

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD June 18, 2015

Welcome everybody to the speak out meeting for the month of June.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG!

The regular meeting was held at 7:00PM at the North Versailles Township Municipal Building. An open caucus meeting, which was duly advertised, was held at 6:30 PM, prior to the regular monthly meeting.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, present; F. Bivins, present; S. Juliano, present; D. Mitchell, present; V. Paradine, present; R. Saula, present; G. Thompson, absent.*

PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION:

Marge Meighan, 818 4th St., questioned the authorization of payments to fire companies and whether or not they were compliance.

Bernard Furby, 2112 Crestas Ave., Chief of Crestas V.F.D., explained to Commissioners that Union Railroad's property is not accessible unless they go through Edgar Thompson without an escort and would like to know if there is anything they would be able to put in writing to allow them access. Solicitor states that it is private property, and suggests a meeting with them.

Merle Pusey, 505 Greensburg Pike, complimented and thanked the Board for the work done on the West Wilmerding Park.

Tasso Athans, 1025 Broad St., owner of Hurricane Alley. Notifying residents that he is changing the name to Broad Street Bistro. Would also like to add a deck to the front of the building but would possibly need a variance, Twp. Engineer explains that he needs a design submitted and then if it is not in compliance, he would also need to apply for a Zoning Hearing through the Twp. Manager.

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to approve the minutes from the Commissioners meeting held on May 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING: *None.*

BIDS: *None.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by V. Paradine, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-601, to sign a Cooperation Agreement for the Borough of Wilmerding to submit an application to the DCED for a Keystone Communities Planning Grant.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by V. Paradine, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-602, to join with the Allegheny League of Municipalities in declaring July 12-18, 2015 as Local Government Week.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to approve the quote from J. L. Urban in the amount of \$17,754.00 to seal the Osborne St. Bridge and parapet walls, reconstruct both bridge approaches and pave the approaches and bridge deck.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

BANK REPORT:

As of April, 2015: General Fund \$1,572,900.48; Refuse Account, \$211,837.74; Tentative Escrow Account, \$177.74; State Motor Fund, \$144,609.05; Health Reimbursement Account, \$5,337.91; Capital Expenditures Account, \$2,403,384.89.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of May, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2014 Township Tax at Penalty, \$7,745.68; 2015 Township Tax at Discount, \$779,926.13.

Fire Department Fund beginning balance, \$94,140.17; + Deposits of \$56,424.69; + Interest of \$0.91; - \$1,281.29—Crestas VFC; - \$2,881.80—West Wilmerding VFD. Ending balance as of 5/31/15, \$146,402.58.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by V. Paradine, to authorize refunds due to tax exonerations to the following for 2013, 2014 and 2015: Harold Grant, L&B 376-S-355, \$403.57; Carlton Williams, L&B 457-N-256, \$252.23 & \$174.09; 84 Lumber, L&B 751-C-85, \$2,358.15; Dovenmuehle Mortgage Co., L&B 458-R-351, \$165.55; Kurt Skvarla, L&B 458-P-233, \$188.43; S & T Restaurant, L&B 750-J-85, \$1,949.60 & \$1,913.21; Paul Blotzer, L&B 547-P-228, \$24.87 & \$24.87; Genery Serrapere, L&B 337-H-3, \$262.93; Nikola Bulatovic, L&B 458-S-199, \$1414.39; Overhill Properties, LLC., L&B 548-N-194, \$145.65; PA Housing Finance, L&B 548-S-85-1, \$66.80; Raymond Dickerson, L&B 376-P-29, \$392.19; Patrick McElwee, L&B 456-M-119, \$137.14; and Earl Feeney, L&B 547-N-99, \$230.86 for a total of \$15,046.81.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

FINANCE:

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by V. Paradine, to approve the list of bills payable and paid in the amount of \$172,498.18.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by V. Paradine, to transfer \$1,717.93 from the General Fund to the Liquid Fuels Account from a recommendation on our recent audit report from an over-expenditure dating back to 2010.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:

\$600.00—Zoning Certificates; \$1,908.00—Street Openings. Total fees turned over to the Township Manager, \$2,508.00.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Total calls in NVT, 714; total arrests in NVT, 38. Total calls in Wilmerding, 198; total arrests in Wilmerding, 7.

