

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Monday, October 20th 2009, 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, Dave Hess, Tony Curcio, John Faust, and Joe Weaver. Councilman Kerry Gassler was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Tony Curcio to approve the minutes of April 21st, 2009, and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Vote 6-0 in favor. Councilman was absent. **On motion** by Jon Faust to approve the minutes of May 4th, 2009, and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Vote 6-0 in favor. **On motion** by Dave Hess to approve the minutes of May 19, 2009, and seconded by George Hinton. Roll call vote taken. Vote 4-0-2 in favor. Tony Curcio and Joe Weaver abstained. **On motion** by Jon Faust to approve the minutes of June 1st, 2009, and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Vote 5-0-1 in favor. George Hinton abstained. **On motion** by Tony Curcio to approve the minutes of June 16th, 2009, and seconded by George Hinton. Roll call vote taken. Vote 6-0 in favor. **On motion** by Jon Faust to approve the minutes of September 15th, 2009, and seconded by Joe Weaver. Roll call vote taken. Vote 5-0-1 in favor. Tony Curcio abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler absent for this meeting.
2. Police – George Hinton stated that they plan to settle the police contract with their next committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday night. Brian Redmond was in favor of the contract during out last negotiations. Troy Daley is scheduled to return to work on November 1st, 2009 with a doctor's excuse. Mr. Hinton suggests the boro pick a doctor for Mr. Daley to see to get a 2nd opinion on whether or not he is fit for duty. Mr. Parsons stated that he will contact Troy to follow up.
3. Sewer Authority – Scott Parsons stated the GAF renewal – industrial waste water permit – discharge down. Mr. Parsons stated that someone from the sewer authority may be moving out of the area so we will be looking for a new member for the sewer authority.
4. Fire Company – Jon Faust stated that there were 15 calls in September, and 111 so far for the year.
5. Streets – George Hinton stated West West Street grant money needs to be utilized by next June 10th. The project needs to be put out to bid – wait until January for spring work. Need to do a

cost estimate for Alpha Road for January and apply for a TIGER grant. There are 3 things left to do in the park in the center of town (Roberti property)– the bench needs to be purchased, 2 signs from DCNR explaining the plants, sidewalks in backyard of Noble’s property. The concrete work on Alpha is done with the catch boxes, they don’t have the proper grates yet, utilizing temporary tops until the grates come in.

6. ZHB – Tony Curcio stated that the ZHB met on October 7th, 2009 and the applicant was Frank & Pearl Casio on N. Lehigh (Futon Store). They were approved to have a retail used clothing store at that location, but there could not be any other items (food, etc.). Casio’s tenants understood the conditions and stated they would comply.

7. Planning – Scott Parsons stated that the Casio’s were given a recommended approval for the used clothing store.

8. Park – Joe Weaver stated that the Park Board would like to spend some money after reviewing the full accounting of the park expenses. Would like to purchase some bike racks and used tents for the bandshell before Spring. The roof at the AA bldg leaks. Joe Weaver stated that an RV has been parking at the park – Jon Faust said it will be removed soon even if it has to be towed out of there. There are dead trees on the park property. George Hinton stated that the park bathrooms had a fire in all 4 bays – paper towels in plastic containers – happened Saturday evening or Sunday morning – the individual is being questioned – the police did not lock the bathrooms – perhaps park cameras are the solution around the bathrooms and bandshell – Joe Weaver to take the suggestion back to the Park Board.

9. 911 – Tony Curcio informed Council that the signs for Oakwood Drive went up today. Apartment numbers are to be mapped in – County Control Map.

10. Buildings – Jon Faust stated the committee will start getting cost estimates for appraisals to be conducted on the Borough buildings.

11. Finance – Louise Firestone mentioned continual problems with the office Server – Joe Weaver stated the Server is obviously obsolete.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor reported that there were no amusement licenses for the month of September (625 for the year), there were 75 contract licenses for the month (1700 for the year), and no transient retail licenses (350 for the year). Mr. Parsons stated that according to ACT III regarding pension funding the Boro pays the entire cost of arbitration so there is no reason for the police to not want to go to arbitration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Fee Schedule for 2010, Scott Parsons stated that there may be a problem with the increase of a residential variance from \$300 to \$1500 – not out of line for the rest of the increases. Will get answer to circulation question.

2. Zoning Hearing Board member Kelly Ronalds was told she needs to resign or show up at the meetings and so far no return feedback. Will have a letter sent to removing her, and moving the alternate member into her slot and freeing up a vacancy for another alternate.

3. Scott reported the 2010 budget will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Jon Faust questioned putting additional money into the present ailing buildings or rebuild.

4. Mayor Mogilski stated that a letter should be sent to Penn Dot requesting that the speed limit be reduced on Center St. and 3rd Street.

5. Scott Parsons stated that the Boro should consider upgrading the street lights to LED – this could potentially save \$3,000 over a 5 year period.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Tony Curcio the meeting of October 20th, 2009 was adjourned. Council agreed unanimously. Vote 6-0 in favor.

The meeting of October 20th, 2009 adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Darlene C. Plank, Asst. Borough Administrator