical Marijuana license first round has passed. The license went to another community.
5. Be careful with Mosquitoes. West Nile was found in the area. County spraying and DPW mosquito treatments to take place soon.
6. Proposed Ardmore wall park discussions were held.
7. Community Day approaching, August 25, 2018 from 12-5pm.
8. Junior police academy graduation was this past Saturday. It was a great success.
9. Produce distribution event taking place this summer on the 4th Fridays of the month.
10. Senior Fun Day event coming up on August 14th at 9:30am until 1pm. Free lunch.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Denise Edwards.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council