

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP  
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Winton Male, Jr., at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Council members: Lewis Paulhamus, Sandra Lockard, Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr., Bill Pysher, Peter Stinson, and Kerry Gassler. Also in attendance were Mayor Kenneth George and Secretary/Treasurer Louise Firestone.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**On motion** by Bill Pysher to approve the minutes of July 7, 2003 and seconded by Sandra Lockard. Mitch asked that the minutes include under the engineer's report, that the traffic calming was ultimately put in the hands of the Street Committee for recommendation. Kerry stated that on page three, John Barto stated that he was going on vacation the week of July 19, 2003. (*Secretary's note: the tape was reviewed and this comment was not audible on the tape*). Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

1. Robert Osborne, Broughal and DeVito. Mr. Osborne is representing Posh Properties and is inquiring of the special meeting for the petition for re-zoning. Winton replied that the Zoning is on the agenda for this evening's meeting and is up for motion for advertisement. Council already approved that this petition go ahead with the public hearing. This will be scheduled as soon as possible. Kerry explained that when he filed his petition, it went through Planning first and then to Council for final approval. This never went through the Zoning Hearing Board. Sandra stated that it went through Planning and it was extended through the end of August. Planning already approved the planning for the zoning change. Winton stated that Mr. Zito will be contacted. This petition must be a separate hearing specifically related to the Posh Property. Mr. Osborne will be contacted regarding the dates and the proper procedure to be followed by Council.

2. John Barto gave an update from the Municipal Authority. They are in receipt of the letter sent by the Borough Solicitor suggesting a meeting date of July 16, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. or July 25 in the morning. They replied that a different date might be available because John Barto will be on vacation. They asked for a neutral site, but the meeting will be held at the Council Chambers in the morning. It was agreed upon to meet on Friday, July 25, 2003 in the morning. The Administrator is gathering information to be sent to each council member prior to the meeting. He hopes to have a copy of the video tape of the meeting so that it can privately be viewed just in case any vote has to be taken by Council. He will come to the August meeting to

report and he will be able to answer any questions Council may have regarding the meeting.

## Committee Reports

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported that the trustee board sent a letter suggesting dates to discuss the lease agreement. The Council committee needs to respond. The meeting will take place on Monday, July 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Kerry to inform Joe that the meeting will occur in the Council Chambers on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  
2. Police – Bill Pysher reported that he and the Mayor met with the Police. A couple issues to report include that money was set aside from Waste Management to purchase a sport utility vehicle. The Police would like to move forward and shop for prices. This should be on the August agenda. Winton suggested contacting the State. Bill replied that all police cars purchased in the past have been through the state contract. The Police were informed that the citizens of Wind Gap are concerned about the speeding through town and people running red lights. During the last month, the Police had a good month of traffic enforcement. The Police would like to paint lines during the night to time speeding throughout the Borough. They will paint on Broadway, Constitution and Alpha. They have a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, with the Chief to discuss his contract.
  
3. Streets – Mitch Mogilski reported that because of the work being done on West West Street and Washington Street by the Municipal Authority and the Water Company those streets have been removed from this year's project. They added Lehigh Avenue, from Fifth to West, Mechanic from 512 to Lehigh, Sixth Street back to the cul-de-sac. This addition comes to within 125 yards of the original contract. This has been confirmed with Bob Boyer, PennDOT. Kerry added that RCN has been contacted to remove the ugly banners. Kerry stated that the Street Department is requesting an additional cellphone for Randy. Randy is taking the test for the CDL license and when the driving test is taken the Borough will have to supply a truck. Discussion regarding having a radio in the vehicles. Kerry suggested Council thinking about during budget time.
 

Winton spoke to the representative from Traffic Solutions regarding installing a more expensive light that will last longer. Kerry replied that when the bucket truck arrives, John would be able to change the bulbs without waiting for RCN to have time in their schedule. The proposal will be reviewed once received. Mitch suggesting updating the lights in the park. An update on the lighting in the Borough should be considered and budgeted for every year.

Pat Sutter stated that a letter should be sent to PennDOT requesting a reduction in the speed limit on Broadway. A letter has better impact. *Minutes amended 10/21/03 "The Chief stated a vehicle must be traveling over 10 m.p.h. and it can be cited .* The Mayor spoke to two individuals at PennDOT. The Mayor to write a letter requesting a speed reduction on Broadway.
  
4. Finance and Administration – Winton Male reported that the Borough Secretary would be attending a grant seminar on July 22.

