

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Legislative Session**  
**November 14, 2018**  
**Minutes**

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

Absent was Ms. Atkins, Ms. McCarthy Johnson and Mr. Rose. A quorum was established.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

**Presentation**

- Parks and Recreation, Whitney Park plans – Mike Milberger
  - The sidewalk bump-outs that were installed are a great addition and traffic has notably slowed down.
  - A small presentation was shown on the projector with plans for renovations.
  - Renovations include installation of fencing, relocating the water fountain, and a half sized basketball court.
  - Lighting will be restored at night time for security.

**Public Comment**

1. N/A

**Agenda Items**

1. Approving Checks Issued for October 1-31, 2018
  - a. October 1-31, 2018 \$1,575,496.18
  - b. Payroll Disbursements \$434,741.02
  - c. Voided Checks (\$669.20)
  - d. Total Disbursements \$2,009,568.00

***Motion: Mr. Lefebvre***

***Second: Ms. Edwards***

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

2. Authorizing the Borough Manager to advertise the change in abolishing the old Ordinance and establishing a new Ordinance for the Arts Commission.
  - a. Ms. Trice advises that the changes made would mean that council would have to make any final decisions recommended by the Arts Commission. This would also change the Arts Commission to an advisory board.

*Motion: Ms. Trice*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

3. Discussion regarding Whitney Park plans.
  - a. Motion to authorize the preliminary design plans and the discounted purchase of the presented equipment in the amount of 41,375.92.

*Motion: Ms. Trice*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

4. Authorizing the advertisement of the 2019 Proposed Budget
  - a. Mr. Lefebvre would like to note that the Fund Balance ending this year is the highest he's ever seen it. He is hoping for a millage rate decrease next year if council will consider.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Trice*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

5. Authorizing the advertisement of **Ordinance 18-004** for Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019.
  - a. There will be no change for the existing tax rate.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

6. Authorizing the advertisement of **Ordinance 18-005** for Storm Water Management.
  - a. This is to advertise the changes to the existing Storm Water Ordinance.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

7. **Resolution 18-074** – Establishing the Alcosan Sewer Fees and Borough surcharge effective January 1, 2019.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

8. **Resolution 18-075** – Approving Banner Application for Wilkinsburg Sanctuary Project – Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris.

*Motion: Mr. Shattuck*

*Second: Mr. Lefebvre*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

9. **Resolution 18-076** – Approving Banner Application for Christian Church of Wilkinsburg – Paster Janet Hellner-Burris.

*Motion: Mr. Lefebvre*

*Second: Ms. Trice*

*A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.*

### **Public Comment**

1. John Regelman – 1015 Coal Street
  - a. Reports that he has left messages to report drug activity in his area with no reply.
  - b. Complaints about the intersection at Coal & Penn.
  - c. Made reports of a crossing guard participating in suspicious activity.
  - d. Mayor Garrett advised that his accusations against the crossing guard were investigated and turned out to be unfounded.

### **Old Business**

1. Mr. Lefebvre reminds everyone that the Whitney Park Cleanup is at 9am on November 17, 2018.
2. President Macklin advised that Princeton Park Block club has cancelled their block party due to forecasted weather.
3. Mr. Lefebvre advised that Yard waste pickup will occur on November 17, 2018.

### **New Business**

1. Ms. Edwards advised that there was a meeting about the double-decker trains to start traveling through Wilkinsburg.
2. Mr. Shattuck advised that Pittsburghers for Public Transit is partnering with Just Harvest for a campaign for “Fair Fare” to assist low income riders with access to more affordable bus rides. Information will be distributed to council.
3. President Macklin advised that voter turnout practically doubled or tripled in most of the polling places in Wilkinsburg and gave a lot of credit to the “Wake up the vote” initiative headed by Elaine Harris-Fulton.

- a. Ms. Edwards proposed that a letter be prepared and sent to Elaine Harris-Fulton from Wake up the Vote thanking them for their efforts with increasing voter turnout.
4. Mr. Henderson advised everyone that there should be a story airing on WTAE soon about the Lincoln Statue.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Lefebvre  
Seconded – Ms. Trice  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Pamela Macklin  
President Council