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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Wind Gap Borough Council convened at 6:00 p.m. in Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues.

Wind Gap Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President George Hinton, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Council members: Mark Crossen, Jack Rissmiller, Patrick Webber, Dave Manzo, Joseph Romano, and Danielle Weaver. Also in attendance were Mayor Heather Webber, Borough Solicitor Ronald Karasek, Borough Engineer Brian Pysher, and Borough Manager Louise Firestone.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Randy Saeger, 57 Roosevelt Street, asked Council if there were any updates regarding the chicken ordinance. He reiterated that he would like to see changes to the ordinance which would allow residents to have chickens within the borough.

Attorney Karasek informed him that this ordinance was discussed at length several years ago at planning commission meetings. George Hinton said that with the discussions held at the Plan Slate Belt Comprehensive Plan meetings, the consultant will be reviewing all the zoning ordinances of the participating municipalities in order to unify ordinances with similar descriptions and definitions. We are waiting for their review of the ordinances but understand that the chickens will be discussed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On motion** by Patrick Webber to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026, and seconded by Danielle Weaver. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Community Wide Yard Sale – Mayor Webber said that when she was walking around to meet the residents, some residents suggested moving the community wide yard sale to earlier in the year. Danielle Weaver suggested the possibility of May or June.

**On motion** by Joe Romano to hold the Wind Gap Borough Community Wide Yard Sale on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> and seconded by Jack Rissmiller. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommendation from the Hiring Committee for a Public Works Director. George Hinton said that Council was in executive session earlier regarding a personnel issue. The Committee made the recommendation to hire Michael Vishnesky.

**On motion** by Patrick Webber to hire Mr. Michael Vishnesky as the Public Works Director and seconded by Jack Rissmiller. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion amended** by Patrick Webber to hire Mr. Michael Vishnesky as the Public Works Director pending background check with the starting salary of seventy-five thousand dollars a year and seconded by Jack Rissmiller. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Plan Slate Belt Zoning Conversation - Discussion pertaining to the Public Hearing— George Hinton reported that there will be a public hearing May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. moderated by Hailstone Economic to discuss “**Community Conversation about Zoning**” - “What is Zoning?”, “How can we change the Zoning Ordinance to improve the quality of life for residents?”, Topics may include – Off-street parking requirements, short-term rentals, retail uses, redevelopment opportunities. George asked Council to have any questions ready for the public hearing.

2. 332 North Broadway, Wind Gap – George Hinton reported that Attorney Karasek set up a meeting with him, Brian Pysner, and Rob Eppinger of KeyCodes prior to the hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2026. George stated that the property owners have not complied with our zoning ordinance, nor have they complied with the uniform construction code (UCC). Also, they are delinquent with their taxes and this year’s taxes were sent out and returned to the tax collector as undeliverable.

3. Grease Trap Ordinance and the Sump Pump Ordinance - Attorney Karasek reported that the ordinances for the grease trap and sump pump were advertised and will be on the April 6, 2026 Council agenda for a vote to enact.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Borough Manager, Louise Firestone, went over the committee report in great detail in order to give the new council members a better understanding of how the borough is managed and what support can be provided by the elected officials. She is available to answer any questions or further explain the report.

## **MAYOR WEBBER REPORT**

Mayor Webber reported that the Slate Belt Council of Governments (SB COG) is still looking for ideas for equipment so they can apply for grants so if anyone has any suggestions, please let her know. She will be attending the COG meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. She attended the retirement gathering for the former Tax Collector, Patricia Sutter and presented her with a nice clock plaque. She was very grateful and appreciative. This past weekend, she attended the grand opening of Identity Coffee located South Broadway. The COG has a storage container that needs to be painted, and they are trying to figure out a way to put a locking system on it. They are going to host a scavenger hunt to raise money for the COG. The Easter egg hunt will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday before Easter. Mark Crossen added that Wind Gap Chevy would like to contribute to the Easter Egg hunt

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. A resident that lives off West Center Street stated that when he walks or is on his scooter, there is a portion of W. West Street near the funeral home that is broken up which makes it difficult to walk as there are no sidewalks and you have to walk in the street. He asked that the street is looked at and repaired.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion** by Dave Manzo to adjourn the meeting of March 17, 2026. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of March 17, 2026, adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
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Louise Firestone – Borough Manager