

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, July 19, 2005, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Kerry Gassler, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Council members: Winton S. Male, Jr., Karen Skorochood, Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr., George Hinton, and Scott Parsons. Also in attendance Secretary/Treasurer Louise Firestone. Absent were Mayor Kenneth George and Councilman Tony Curcio.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. John Dally, Green Knight Economic Development Corporation (GKEDC) presented community support checks to the following organizations: Pen Argyl PTA, Pen Argyl Soccer Boosters Club, Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert Series, Wind Gap Athletic Association, Wind Gap Park, Wind Gap Ambulance, Families First, Wind Gap Fire Company. John stated that including scholarships and community support checks the GKEDC would give out over \$80,000 in grant funds this year. He would make a presentation at the Pen Argyl Council meeting on August 2, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. EMS – Karen Skorochood thanked all the volunteers for working their stand at the Wind Gap Firemen's Picnic.

2. Police – George Hinton was reported that the new police cruiser has been ordered. Unfortunately, the salesman who took the order went on vacation and the specific car he had set aside was sold so now he is in the process of getting another car. The wiring upgrade has been completed in the Police Station so it is up to code. A new air conditioning unit will be coming tomorrow.

3. Streets – George Hinton reported that he checked the stormwater drains during the recent rains to try and identify where water problem is coming down Park Avenue. The water appears to be flowing down Fairview along the curb and not jumping the curb. George will contact Borough Engineer, Ron Madison, because of the ongoing litigation with a resident on East West Street.

George met with a representative from DEP and Ron Madison to look at the Roberti Garage and the bridge on Male Road that needs repairs. The representative from DEP indicated that it should not be a problem getting a permit for the Male Road Bridge project.

George checked into water problems on West West Street and a garage being built on

Tenth Street.

George, Winton and Tony met to discuss the By-pass. George attended a meeting with Kerry and the Mayor on Nolan Perin's project to discuss the wetland delineation issue, soil contamination and clean up related to the property set to be Industrial Drive. All organization related to the project were represented at this meeting. There is no indication that the soils have been contaminated. The wetland issues appear to be minor. Since these issues are being handled, the permitting process will speed up quite a bit. George stated that he took this opportunity to express the Borough's desire to extend this By-pass out to Route 33 with a full or half of an interchange. Dennis Toomey and a design engineer from PennDOT stated that the current drawings for the traffic signal improvements would not be accepted if Wind Gap does not accept them and they are at best horrendous. It was suggested that the monies that would be used to improve the intersections be put toward a By-pass Interchange. George added that the idea was well received. George met with Harry Smith, Waste Management, on Wednesday, July 11 to discuss the By-pass and that meeting went well also. Thursday, July 12, George was called to attend a meeting with Harry Smith at Traffic Planning and Design offices. Waste Management is helping with this company. Kevin Johnson and Greg Richardson met with Harry and George to discuss the original plan design. Traffic Planning and Design compiled all the numbers five years ago on the By-pass Interchange including the land acquisition and they will update their cost estimates for this project. Thursday, July 14, 2005, George received a call from Representative Craig Dally's office. Representative Dally intends to set up a meeting with Congressman Dent, Senator Browne and Senator Boscola as well as members of Wind Gap Borough Council to discuss this issue. Council members gave George two dates preferably in the evening so they are all available to attend. George attended the Plainfield Township meeting with Winton to explain the concept to their Board of Supervisors and ask for their support. The Board of Supervisors will be sending a letter of support. Wind Gap needs to set up a meeting with Pen Argyl Council to involve them in this project.

George attended the Plainfield Township Planning Commission meeting last night. The Planning Commission took no action at the meeting. Wind Gap received the Planning Commission's support regarding the By-pass. Before any permits are issued, all the information has to be gathered.

Winton added that he spoke to Mike Kaiser, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, to explain the proposed project. Mike was not receptive to the idea saying that there is not enough money to do the projects now. Winton explained that Wind Gap is trying to secure private money to complete this project. PennDOT has scheduled a meeting in Philadelphia on August 18 to discuss projects. George and Kerry plan to attend along with Winton if he is available.

Kerry explained that during the meeting on Monday, July 11, 2005 it was explained that National Realty is proposing to make Route 512 from Burdette to Woodward no parking on either side of the road. Wind Gap representative stated that there is a problem with this solution to improve the intersection of Alpha and Lehigh. Additionally, they are proposing that turning south onto Broadway at the Turkey Hill would include two turning lanes that would eventually merge at Center or Mechanic Street. Kerry stated that National Realty has been in contact with him since they would need property from him to make these proposed improvements. He stated that he turned down their proposal. Jerry Birmingham, National Realty, would like to meet with

the By-pass committee on Monday, July 25, 2005 before 3:00 p.m. to discuss Plan "B".

