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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 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, Nathan Hinton, George Hinton, Scott Parsons and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Councilman Todd Beil.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tony Borger – President, Wind Gap Area Athletic Association informed Council about this year's car show. This is the car show's 24th year and is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2007. Sgt. First Class Bobby Ehrig, U.S. Army was injured in Iraq from a suicide bombing. The car show will be a fundraiser for the athletic association, but a benefit for Sgt. Ehrig. He is rehabbing in Texas from severe burns. He graduated from Pen Argyl High School in 1991. This is a way to show community support. It will be a motorcycle benefit in addition to the regular car show. They are expecting 500 cars and hopefully 200 motorcycles. They have been working with the Lost Riders through the American Legion. There are several other groups expecting partial representation. They have invited Congressman Charles Dent, Representative Dally, and Representative Browne. There will be a special ceremony for Sgt. Ehrig who will be here for the weekend. They will be asking local businesses to acknowledge Bobby on their marquees. The banners will be put up on May 4, 2007. The pole on the lower end of Wind Gap was taken down, but they are exploring alternate poles. They now have an express registration lane to move the vehicles into the Park, but will need assistance with traffic. They are going to ask that an ambulance crew be on site. They are expecting approximately 4,000 people. He requested extra police coverage especially during the peak time when the registration money is being collected, definitely between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Closing ceremonies will begin around 3:00 p.m. and go through 4:30/5:00 p.m. He invited all of Council to attend. Next year for the 25th Car Show, they are already planning to have the original founders back. Kerry will talk to the ambulance corps and Jon will talk to the fire company. There will be a preparation meeting at the Park possibly on May 8, 2007.

2. Jeff Yob, Wind Gap Fire Company. Jeff informed Council that the Fire Company picnic would be June 27, 28, 29 and 30. The Fire Company has discussed ways to make the picnic better. They have decided to explore the possibility of selling clams and beer as several other fire companies do at their picnics. The Borough ordinance prohibits alcohol in the Park. The Fire Company is requesting a waiver for those four days. If Council believes that they would consider the idea, then Jeff would attend the Park Board to discuss the plan with the board members. Timing is somewhat of the essence, because it would take 30 days to apply to the LCB for a temporary liquor license. They propose to use the large pavilion area and secure the area with temporary fencing. A self-contained beer truck would be used on consignment, Holy Family would be loaning their steamers for the picnic and this would be for the four nights. The Fire Company would secure liability insurance; a million dollar policy with a two million dollar aggregate, with the Borough listed as additional insured. It would be specific for that event, meaning a four-day policy. Jeff will provide the Borough with the nightly entertainment schedule to be included in the monthly newsletter. The Mayor questioned the security for the event? Jeff replied that the Fire Company would hire their own security. The Fire Company has received input from other picnics. A strong presence at the entrance is important. The beer

would be purchased and consumed only at the designated location. Jeff will attend a Park Board meeting to get their input regarding this idea.

3. Victor Rodite, Slate Belt Council of Government. Victor introduced himself to the Council members. He distributed a copy of the Slate Belt COG newsletter. The next COG meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development will be present to hear the needs of the Slate Belt area. They will be taking over the CDBG program and the money will all go through Northampton County. Northampton County, becoming an urban county, will be able to secure several hundred dollars more than that, so they are going around looking for input to develop a five-year plan. They would like to translate the needs into programs. Victor asked Council to update the COG directory with any changes necessary. A survey was included in the handout and Victor asked Council to complete the survey. The COG created a Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeal, which has already heard one appeal. The COG has been successful in securing grants and has provided letters of support to some municipalities. They secured a grant for a municipal collection for leaves and yard waste. If Wind Gap wishes to be a host municipality, the COG would provide a storage container for the yard waste. The COG has been successful in a grant application to purchase two leaf vacuums. They have sponsored Emergency Management Coordinator meetings and had emergencies fabricated so that the participants could role-play. The County asked for a list from each municipality of emergency management equipment so if opportunities arise, the County would be aware of the COG member's needs. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2007. The COG would like to provide employment opportunities for students, sophomore, junior, or a senior, to work during the summer. They would work on projects that would benefit the region. One of the projects is recreation related. Victor would like to have all the COG municipalities recreation facilities inventoried, and a schedule of all the park events to be put on the Internet website. The last question on the survey pertains to the COG submitting a grant application to establish a housing rehabilitation program to assist the Slate Belt area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Nathan Hinton had nothing to report.

2. Police – George Hinton reported that a Police meeting was held. They asked if a Park curfew ordinance could be enacted? Nathan stated that this topic was discussed at the Park Board meeting and they decided that hours would be 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Mayor said that the concern for a curfew was specifically the basketball courts. Nathan replied that the Park board would exclude the basketball courts from the curfew. This topic to be discussed at the May 7 Council meeting.

