

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Minutes
January 16, 2019

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.

Council Members Present:

Ms. Atkins, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Shattuck (via phone), Ms. Trice, President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Lee.

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – Donn Henderson
Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Solicitor – Michael Witherel

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Presentation

- Amy Silverman BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Manager, Port Authority
 - A presentation was given going over the planned upgrades and improvements to the bus lines in Wilkinsburg and some surrounding areas.
 - No changes are expected for most bus routes.
 - Battery/Electric buses will be introduced with the BRT Project. (approximately 25)

Public Comment

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 12/5/2018

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 12/19/2018

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approval of Checks Issued for December 1-31, 2018.

a. December 1-31, 2018	\$531,720.62
b. Payroll Disbursements	\$281,550.82
c. Voided Checks	\$165.31
d. Total Disbursements	\$813,106.13

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving the lower bidder Golon Inc. for Ardmore Wall renovations in the amount of \$1,111,540.00.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Appointing as delegate to Tax Collection Commission (Amanda Ford)
a. Motion was made to appoint Amanda Ford as delegate.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Appointing as alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Commission (Dave Egler)
a. Motion was made to appoint Dave Egler as alternate delegate.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Authorizing the letter submission for the PayCheck Fairness Act.
 - a. A roll-call vote was called. The vote was unanimous.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Resolution 19-001 – Approving VPRP Application for 1417 Glenn Avenue.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Resolution 19-002 – Local Government Week April 8th thru 12th 2019.
 - a. Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson will be planning this year’s local government week events. Advises council to reach out to her with any ideas and/or activities for the week.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

10. Accepting Councilman Patrick Shattuck’s letter of resignation from Council and other boards and Commission that he served on effective January 31, 2019.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 1 abstain (Shattuck); Motion carried.

11. Resolution 19-003 – Conditional Offer of Employment to Richard Grande contingent upon completion of Civil Service requirements.
 - a. This item was discussed in a brief executive session that began at 7:48pm and concluded at 8:12pm. Vote was taken after executive session concluded.
 - b. Motion was made for council to authorize the Borough Manager to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union regarding the hiring of this police officer.
 - c. The resolution number for this item was removed.
 - d. Mr. Shattuck was not present when this vote took place.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Resolution 19-004 – Approving Borough Manager’s pay increase of 5% and increasing vacation time from 2 to 3 weeks’ vacation.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards advised of a resolution that calls for the re-opening of the Federal Government that calls upon council to reach out to the congressional delegation and the 2 federal unions involved.
 - a. Motion was made to adopt **Resolution 19-003** which will be to re-open the federal government.
2. Mr. Lefebvre advised that electronic recycling will take place at the Public Works garage this Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 8am-1pm.
3. Mr. Rose inquired about the entrance to the Park Avenue Park that was supposed to be installed. After receiving feedback from surrounding residents, they were clear that they didn't want an entrance that close to their homes.
4. Vice President McCarthy-Johnson has identified a location where people are dumping items in the area of the Falconhurst and Crescent buildings.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lefebvre
Seconded by Ms. Trice
Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council