George said that Techno Bloc was present at the Plainfield Township Planning Commission with a proposal to expand their building to more than twice the current size. George asked what the projected increase number is for truck traffic or traffic in general? He stated that the answer was 275 in and out, but no one was willing to give specific details on what kind of truck it would be.

Kerry to contact Jerry and Nolan regarding the Monday meeting.

Mitch reported that he is currently working on a snow plow ordinance regarding parking on the side. On odd days parking would be on the South and West side and on even days parking would be on the North and East side of the streets. The ordinance would have to include all the roads within the Borough.

George will provide a copy of a draft for improvements to all the lights to have the same equipment.

4. Finance – Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. reported that he contacted fuel companies to obtain quotes for heating fuel.

Dieter	\$2.169
Cortazzo	\$1.849
Tolino	\$1.959
Lessig	\$1.899
A&B	\$1.649

5. Administration – Winton Male reported that he had volunteers assisting with the mailing. The letters to the COG, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Slate Belt Chamber will be mailed or delivered shortly. He is trying to get the zoning scanner hooked up. As part of Millie's job, all letters and correspondence related zoning and planning would be scanned and attached to the parcel file in ACT.

Scott asked that a Thank you letter be sent to the Pen Argyl Fire Company for the use of their folding machine.

6. Zoning – In Tony Curcio's absence, Kerry reported that there was one case before the Zoning Hearing Board, Jeffrey and Debra Jimenez. They requested a variance for a carport and it was granted.

7. Planning – Kerry Gassler reported that RPM Recycling was before the Planning Commission. Planning Solicitor, Peter Layman sent a letter dated July 14, 2005 stating that the Planning Commission recommends granting a waiver for the requirement that the Plan receives land development approval from the Borough of Wind Gap. Only a small portion of the property is within the Borough, .006 of an acre. Winton asked about dust? Kerry replied that a metal muncher would be constructed in the middle of the property and sunk down in the ground only operating during daytime hours. This item will be on the August 1, 2005 agenda for Council to act on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

8. Parks – Kerry Gassler reported that Rettew has reviewed their original cost estimate for the Master Plan and now project that it will cost around \$25,000 not \$37,000. The Park Board has committed their Waste Management tipping fees to the completion of the Master Plan, but with the reduction in cost will have enough funds to complete the Parking Lot Paving Project this year. The project has been advertised with bid opening to be August 17, 2005.

9. Fire Company – Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. reported that the Fire Company held their monthly meeting last night. They responded to 19 calls in May, 9 in June for a total of 98 for the year. The Auxiliary did not meet because of the Picnic. The Texas Hold'em tournament has been cancelled indefinitely. The final Picnic numbers have not been calculated yet. Mitch thanked all the helpers and supporters of the annual Picnic. There are two more active members and one new social member.

Jeff Yob reported that with the grant monies received from GKEDC, the Fire Company would purchase a specialized fire extinguisher with wheels so they can become a certified zone for LifeFlight.

10. Sewer Authority – Scott Parsons did not make the meeting. Paul Levits reported that all is running smoothly with the Plant. Terry Miklas is closely monitoring the CVS project. Discussion regarding the Industrial Drive project. Scott stated that there have been discussions to see if the County will release money for contractor's letters.

11. Insurance – Winton Male had nothing to report.

12. 911 – Tony Curcio was absent.

Mayor's Report

Kerry reported that the police report includes 148 calls in the month of June and 2,500 miles were put on the two vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appear before Council at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scott Parsons asked if anyone was planning on attending the grant seminar being sponsored by Senator Browne's office. It was decided that Louise would represent the Borough at the seminar.

2. Kerry asked if anyone had completed the questionnaire sent out by Senator Browne dated June 15, 2005. He asked that Council complete it prior to the next meeting. The answered will combined and a letter will be sent to the Senator.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scott asked about the correspondence received from Mr. Roberti regarding his property. This will be discussed at an Executive Session prior to the meeting on Monday, August 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Karasek will be notified.

On motion by Scott Parsons to adjourn the meeting of July 19, 2005 and seconded by Karen Skorochochod.

The meeting of July 19, 2005 adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Louise Firestone, Secretary / Treasurer