5. Zoning and Planning – Sandra Lockard reported that they have reviewed the Alan McFall subdivision. They reviewed a sketch plan for Wind Gap Commons up by Utica Avenue. Council must review the conditions on the Alan McFall project.
6. Parks and Recreation – Lewis Paulhamus reported that bathrooms still have not been delivered. A new slide has been purchased and is in the shed. John will remove the old slide and install the new one. A country western band will be at the Park this Sunday.
7. Fire Company – Mitch Mogilski reported that the picnic was a success. He thanked everyone for supporting the Fire Company. The Fire house roof had more extensive damage. Water got under the wood and rotted a section of the roof. Winton stated that the office needs a key to the Firehouse. An inspection program has to be set up for annual review. Kerry suggested that a Buildings and Grounds committee needs to be re-established. Mitch offered to chair that committee. The Firehouse has been a problem for seven or eight years.
8. Sewer Authority. No one from Authority made a report. Mitch stated that in the Borough Code, when there is an entity under the Borough, but part of the Borough, their salaries cannot exceed that of Council. That will be looked into by Bob Hahn and he will report back at the August business meeting.
9. Insurance – Winton Male had nothing to report.
10. Land Use Committee – Winton Male had nothing to report.
11. Mayor's Report – Mayor George reported that contractor's license for the month of June was \$175 for a total of \$1,775 plus \$100 for a transient for a grand total of \$1,875. The Police report has been distributed. Kerry asked if there is a reason that one vehicle is used much more than the other. The Chief replied that the 2003 is used during the day and the 1999 is used for two shifts, the afternoon and the midnight. They had 8 motor vehicle accidents and 37 traffic citations. Peter asked if a trend over the past year can be shown? Peter stated that he will put it together from the reports received. The Chief stated that traditionally when the number of citations increases the number of accidents decreased.  
The Police received \$2,570 in a grant for bulletproof vests through a Federal grant.  
Slate Belt Municipality meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night, July 16, 2003, 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building  
The Mayor is completed and returned the recycling grant for 2002.  
The Mayor suggested reviewing the weed and snow removal ordinances because the fees do not cover the work performed by the Borough employees. Winton suggested looking at the Zoning fees also.

## **New Business**

1. Alan McFall Subdivision – East Penn Engineering. Council has not seen the review of this plan and just received the conditions approved by the Planning Commission. This topic to be placed on the August 4, 2003 agenda. Dave Jordan is asking for two waivers for this minor subdivision. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the two waivers. One waives the requirement that you can't have a driveway within 50 feet of an intersection. The other one requires all offsite existing within 400 feet. These were referenced in the engineer's review dated June 24, 2003 that was addressed to the Wind Gap Planning Commission. Discussion regarding neighbors receiving notification of the submitted plans in Wind Gap. This will be checked into by the office.

2. Lewis reported that in honor of Wind Gap celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Legion is having a celebration on August 9, 2003. There is a \$6.00 cover charge and everyone will receive a souvenir mug.

## Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendments. Council received a copy of the amended Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. The copy includes the changes discussed at the previous meetings. If minor changes are made, they can still be made as long as they are minor in nature. Kerry stated that in the Comprehensive Plan, he took part of the pond off the 100 year flood plain. Captain Wills Welding Shop needs to be included in the Town Center district. Kerry questioned what is Article 7? Winton replied that Article 7 is included in the Zoning Ordinance and will not be changed.

**On motion** by Bill Pysher to advertise the proposed zoning amendment and comprehensive plan and move forward on the process and schedule the public hearing and seconded by Sandra Lockard. Roll call vote taken. In favor: S. Lockard, W. Male, B. Pysher, P. Stinson. Opposed: M. Mogilski, L. Paulhamus, K. Gassler. Motion carried with a vote of 4-3.

This has to be approved by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Wind Gap Planning Commission must also review prior to holding the public meeting.

2. Air Conditioning Unit Bids.

**Renaldo's** – All necessary electrical supplies and duct work needed. Include necessary carpentry work needed to frame the outside duct work and make unit water tight. Vinyl siding will be used on outside framing. This proposal does not include concrete pad needed for unit to sit on. **\$6,025.**

**Lessig** – submitted two bids.

36,000 B.T.U. Two Mitsubishi MS17 ton ductless split system air conditioners, insulated line sets. Condensate pump, 220 volt wiring, outdoor units to be set on blocks. **\$3,590.**

48,000 B.T.U. Two Mitsubishi MS24WN ductless split system air conditioners insulated

line sets, condensate pump, 220 volt wiring, outdoor units to be set on blocks. **\$5,055.**

**Shoemaker Mechanical** – install 10 seer Gibson 3 ton Central Air Conditioning split system in meeting room. System will consist of sheet metal duct flex branch duct to drop in diffusers with central air return. **\$5,200.**

**James Febbo and Sons, Inc.** – Installation of two (2) 1.5 ton York Hi-wall ductless mini-split a/c units in large meeting room of municipal building. one (1) year parts warranty, five (5) year compressor warranty, 1.5 ton condenser (2), 18,000 btu fan coil unit (2), labor and material. \$3,800.

Discussion regarding the ability to install central air and the problem with the installation of ductwork. Conclusion that Mr. Shoemaker be contacted to clarify his bid and the possibility of installing the central air.

**On motion** by Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. to approve Shoemaker Mechanical for \$5,200 provided it can be central air and in the event it cannot be central air, approve Lessig at 48,000 B.T.U. for \$5,055 and seconded by Sandra Lockard. Roll call vote taken. In favor: W. Male, M. Mogilski, L. Paulhamus, B. Pysher, K. Gassler. Opposed: P. Stinson. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

3. Stop Signs – Center & Fairview, Alpha Road and Alpha Avenue, Seventh and Utica. This has been turned over to the Street Committee.

**On motion** by Sandra Lockard to adjourn the meeting of July 15, 2003 and seconded by Peter Stinson. The meeting of July 15, 2003 adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Louise Firestone, Secretary / Treasurer