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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council met from 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. for Executive Session at Wind Gap Borough Hall.

The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President, Scott Parsons., at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilpersons: Jon Faust, Kerry Gassler, Todd Beil, George Hinton, Joe Weaver and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. and Borough Assistant Administrator Darlene Plank-Turlington.

A moment of silence was conducted by Council President Scot Parsons on behalf of Borough Resident, Army SPC Derek D. Holland, who was killed in Afghanistan.

Council President Scott Parsons informed those present that Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rev. Dean Frey and Greg Jones representing Hope UCC addressed Council in regards to their church picnic; expressing their views and concerns in relation to the hanging of their church banners. Scott Parsons commented that the Borough has never had such a request from an outside organization, and to avoid any confusion in the future will initiate a new resolution and/or ordinance.

Victor Rodite and Daniel Radom (Public Administration Graduate Student Intern) representing the Slate Belt Council of Governments addressed Council on means to provide Informational and Assistance services to moderate and low income families within the Borough. The C.O.G. would like to provide basics to this group of Borough individuals or families for health and safety, and economic purposes.

The Lafayette College Technology Clinic Study has been completed with a new book called "Intelligent Re-Development of the Slate Belt", which provides 30 to 40 recommendations for the public and private sector.

On motion by George Hinton to approve the Slate Belt Council of Governments to produce a new large colorful Borough map to entail zoning districts, streets, and parks with a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and seconded by Todd Beil. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported 274 Ambulance trips from January to April which is significantly higher than last year. Only missed 5 calls so far this year. Scott commented that the Borough will need an audit from the EMS due to some of the funding that we do with them.

2. Police – George Hinton reported that the Borough received the new police cruiser car. Another alternator was placed in the 2003 police car.
3. Streets – George Hinton reported that the street sweeper was out, and we only had one complaint that he knew of as far as vehicles needing to be removed off of the streets. Next year we need to try and get the bid in earlier, January or February, and information in the newsletter targeting specific dates for the removal of vehicles from the streets.

While the street sweeper was out and about it fell in a sink hole on Jefferson St. by Mr. Schreck's residence due to the hole being improperly filled in by the Municipal Authority from previous sewer work. George asked Louise to send the Municipal Authority a bill for \$180 dollars for the 2 hours of work expended by the Borough on their behalf, and to place a note with the bill requesting that they fix the road.

No updated status regarding the storm water drainage issue on Lehigh, waiting for the Engineer (Brian Pysher) to report back to us. Also, need the 2 Easements on Lehigh.
4. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that there were no new zoning applications, therefore the July 2nd Zoning Hearing Board meeting is cancelled.
5. Planning – Todd Beil reported that plans will be coming before Council at the next scheduled Council meeting on July 7, 2008: Kim Albanese Preliminary and Final Approval, Emerald Forest Subdivision will be requesting additional waivers (Poplar Street improvement), Jorgensen minor subdivision on Roosevelt conditional final approval, received a waiver from Plainfield Township.
6. Parks & Recreation – Joe Weaver reported that the Park Board will meet again on July 1st to finalize details on the Guardian Angels night out at the park. The night out is scheduled for August 8th, from 7 to 10 pm. The Park Board has decided to spend up to \$500 for supplies (bracelets, balloons, pens, etc.) for the event.

Joe commented that he wants to know how the cameras work, and he will be responsible for the viewing and issues regarding the park cameras.

Welding plates - John Zucal contacted the original manufacturer who wanted \$700 for six aluminum plates, 1400 for 12, he was able to get all 12 custom fabricated for \$1200 at a \$200 savings.

A number of people have inquired about renting out the Band Shell, we currently do not have an ordinance or fee established for the band shell's scheduled usage. Need noise and time limitations, and a definition of it's usage within a public park. Consider electric, lighting, and insurance. Need Park Board recommendation regarding the band shell. Scott requested a list of the Summer Sounds concerts, Joe stated that the Board is running behind with the concerts.
7. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported that the Fire Company responded to 11 calls in the month of May for a total of 81 year to date. The Fire Company social hall will be completely non-smoking by the end of this month.
8. Sewer Authority – Todd Beil reported that Lowes in Plainfield still indecisive about the pads their using. Waiting for Ron Decesare to get back to him regarding an updated status on Brian Thompson and his resignation, probable residency and board membership
9. 911 – Tony Curcio reported that he is still looking for the number of pagers and number of radios and the frequency of them, and the serial numbers of the pagers for ID purposes..

10. Buildings and Properties – Jon Faust reported they are setting up a meeting on Tuesday to meet with the Engineers for the Fire Expo

11. Finance – Nothing at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Mogilski reported 147 Police calls for the month of May and 692 for the year to date. The next C.O.G. meeting is scheduled for the 25th of June at 7pm. Contractors report - \$75 of Income, total of \$1,375 ; Transient \$100 for a total of \$125, nothing on amusement machines – yearly total \$2,125. Put in a letter to Penn Dot regarding the speed limit.

NEW BUSINESS

Dereck Holland’s mother dropped off a donation to the Borough Office in appreciation for all that the Borough has done in Derek’s honor. On June 28th (Sat) the Mayor will read a proclamation for him right before the entertainment begins (approx. 6:45 pm).

Tiddle House – need updated status – According to John Faust waiting for fire the marshall’s report. Scott said he will call Ron Karasek to get further direction on this situation

Scott Parsons requested we purchase new flags or try and get new ones from Craig Dally’s office.

Still have on- going pet problems, the County is in the process of establishing Lehigh Valley Board of Health to help remedy the problem.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott would like to take action on the Guardian Angels renting the space upstairs, and send them a denial letter. Would like to recommend not to do it – too many liabilities.

On motion by George Hinton recommending that Borough Council deny the Guardian Angel’s request to rent the upstairs, and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Matter on Benefits (sick days/personal days) discussed during the executive session.

On motion by Tony Curcio recommending effective January 1st, 2009, the office personnel receive 5 additional personal days each year. These additional days shall not be accumulative nor carried over from year to year. The motion was seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. In favor: T. Beil, T. Curcio, J. Faust, K. Gassler, G. Hinton, J. Weaver. Opposed: S. Parsons.

On motion by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of June17th, 2008. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of June 17th, 2008 adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Darlene Plank-Turlington, Asst. Administrator