

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on
MAY 7, 2019

This Meeting was called to order by Council President Bruce Edwards at 7:00PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Council Members: Josh Fidler (7:08), Carl Liptak, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling, and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor-Kourtney E. Bernecker, Engineer-Jeremy Brumbach, Mayor-Jen Gettle, Police Chief-John Pontician and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

GUESTS

Christine Delp, David Moyer, Dave Randler, Alan Schaetzle, Trondell Windley, and Geneva Aulenbach-Reading Eagle

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to accept the April 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Fitterling, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the April 16, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$69,123.83. Motion carried. There were no bills to be ratified. Questions were asked by Mrs. Fitterling and Mr. Edwards, with explanations provided for various maintenance expenditures.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Liptak to approve paying this week's payroll. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Library-sewer job: Estimates were obtained to repair the break in the sewer lateral. A.H. Moyer's quote was \$5,926.00, Double D Construction's quote was \$3,900.00. **Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Liptak to hire Double D Construction to do the repair work at the Womelsdorf Library. Motion carried.

Street Sweeper-Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Liptak to authorize Golden Equipment Co. Inc. to repair the Street Sweeper as soon as possible, with our guys charging the A/C system and repairing the lights. Motion carried.

Ball Field-Council discussion on the batting cages, when to install, costs to install, prepare ground, etc. Our guys do not have the time to assist with this project right now, while the pool is being prepared to open. The cost estimate for Double D Construction to do the work is \$3,500.00. Trondell reported that they will be picking up the diamond tex tomorrow; but no one has the mound clay.

Pool Vacuum-Mr. Edwards reported that our pool vacuum is under sized for our pool. Discussion on repairing or replacing the vacuum. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Liptak to get the vacuum robot in a larger size spending up to \$3,000.00, with a trade in. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

Trondell Windley-Maintenance Supervisor: Trondell reported that the yellow old tractor is repaired, all three mowers are working making the mowing time quicker. Mrs. Hopple reported that flowers will be planted at the park and pool on Saturday, May 18th. Karen Roach will be helping out with the chemicals. Pesticide test results will be coming in very soon. Mrs. Fitterling reported that she saw some Grants on PSAB Website that she is looking into for the pool. Discussion on trees at pool, tree planting will take place in the fall. Signage will be placed at the rain garden, for educational purposes for the MS4. Mr. Miller reported that the “Y” wants to use the entrance like it was before. Luke is okay with using the other window again.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Alan Schaetzle – Mr. Schaetzle came to Council with concerns with the sinkhole that developed on E. High Street in front of his home last year causing vibrations from truck and bus traffic that is destroying the foundation and drywall in his home. Mr. Schaetzle contacted PennDOT at the suggestion of Mr. Liptak. PennDOT put patch on that lasted two to three hours. The macadam patch they put in last fall helped quite a bit, but PennDOT says that’s it, it’s a Borough street. Council said that High Street from Third Street to the East end of Town at Rt. 422 belongs to PennDOT. The Borough engineer will be contacted to talk to PennDOT. Our guys to put in some cold patch, while we wait for PennDot. With no further questions for Trondell, he left the meeting.

Christine Delp – Mrs. Delp asked Council to put out a reminder about Fireworks, since the holiday is coming up. It will be on Facebook and the Website.

SOLICITOR

Facilities Use and Hold Harmless and Release Agreement- Solicitor Bernecker reviewed the changes that Solicitor George made. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Ms. Keller to adopt the new Facilities Use and Hold Harmless and Release Agreement. Motion carried. Discussion holding an event that would include alcohol; the Solicitor would need to review the current ordinance.

ENGINEER

Water Street Paving Project-Payment request #2; **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Fitterling, to authorize payment to Construction Masters Services for \$187,536.92, which is 76% of the total cost. Motion carried. The project is nearing completion, with paving to be completed by May 20th. Mickey reported that Mrs. Shattuck would like to be notified of the date the paving will take place, so they can go to a hotel. She has also asked to have clover planted instead of grass on the hill due to difficulty in mowing grass on that hillside. She has ordered the clover from Ryeland Gardens and is willing to pay the difference in cost for the clover instead of the grass. The engineer will pass this information on.

Grant Application/Lynden Alley – Funds will not be available until July.

Pool Filter System – Jim McCarthy reached out to three consultants.

P J's Pizza – Planning Commission granted approval; Council will wait for more details before granting conditional approval at the Workshop Meeting.

Traffic Signal – TPD is setting up a meeting with PennDot. Safety issues are the main concern.

J. F. Martin – They did not meet the Stormwater requirements, or the traffic study requirements, and need highway occupancy permits.

Discussion about the parking lot at Third and W. Franklin Streets needing repairs that were supposed to have been done in the Spring. Kraft Code Services is looking into this.

MR. FIDLER

Police Committee – Mr. Fidler reported that the new police officers are doing great.

Easter – Mr. Fidler reported that he came into the Borough Hall on the Friday before Easter and everyone was working, they didn't have off on Friday or Monday. Suggestion to put something in the handbook for one of those days off. Council said that it is a religious based holiday.

Cameras – Discussion of needing six security cameras.

Water hook ups – Mr. Fidler questioned if it was voted on to have everyone who has access to connect to the water service; be made to hook up. It is the Borough who has the authority to enforce it.

Sewer Authority – Their investments are doing well; but expenses are higher. Electricity is higher due to one of the blowers going bad. They are going to purchase a new blower and use the old one for parts. This year they will start a five-year plan for checking sewer lines. They are going out to bid those inspections. All three hundred and fifteen manholes have to be inspected. A damaged hydrant will cost over \$6,000 to be fixed; the valve was hit and cracked. The water quality test was good. The annual report was sent to EPA.

Office Door – Mr. Fidler hasn't talked to the carpenter at Marion Township.

LED Sign – Ms. Keller to get a quote from Quality Signs.

MR. LIPTAK – Reported that all of his business was already covered.

MS. KELLER

Library – Ms. Keller reported that the Library is now a Silver Star Library, they had a 15% increase in circulation, and have put in a fund-raising thermometer. They are trying to put in a new book drop. Mr. Edwards reported on the race; they raised the most money ever, just under \$20,000. The library will continue the annual run, but it will no longer be in Melissa's name.

Handicap Parking Application – **Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Miller to authorize the Handicap Parking Space on W. Franklin Street as requested by Mr. Donald McCole. Motion carried.

Business Sign – Ms. Keller reported that her neighbor had applied for a business sign two months ago, and still hasn't gotten approval. Mickey reported that Kraft sent the application to the engineer, he returned it to Kraft. It is now being taken care of.

MRS. HOPPLE

Water Authority – Mr. Edwards asked Mrs. Hopple about attending the Water Authority Meetings, she said she talks to Glen usually every two weeks.

MR. MILLER

Fire Co. – Mission Bar B Que at the Engine House on May 11th.

MRS. FITTERLING-Nothing new to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of communications was given to Council, the follow action was taken:

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize the Fire Police to assist in Marion Township for their 175th Anniversary Celebration and in Mohnton for their Halloween Parade if available. Motion carried.

Hometown Heroes – Mrs. Hopple reported that the banners will be announced and those people honored at the Elementary School on the last Thursday in May. She will have more information at the Workshop Meeting.

New voting machines- Mrs. Delp reported that the new voting machines will be on display at the Primary Election on May 21st. The new machines will be used in November.

MR. EDWARDS

COG – Nothing new with the COG, working with Jane Meeks for assistance to get more bidders. Does Council see a need to include 1 bulk item in the cost.

PSAB Conference – Mr. Edwards is attending the Conference in Hershey from June 9th – 12th to represent the Borough's Association as well as Womelsdorf Borough. The cost for the convention is \$325.00 for all sessions, plus the room costs for three nights. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Fitterling to pay for Mr. Edwards costs for attending the convention. Motion carried.

MAYOR

Office Furniture – Mayor Gettle reported that Officer Yeager got furniture donated for the Police Department.

Executive Session – Council went into Executive Session at 9:10pm for Personnel reasons. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:48pm with the following action taken: **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to give Officer Yeager a 2-day suspension without pay, and an extension of probation by 6 months. Motion carried.

With no further business before Council, **Motion** to adjourn made by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Fidler. Motion carried. This Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri
Secretary