

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP  
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, October 21, 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 Councilmen: Jon Faust, Kerry Gassler, George Hinton, Joe Weaver and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr., Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Councilman Todd Beil.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared before Council at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. West Street Quarry Property – Zoning Issue – Public Hearing. A representative for Jack Muschlitz addressed Council regarding the quarry property on East West Street which is currently being mined. Mr. Muschlitz is trying to find an agreeable solution for the use of the property once the mining has been completed. One thing being considered by the developer is asking for a zoning amendment to allow a different kind of use, one that might be compatible with the Borough's residential area. At a previous meeting, Mr. Muschlitz presented Council with a sketch of a 55 and older community for that particular property. The Borough currently has an R-8 zoning district and if Council would consider including the uses in R-8 to the I-ME district that would be the only thing that would need to be done. Scott stated that Council has heard the idea, but it was tabled so all members of Council could give this some thought. Borough Solicitor, Ron Karasek, stated that assuming Council would want to make this change, the allowable uses in the R-8 district would apply to the I-ME district along with the current allowable uses in I-ME. There would be no map change, only the uses would be added to this district. Ron explained that he would have to draft an ordinance, the Borough Planning Commission would have to have a public hearing, it has to go to Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for their review, there has to be a thirty (30) window until the Borough can have a public hearing and then there has to be a public meeting to vote on it. Kerry asked if Council wanted to change zoning up around Eighth Street or where the ambulance building is, because that is a map change would that delay the use change. Ron replied that a map change would take a little longer because the Borough has to have the new maps, the property/properties would have to be posted at proper intervals throughout the Borough. The map change requires more noticed to the residents of the Borough.

**On motion** by Jon Faust to proceed with the zoning amendment for I-ME to include R-8 uses and begin the process for the public hearing and seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported that the ambulance responded to 45 calls in the month of September for a year-to-date total of 535. He will attend the ambulance corps meeting tomorrow.
2. Police – George Hinton stated that a meeting with the officers needs to be scheduled. Ron Karasek reported that he has gone through the "Policies and Procedures" of the Police Department and there are bargainable items (collective bargaining agreement) so he must do some further research. Scott stated that the committee, George, Scott and the Mayor will meet and report back to Council. Scott informed Council that he spoke to the Chief Armitage about their pension. The police were not happy with the former representative for Principal Financial and that has been changed so it is time to make a decision if they want to make changes to their investments.
3. Sewer Authority – Scott Parsons reported that Barry will attend their meeting tomorrow.
4. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported that the Fire Company responded to 20 calls for the month of September and that brings the total of the year to 164. They have had an increase in auxiliary members. The new members have painted the social hall, stripped the floor and done an overall cleaning of the hall. There have been discussions about next year's carnival and conflicts with the amusement ride company. They will continue to discuss.
5. Streets – George Hinton reported that leave pick up has begun. The roads have been sealed. The workers installed the floor braces in the Boy Scout room to support the weight of the filing cabinets that were moved upstairs. He is still working on the replacement for the generator. The Borough is still waiting on the permit for the stream bank restoration permit from DEP. The construction easement agreement has been signed by Clint Knoble for that project. This Thursday, Brian Pysher and George will be opening the concrete bids for the retaining wall. Giroux will be doing the excavation portion of the job. Tony Curcio asked if the street speed limit signs have been ordered. George to contact the supplier.
6. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that no applications were filed so there will not be a meeting in November.
7. Planning – Scott Parsons reported that Andrew Perrine resigned from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission needs three people to have a meeting. Ron Karasek stated that a meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2008.  
**On motion** by Kerry Gassler to accept Andrew Perrine's resignation with regrets and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Parks – Joe Weaver reported that no action was taken just financial discussions.
9. 911 – Tony Curcio reported that 2 call signs WNTT 763 and WNTT 764 are up for renewal by December 20, 2008. Council not sure what these frequencies might be. Tony to further investigate.
10. Buildings and Properties – Jon Faust reported that he had another meeting with a wish list submitted by the ambulance, the police, the fire company and the municipal office.
11. Finance – Louise Firestone had nothing to report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Mogilski reported that the Police responded to the following amount of calls: June 157 (total year 841), July 164 (total year 1005), August 163 (total year 1168), and September 122 (total year 1290). The next COG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Elementary School. He received a letter from Meals on Wheels asking for a donation and wanted to know if Council had considered it? Council had no further discussion on this topic at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Scott Parsons reported that he received a letter from the Green and White asking for a donation. His recommendation is that no donation be given.
2. Tony Curcio reported that the Waste Management committee met with Harry Smith and they were advised that a letter had to be sent by the Borough to Harry so that he could forward it to corporate. At that time, the existing agreement between the Borough and Waste Management would be reviewed.

**On motion** by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of October 21, 2008. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of October 21, 2008 adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator