

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Monday, December 20th, 2011, 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: George Hinton, Kerry Gassler, Dave Hess, John Maher, Tony Curcio and Joe Weaver. Also in attendance were Mayor James Shoemaker., Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Borough Engineer Robert Collura, and Borough Assistant Administrator Darlene Plank.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Pete Layman and Mr. Peter Iselo were present for Gibraltar Development Corp. Mr. Layman addressed Council regarding calling in the bond on the Gibraltar property. He said it is his understanding that most municipalities do not opt to call in a letter of credit and choose to do the work themselves, therefore, it may be productive to have a discussion as Mr. Iselo's intent is completion of the projects. Mr. Iselo expressed the hope that there may be some cost sharing on some of the ongoing unforeseen issues with the property and neighboring properties. Mr. Parsons stated that such discussions and requests should have taken place 6 months ago, but there hasn't been any cooperation. According to Mr. Hinton, the sidewalks on 512 were not finished or completed, stop signs were not installed, and the streets were not plowed by Gibraltar – unfortunately the Boro had to install the stop signs and plow the streets. Mr. Layman stated that sidewalks were taken off the plan, Mr. Hinton agreed and said those sidewalks would have been an additional amount of money. Mr. Layman further stated that a change was necessary on the plan for first street due to the grade being wrong on the original plan done by Ott Consulting, and apparently not caught when Hanover reviewed it. According to Mr. Collura that statement is unfair to Hanover as any Engineer would have approved those plans as presented with what was shown. Mr. Collura further stated that the Boro Engineer does not go out and do the surveying, they merely accept and review that which is presented to them. The drawing itself was not correct, and did not reflect what was actual in the field. Mr. Layman stated that according to Mr. Iselo the 4% grade that was originally shown was then changed to a 2% grade, but he stepped up made corrections and paid for them. Mr. Parsons stated that no Borough wants to call in a line of credit, but we had to do something. I'm in favor of trying to work something out and get some guarantees on solving this situation. Mr. Layman stated that the Borough has made the call and he is not asking the Boro to rescind the call at this time, but you can notify the bank that it not be paid over as we are in discussion. According to Mr. Hinton, two things upfront are that the Boro assumed, fixed, and paid for the driveway at \$2400 and in the spring it needs to be put into concrete. The wider area of the driveway that was put in is the driveway apron.
On motion by George Hinton, and seconded by John Maher that the \$2400 be paid and deposit made on or before January 16th,2012. With payment the two parties will discuss further issues and seek an agreement. With no payment there are no further meetings and the bond money will be called in from the bank. The next Council meeting to take action will be January 17th, 2012. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

On motion by Tony Curcio to approve Borough expenses in the amount of \$13,555.76 and seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Tony Curcio to approve the Borough meeting minutes of December 05, 2011 and seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported that the Wind Gap Ambulance Corps responded to 56 calls through the month of October and 635 calls for the year. Costs keep going up with all the extra activity.
2. Fire Co. – Dave Hess reported that the Wind Gap Fire Company had 17 calls for the month which consisted of 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 structured dwelling fires, 3 fire police, 2 fire alarms, 1 wire fire, and 1 assisted police call.
3. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that there were no new applicants for a ZHB meeting, therefore, no meeting will take place in the month of January.
4. Planning – Scott Parsons reported that there were no new applicants for planning so a Planning Commission meeting will not be held in the month of January. Mr. Karasek mentioned that a planning meeting will take place soon for the zoning changes that will be taking place. He is waiting for Mr. Pysher to get the language and or map for the site triangle to him to proceed forward.
5. Municipal Authority – John Maher stated that he attended last month's meeting, but had nothing new to report, business as usual.
6. Streets – George Hinton reported that the Christmas lights were not working like they should have been, they should have been checked prior to being displayed. Two Councilmen and two residents helped to with the maintenance and bulb replacement to the lights. We have had complaints of water runoff on 8th street, after review the catch basins were filled with debris and gravel. The pipes were plugged up so the drains had to be professionally cleaned out and opened which took approx. 4 hours and at a cost of approx. 2600 dollars. Mr. Collura suggested that maybe upslope stabilization may be the solution to the recurring water problems on 8th street. Mr. Hinton said the slopes are flat and the water tables are high on 8th street, but we need to do more preventive maintenance.
7. Police – Mayor Shoemaker reported that for the month of November the police had 108 calls to include 8 EMS assists, 4 animal complaints, 2 borough ordinances, and 1 fire response. The police department investigated 6 motor vehicle accidents, and 16 traffic violations issued. Also, Officer Donaldson passed his certification from MOPEC in Harrisburg, and is presently on full duty. Officer Stonewall will be returning to part-time duty in the near future.
8. Park – Joe Weaver reported that the park board does not have a meeting in December, however, they did receive a resignation request from Lewis Paulhamus.

On motion by Joe Weaver, and seconded by Kerry Gassler that Council accept Mr. Paulhamus's resignation and thank him for his services, and advertise a park board vacancy in the newsletter. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

9. 911 – Tony Curcio stated that there is nothing to report.

10. Tipping Fees – Tony Curcio stated that there is nothing to report.

11. Building Finance Committee – John Maher reported that they are waiting for a response back from the note they were sent.

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Shoemaker reported that the next COG meeting is on December 28th at 7pm, a tentative award party will take place for a superb Borough Official.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Enact Ordinance 476 – Earned Income Tax. On motion by Kerry Gassler, seconded by Tony Curcio to pass the ordinance. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

2. Enact Ordinance 477 – Real Estate Tax Millage for 2012 to stay at 11.25. On motion by Tony Curcio, seconded by George Hinton to pass the ordinance. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

3. Enact Ordinance 478 - Contribution to Police Pension to begin at 5%. On motion by George Hinton, seconded by Tony Curcio to pass the ordinance. Roll call vote taken. Vote 6-0 in favor. Kerry Gassler abstained.

4. Advertise Reorganization Meeting for Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012. On motion by John Maher, seconded by Kerry Gassler to advertise the meeting. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

5. Handicap Parking Request for Ms. Buskirk located at 131 North Lehigh Avenue, she did provide a copy of her handicap sticker. On motion by Kerry Gassler, seconded by Tony Curcio to accept the handicap parking request. Roll call vote take. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

On motion by Tony Curcio, and seconded by John Maher the meeting of December 20th, 2011 was adjourned. Council agreed unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The meeting of December 20th, 2011 adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Darlene C. Plank, Asst. Borough Administrator