

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Kerry Gassler at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilpersons: Jon Faust, Karen Skorochood, Todd Beil, George Hinton, Scott Parsons, and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr., Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek, and Secretary/Treasurer Louise Firestone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared before Council at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Karen Skorochood reported that the 2006 Officers have been elected.
Captain Nick Potochnick
First Lieutenant Ed Wolf
Second Lieutenant Ron Minnich
President Tom Knitter
Secretary Karen Skorochood

Karen will furnish the names and phone numbers to the office.

2. Police - George Hinton reported that the committee consisting of the Mayor, George and the Chief met to discuss part-time police officers. The committee recommended that to best serve the community a full-time police officer should be considered not part-time. The Police Department is close to 24/7 police coverage, but it is not there yet. Because of the tenure of the officers, the vacation, personal and sick days have to be considered while doing the schedule. The officers have expressed their desire for a second officer to be on duty on Friday and Saturday nights and that has been scheduled, but it sometimes forces a shift to be missed during the week. George stated that from a budgeting standpoint, another full-time officer would have to be included in next year's budget. It was noted that to hire a part-time officer, the Borough would need to hire two, because one part-time officer would probably not be available every week. Historically, part-timers say they will work every available open shift and then as time goes along, they are not available when the schedule warrants. It would cost approximately \$2,000 per part-time officer to get them physicals, equipped and uniformed and started on the job. George asked that Council think about the options and respond back to the committee.

Chief Armitage requested sending one Police Officer to a five-day seminar. The cost of the seminar and lodging would be approximately \$643.00.

On motion by George Hinton to send one Police Officer to the “Detective & New Criminal Investigator Training Seminar” in Harrisburg with the fees to be taken out of the tipping fees and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd suggested waiting a couple months and then hiring a full-time officer later this year. The Borough recently conducted the Civil Service Testing and the results can be held up to three years. Council to think about this issue and it will be discussed at a later date.

3. Streets – George Hinton reported that it has been an easy winter. The Borough has not spent too much on salt or overtime. The Street workers have spending time working upstairs clearing out the second floor of the Borough building. George provided Council with a floor plan to review for the layout of new offices on the second floor. George suggested using steel frames and doors with panic hardware, tile on the floor (1,800 sq. ft.), suspended ceiling to running the heating and cooling over top – that totals \$62,900. HVAC and electrical is not included in George’s numbers. Currently the Borough has \$72,000 from Waste Management monies, \$30,277 from last year’s tipping fees and rental income for a total of \$102,277. If the tipping fees from 2006 are included it totals \$129,277. George asked Council’s permission to contact the Borough Solicitor to get confirmation regarding putting the project out for public bid. The Borough Engineer would have to be consulted to draw up bid specifications.

4. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that Case 2-2006 scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2006, was cancelled. The applicant withdrew their application.

5. Planning – Todd Beil had nothing to report.

6. Parks & Recreation – Karen Skorochoch reported that in response to the baseball camp the Park Board discussed and is recommending that for profit camp for 75 people or less the fee would be \$100 per day. For this three-day camp, it would total \$300. Council discussed if there are over 75 participants should there be another fee charged.

On motion by Karen Skorochoch to charge \$100 per day for any for profit camps up to 75 participants, and for 75 participants to 150 charge \$150 per day and seconded by Scott Parsons. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen reported that the Park Board is contacting other municipalities to compare pavilion rental fees. They are discussing changing fees for next year. The Park Board received a proposal for an overlay of the upper pavement in the Park. The Board is asking Council to send the proposal to the Borough Engineer so he can write up a bid specification. The Park Board is not sure if they will have sufficient funds to do the overlay project. They figured if the overlay project were put out to bid with the parking lot paving project they might get a better price. The Park Board has approved the purchase of 42 wheel stops. Once the wheel stops are in the chain will be removed.

Karen stated that John Zucal gave a report regarding vehicular damage behind the Little League field. Karen asked if the cost to refurbish the field would be paid by the individuals responsible for the damage? Chief Armitage stated that the individual was arrested and cited, but it is too late to include restitution for damages. The Chief explained that at the time the individual was arrested restitution for damages could also be submitted. The Chief was told that

the field could be raked out, some topsoil spread and seeded at a minimal expense.

7. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported that the Fire Company responded to 27 calls in the month of January. The Fire Company had their second meeting regarding the purchase of a new truck. Jon only received one bid on the roof. If the job is estimated to be over \$10,000 the Borough Engineer would have to write up bid specifications. Portions of the roof have been torn away and now the ceiling has water damage and it is full of mold and is sinking. Louise to contact the insurance company. Jon asked Council if it would be possible to purchase two decent chainsaws to cut trees down that have fallen.

8. Sewer Authority – Scott Parsons reported that the Authority would be working in three alleys putting in new piping.

9. 911 – Tony Curcio had nothing to report.

George asked if a committee could be set to discuss several items with the Borough Engineer. Kerry appointed George, Tony and Kerry will met with the Engineer to discuss the Park Board issues, the street issues, the Firehouse roof, and the Borough building renovations.

Tipping Fees. Tony asked that a motion be made to have Louise cut the checks to be sent to the Fire Company, the Ambulance Corps and the Community Library every quarter.

On motion by Tony Curcio to cut the checks 2% to the Fire Company, 2% to the Ambulance Corps and 1% to the Blue Mountain Community Library and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mogilski reported that Contractor Licenses fees collected for the month of January was \$675, nothing was collected in January for amusement licenses or transient licenses. Total for the month of January \$675. The Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the Police Report. Louise asked where the dollar amount for the contractors came from? The Mayor replied that he received that number of licenses issued by the Zoning Secretary. Louise stated that the Borough collected \$900 for the month of January. The Mayor to follow up.

The Mayor stated that he was speaking with Mrs. Graf at Pen Argyl High School regarding having students type in the Borough first 180 ordinances so that they can be scanned into the archive system. He will continue to pursue as possibly a community service.

The next COG meeting is tomorrow night at the Washington Township municipal building. Officer Redmond and Officer Flad will be attending an ENRADD training class on March 29, 2006 at the Portland Police Department.

The Mayor stated that he spoke to the Chief regarding training Officer Redmond on how to run the Police Office in case the Chief and Sergeant decide to leave the force.

The Mayor reported that the Borough would be taking part in a nationwide rural Police Department Survey through the University of Eastern Kentucky. The reason is to compare the Borough's department in terms of technology and needs of the department.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Weeast

On motion by Karen Skorochood to approve the Borough Solicitor, Ronold Karasek, to accept the service of the complaint in the Action in Declaratory Judgment in the Weeast complaint as outlined in the letter dated February 16, 2006 and seconded by Tony Curcio. Prior to the vote, discussion regarding the complaint. Kerry explained that Mr. Weeast is suing for the interest on the money on the garage. It was a court order to fix the water problem under the Weeast garage. The Borough was assessed a \$100 per day fine until the Borough fixed it – 521 days. A. Scott Construction did the work at that time and then a few years ago, the Borough did new Stormwater work and tore all that out and went down behind the alley and down behind the garage. If there was an agreement or a court order it needs to be found and reviewed. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously

2. Hendershot Doors. Kerry reported that Hendershot Doors came to look at the garage doors at the Ambulance building and the Fire building to install automatic sensors and/or pressure plates. The four doors at the Fire Company \$440 per door and \$320 per door at the Ambulance building. The total cost would be \$2,400.

On motion by Tony Curcio to approve that Hendershot Door Company to install sensors on 4 doors at the Fire Company at \$440 per door and 2 doors at the Ambulance Building at \$320 per door for a total of \$2,400 and have the funds come out of Capital Reserve Account – General funds and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Emitters for Emergency Responders. Kerry stated that all emergency vehicles need a strobe installed. The Borough has nine emergency vehicles at \$800 per vehicle. Scott suggested going after National Realty to pay that bill. Kerry cautioned that the Borough cannot afford to wait two or three years to install the strobes on the vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Nuisance Ordinance. Kerry asked that Council review the draft ordinance and write down any questions/comments for the March 6 meeting when Ron Karasek is in attendance. Chief Armitage stated that some of the items mentioned in the ordinance is already covered under the State crime code.

2. PPL Meeting. Kerry stated that he is available for meeting on March 8 or 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Borough office. Louise to confirm the date.

On motion by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of February 21, 2006 and seconded by Todd Beil. Council agreed unanimously.

The meeting of February 21, 2006 adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Louise Firestone, Secretary / Treasurer