Prisoner housing statistics: East McKeesport, 10; East Pittsburgh, 19; Turtle Creek, 5.

K-9 Statistics: Narcotics Vehicle Search, 9; Community Oriented Policing, 11; Officer Protection, 4; Narcotics area search, 2; Apprehension (No Bite), 2; Tracking, 3; Building Search (alarm with open door), 1; Article Search for evidence, 1; Training, 6.

**Assisted the following communities in May with K9: East Pittsburgh, Turtle Creek, Wilkins Township, Monroeville, Braddock Hills, PA State Police, DA's Office.*

**Community Oriented Police includes walking K9 in business areas, school visits etc.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to accept the resignation of part time dispatcher, Sarah Salopek effective June 19, 2015.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to authorize Officer Chris Kelly to attend a tactical shotgun instructor course at a cost of \$630.00.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to promote Steve Shawley from part time to full time status effective June 28, 2015 with a 12 month probation period.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to promote Vince DiCenzo from part time to full time status effective June 28, 2015 with a 12 month probation period.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to install a handicapped parking sign at 412 Tintzman Ave after being reviewed by the Police.

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ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Problem properties reported, 83; Code violations identified, 91; Code Violation letters sent, 67; Verbal Warnings, 4; Complaints filed with NVPD, 2; Properties that did not require actions/owners resolved the problems, 2.

FIRE:

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment to West Wilmerding in the amount of \$2,460.85 from the Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; Motion carries.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment to Crestas VFC in the amount of \$1,486.85 from the Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes. Motion carries.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by G. Beswick, to authorize payment to FDNV in the amount of \$55,153.84 from the 2015 Fire Tax Money and also approve the request from last month in the amount of \$27,846.57 for a total of \$83,100.41.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Fire Code Official Report: Fire inspections, 5; New commercial construction fire inspections, 5; Fire investigations, 3; Fire Lane violation tags issues, 4, Court cases, 2.

ROAD DEPT:

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to hire Frank Bivins, for the summer work program at a rate of \$8.50 per hour, 32 hours a week for an 8-10 week period to begin June 22, 2015.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, yes; F. Bivins, abstain; S. Juliano, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to purchase a new commercial tractor for grass cutting at a cost not to exceed \$8,650.00.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to authorize the Twp. Engineer to go out bids for the 2015 Road Paving Project.

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ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

The Township has been awarded a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$152,425.00 for Storm Sewer Inflow & Infiltration Elimination.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

The Sumer Lunch Program will be held at our Community Center this year beginning on June 22, 2015. There will be a second site opening at West Carter Park (at no cost to the Twp.)

The Idlewild Picnic date has been set for Friday, July 31, 2015. Tickets are \$25.00 per resident and include entrance to the park and a buffet meal. Tickets will be on sale July 1st—July 27th.

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize scheduling a coach bus for seniors over 60 years and older/disabled residents at a cost of \$650.00.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, authorize scheduling of a school bus for families/residents providing at least 25 people are interested/need transportation at a cost of \$425--\$525 depending on departure times.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to hire Ashley Harner for the Summer Helper at a rate of \$8.50 per hour for the 8 week program to begin o June 22, 2015.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

SANITARY AUTHORITY: *None.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to approve the lot consolidation for the Addleman Consolidation Plan on Lincoln Highway combining two lots into one.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by G. Beswick, to approve, adopt and execute the adjudications for the 16 condemnation proceedings.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by V. Paradine, to advertise for demolition bids for the 16 condemned properties.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS: *None.*

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:

Commissioner Mitchell reiterated that the Fire Dept. audits were voted unanimously in Sept. and still need to be discussed.

Commissioner Saula would like to rename West Wilmerding Park after Robert Vuyanich, former Commissioner, who started the park.

Commissioner Bivins would like to maybe see a vacant lot in the Township made into a Senior Park.

Motion made by R. Saula to adjourn.

Seconded by S. Juliano.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.


Township Manager