BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING – COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 08, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Wyomissing Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting at Borough Hall on the above date. Council President Frederick C. Levering called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons present: Council Members Thomas M. Moll, Daniel A. Phelps, Thomas M. Bausher, D. Michael Forester, Mitchell R. Darcourt, and William P. Murray, Mayor John C. Woodward, Treasurer Paul W. Brass, Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Police Chief Jeffrey R. Biehl, Fire Commissioner Bruce E. Longenecker, Public Works and Property Manager James V. Babb, Consulting Engineer Kenneth L. Fulmer of Great Valley Consultants, and Borough Manager/Secretary Marti Heim-Hozey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

VISITORS:
Val Lacis, Reading Eagle
F. Robert Wieland, 16 Lynne Ave.
Joseph & Lisa Sohn, 1409 Girard Ave.
Brandon Smith, W. Penn Ave., Wernersville
Leann Morgan, 855 N. Park Road, Wyomissing
Susan Larkin, 1544 Reading Blvd.
Liz Tierney, 1519 Girard Ave.
Sandy Matz, 1531 Girard Ave.
Karen Schroder, 1525 Girard Ave.
Rita Ditsky, 228 Sturbridge Dr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Council President Levering welcomed everyone to the meeting.
He announced that there was an Executive Session held right before this meeting to discuss a matter of litigation and a personnel matter.

Police Chief Biehl introduced Alvernia College students Leeann Morgan and Brandon Smith. They are finishing up their internships with the Wyomissing Police Department.

Francis Robert Wieland from 16 Lynne Ave. spoke to Council. He said there is a parking problem in his area mostly due to the many meetings held at the Atonement Church Parish Center. Mr. Wieland also said that there isn't enough parking in the church parking lot for their activities, so many people park on Lynn Ave. and other roads behind the church making it very hard for residents to park. Council President Levering suggested that the Fire & Police Committee discuss this at their next meeting.

Lisa Sohn of 1409 Girard Ave. spoke about the tennis courts on the school district's "A-field." She was at a recent school board meeting and asked why they are now locked up. She was told at that

meeting that it is because the courts need repair and the Borough won't discuss sharing this cost with the school district as they did with the courts at the Stone House. Council President Levering said that the Borough is willing to share the cost of fixing these courts but cannot discuss the A-field courts with the School District while litigation is occurring.

Liz Tierney of 1519 Girard Ave. thanked Borough Council and Staff for their hard work during the zoning appeal hearing regarding the fence.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council received all reports submitted for consideration.

COUNCIL MINUTES: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2014.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Consulting Engineer's report dated April 3, 2014.

POLICE CHIEF & MAYOR'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Police Chief & Mayor's report of April 1, 2014. Mayor Woodward said that Lt. Tom Endy did an excellent job speaking at the meeting held recently at the Wyomissing High School that was hosted by Judy Schwank. Chief Biehl reported that criminal activity has gone down in the past year. Business district activity has been taking up a lot of the Police Officers time lately.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire Commissioner's report for March 2014. Fire Commissioner Longenecker noted that there were two restaurants with fires in March, but neither was major.

PARK & SHADE TREE COMMISSION: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Park & Shade Tree Commission report of March 12, 2014.

Councilmember Phelps reported on the meeting. The Commission made a recommendation to rescind the previous recommendation regarding no runs being allowed in the parkland. They now want the rules for runs to be tightened to include no marking on the roads, trails, or trees.

The Commission is still looking for someone to take over care of the blue bird boxes in the parkland. They also have continued to discuss putting a camera in the parkland to capture the wildlife. Also, member Elizabeth Keller has resigned and will be missed.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Infrastructure Committee reports of March 17, 2014 and March 31, 2014.

Councilmember Bausher reported on the following items which were recommended by the Infrastructure Committee for approval by Borough Council and were discussed:

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Murray, to accept the low bid from New Holland Ford for a new F550 truck at $59,892.00 and an F250 truck at $36,911.00, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Moll, to award the low bid for the Borough Hall HVAC system to SAS Mechanical in the amount of $367,000.00, which includes the chiller, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

Councilmember Bausher made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Moll, to accept the change order from Associated Construction and that Borough Staff receive weekly updates regarding Happy Hollow, all in favor, 7-0.

LIBRARY BOARD: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Library Board report of March 18, 2014.

Council President Levering reported on the meeting. The Library has been busy with a lot of activity.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Personnel Committee report of March 18, 2014.

Councilmember Moll reported on the meeting. The Committee will begin working on creating a social media policy and updating the employee handbook.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Finance & Administration Committee report of March 18, 2014.

Councilmember Phelps reported on the meeting. Linda Himeback from Herbein & Co. presented the 2013 financial audit to the Committee. She said the audit report gives a "clean opinion" which is the highest level. She also commended Business Manager Phyllis Smith for her excellent financial records.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Recreation Board report of March 25, 2014.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Economic Development Committee report of March 27, 2014.

FIRE & POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Fire & Police Committee report of March 31, 2014.

Councilmember Moll reported on the meeting. The Zoning Task Force will reconvene soon to discuss light regulations and some other changes in parts of the Borough Code. Borough Staff will meet soon to work on updating the snow emergency plan for the Borough.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Planning Commission report of April 7, 2014.

Councilmember Darcourt reported on the meeting. Representatives from the Berkshire Mall presented a Sketch Plan for Record showing a Buffalo Wild Wings at the former Mobil Gas Station and a Bonefish Grill and Carrabba's restaurants on the Southwest corner of the mall property, as well as an addition to the Berkshire Mall West property. They also asked to first withdraw the prior land development plan that had been approved by Borough Council in 2006.

Councilmember Darcourt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Phelps, to accept the Berkshire Mall's request to withdraw a prior land development plan approved by Council in 2006, all in favor, 7-0.

The Berkshire Mall representatives also asked for approval to proceed directly to final land development plan approval.

Councilmember Darcourt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Phelps, to accept the Berkshire Mall's request to proceed directly to final land development plan approval, all in favor, 7-0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Borough Manager's report of April 3, 2014.

Borough Manager Marti Heim-Hozey said that the Spring Citizen newsletter will be mailed out soon to all residents by first class mail and will also be on the Borough Website. She also reminded Council that the new bulk trash pick-up will take place from May 5 – May 9, 2014, during the regular trash days.

Marti also asked to have Public Works and Property Manager Jim Babb be listed as the alternate member of the Berks County Coop Purchasing Council. She has prepared Resolution No. 2014-05 and asked for someone on Council to make a motion to approve this update.

Councilmember Moll made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Phelps, to approve Resolution 2014-05 to allow the Public Works and Property Manager to be the alternative member of the BCCPC, all in favor, 7-0.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF OPERATION: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Treasurer's Statement of Operation and all financial statements.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Accounts Payable Report outlining the following invoices paid:

General Fund	$	291,725.31
Street Fund		6,687.00
Water Fund		87,903.62
Sewer Fund		39,806.50
Refuse Fund		53,244.78
Liquid Fuels Fund		23,858.08
Total of all Funds	$	503,225.29

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: On motion duly made, seconded and passed, Council approved the Tax Collector's report for the month of March.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Council President Levering noted the WBWA and JMA reports from their February meetings were received, as well as the Borough 2013 Financial Report from Herbein & Co.

The Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Heim-Hozey,
Borough Manager/Secretary

Approved by:

Frederick C. Levering, President
Wyomissing Borough Council