3. Streets – George Hinton reported that he drove the property of the proposed Emerald Forest development and Poplar Street with Jon Faust. He stated that the Stormwater runoff would be worse because of the development. He added that the developer has skated on the issue of improvements to Genoga onto route 512. There is nothing on the agreement to indicate at this point that it has to be done. George and Jon spoke to the property owner at the northern end of the proposed development and he indicated that they did have a meeting with the developer, but nothing was discussed regarding receiving the pie shape piece of property as indicated by the developer at the previous Council meeting. No agreement has been reached with this property owner regarding receiving a piece of property to get off his property. He encouraged all of Council to visit the site and become familiar with the potential issues regarding water on Poplar and Genoga. George asked Council to keep all these issues in mind during the approval process.

The street committee received a state bid on a one-ton dump with a snowplow. The state contract came in pretty high so the committee decided to check pricing from local dealers and found

that the dealers could substantially bid the price of the truck lower. The committee is asking Council for permission to put together the specifications for this truck and put it out for public bid.

On motion by George Hinton to allow the committee to write the bid specifications for a one ton 3500 series dump truck with a snow plow and advertise the bid and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

George informed Council that the Borough received a letter from the insurance carrier regarding repairing the sidewalk in front of the Borough garage. The street workers will make repairs as soon as the weather permits.

4. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that no meeting would be held on May 2 because no applications were filed.
5. Planning – Todd Beil was absent. No Planning meeting occurred because of a lack of a quorum. Letters to the Planning Commission members were sent out today regarding their interest in continuing to serve on the commission.
6. Parks and Recreation – Nathan Hinton reported that the Park Board heard Tony Borger's report regarding the car show. The bids for the Park parking lot are due in the Borough Office on Monday, May 7. They discussed the park curfew issue.
7. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported that the Fire Company responded to 14 calls in March for a total of 40 this year. The Fire Company held elections of officers: Fire Chief: Jon Faust, First Lieutenant Sean Shoemaker, Second Lieutenant Sean Marsh, President Jeff Yob, Vice President Roger Teada, Secretary Patrick Capauno, Treasurer George Hinton.
8. Sewer Authority – Scott Parsons reported that the Municipal Authority plans to conduct a study of the Borough and surrounding service area that is covered by the 531 Plan to determine how many building lots are still available in the franchise area. The capacity of the plant is between 50% and 60% of what they are licensed for currently. They have the capacity to double their size if they had to provide more service.
9. 911 – Tony Curcio had nothing to report.
10. Insurance – Louise Firestone reported that the Borough's insurance carrier is not renewing the Worker's Compensation policy. Louise will be exploring other carriers for coverage including coverage through the state. The Borough has had claims through the police, street department, fire company and ambulance corps and because of the amount of claims the carrier has decided not to renew the coverage.

Mayor's Report

Contractor's license for the month of March was \$50 for a total in 2007 of \$925, transient license \$25 for a total in 2007 of \$25, amusement licenses of \$400 for a grand total collected of \$1,375. Police have responded to 156 calls in March for a total of 413 year-to-date. Next COG meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Township. The Mayor gave a Proclamation on March 31, 2007 to Richie Smith, State Wrestling Champion from Pen Argyl High School. The Police are currently attending their yearly training and that will be completed by the end of the month. The Mayor reported that he spoke to Harry Smith from Waste Management regarding the recycling program. It was suggested that more glass and cans could be recycled from the Borough's drinking establishments. Unfortunately, Waste Management is not in the position to offer any community dollars pending their expansion application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 457 – Bushkill Creek Watershed Enactment.

Kerry announced that the Borough would conduct a hearing regarding Ordinance No. 457 – Updating Stormwater Management Regulations to Comply with the Act 167 for the Bushkill Creek Watershed. Kerry explained that the Ordinance deals with the quality of water, Stormwater runoff and complies with DEP regulations. Scott asked to discuss Appendix E – Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement. The agreement for the property that has the Stormwater has to take responsibility for the management of the Stormwater. The agreement identifies the deed book and page number of the property so if that property is sold or changes hands, the agreement follows the property and the responsibility of the management remains with the property owner. Kerry closed the hearing and entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 457.

On motion by Jon Faust to enact Ordinance 457 and seconded by Nathan Hinton. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

2. George Hinton reported that the property owners of the Giant, K-Mart Plaza hired the company to clean out the streambed the goes under Male Road. George would like to continue the cleaning of the streambed north toward West Street. Discussion regarding the floodpath and the right-of-way.

On motion by George Hinton to direct Robert Collura's firm to get the permits necessary to clean out the stream bed of debris and trees and seconded by Scott Parsons. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

George to contact Brian Pysher.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

On motion by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of April 17, 2007. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of April 17, 2007 adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator