

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held at 101 W. High Street on
October 5th, 2021**

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Council Members: Joshua Fidler, James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, David Moyer, Wayne Miller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:50 pm), Police Chief John Pontician, Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker, Engineer- Jim McCarthy, Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak and Secretary – Rachel Brown.

GUESTS – Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St; Mr. Paul Janson of CELG and Mr. Nick Imbesi.

MINUTES – **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler and seconded by Mrs. Hopple for approval of September 7, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mellon for approval of September 21, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be Paid. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Moyer to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$56,301.85. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

Motion moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Miller to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Moyer to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Communications; **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller for the Mohnton Borough Police Department requesting Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on Saturday October 16, 2021, if they are available. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Moyer for the Myerstown Borough requesting Fire Police for their Holiday Parade on Saturday November 27th, 2021, with a rain date of Sunday November 28th, 2021, if they are available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller for a sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to Berks County Solid Waste Authority for their Paper Shredding and Hazardous Waste Events. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – Nothing to Report.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak: Discussion on the 457 Deferred Comp plan. There are fees that are entailed with it. Mrs. Hopple is going to reach out and set up a meeting with him. Discussion about the HVAC system at the library.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Mellon expressed to Council that the Phone quote from Comcast was expiring with a price increase. Discussion followed. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler for the original quoted rate of \$589.59. Mr. Moyer opposed. Motion passed. Update November 1, 2021, Council Meeting. Mr. Mellon would like to add to his previously statement to include \$199 installation charge and approximately \$100.00 in regulatory fees.

SOLICITOR- Stormwater Ordinance Amendment Adoption- **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Moyer for the adoption of Ordinance # 2021-03 Stormwater Amendment. Motion carried unanimously. Borough Manager Ordinance Adoption **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, second by My. Moyer for the Adoption of Ordinance # 2021-04 Borough Manager. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution # 2021-02 for Berks County Dispatch Services- **Motion** moved by My. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple for Resolution #2021-02 for Berks County Dispatch Services. Motion carried unanimously. Refuse liens for 303 W. High St with the account balance of \$2,394.46 and 40 S. Front St with the account balance of \$942.60. Both accounts have previous liens. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller for Delinquent Refuse liens placed on two accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER- Gave report. Releasing Payment #2 - Retainage to Ronnie Folk Paving. **Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Moyer for release of the 10% retainage of \$11,026.45 for Cherry Dr and Mill Rd paving. Motion carried unanimously. On September 30th, Bruce Edwards, Jim Mellon, and Jim McCarthy met on Line Drive with D&B Elite. At this meeting approval was given to proceed with the alternate paving proposed on Line Drive. The approval is based upon McCarthy's field meeting on September 22nd with D&B and Ronnie Folk Paving. The proposed alternate of 390 SY +/- of base repair and then the placement of 2.25" of 19mm of the road entirety. McCarthy Engineering painted the stop limits by the garage end of Line Drive as requested by Steve Bright. The plan called for 35 ft past property line but there is a pavement joint at about fifty feet that is the point to pave too. **Motion** moved by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Mellon for the change on Line Drive pavement Specification from 1.5" of 9 mm to 2.25" of 19 mm. Motion carried unanimously. MS4 Final date is February 2024

MR. FIDLER- Rec board meeting tomorrow and met with gentlemen about the warehouse proposed for the farm field behind Stonecroft. Mrs. Hopple spoke to Council Supervisor of Newmanstown questioned him about it and he stated that it is the County, Newmanstown and Millcreek don't have much of a say about it. Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker states at this point all they did was request a variance for the height of a building, everything is still very preliminary. The score board at the baseball fields had a request for a free game under the lights because the score board doesn't work. They were aware of the board no working when they initially signed the rental.

MR. MELLON

Sewer Authority- John Kressling submitted his resignation dated October 29, 2021.

Streets/Street Lighting/Curb-Sidewalk- Looking into expanding foam for sidewalks that have elevation issues. Less expensive alternative then breaking out block and replacing.

MS. KELLER

Library – Nothing to report

MRS. HOPPLE

Concerned about the safety of our Crossing Guards. Mrs. Hopple has been communicating with Pat Rhine and Sarah Snyder about the issues at the crossing areas. Constant speeders and reckless drivers. Ran over cones and flashing signs.

Personnel- Luncheon Retirement Party schedule for Mickey and Nan on Sunday November 28th, 2021, at 2:00 pm Borough Hall. Paul Janson from CELG gave an introduction for Mr. Imbesi and explained in detail how the hiring process was managed. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller for hiring Borough Manager Nick Imbesi with a start date of October 6th, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Pool – Has a meeting schedule with the YMCA. We did not receive the \$10.00 per swimming lessons that were completed.

MR. MILLER – Fire company – 47 Le France – Oct 8th it is getting picked up. Someone is restoring it. 10/17/2021 is the Craft show from 1-5pm. Firemen went to class on October 5th, 2021, to learn how to disconnect solar panels in case of a fire. Council previously agreed on two flashlights for intersections in the amount of \$1,500.00. They received a quote and the cost of one flashlight is \$1,650.00 so they are not going to get the flashlights, for the number of times they are out that is requiring the flashlights. Mr. Miller has the idea of giving the \$1,500.00 for other equipment. It's a wireless signal controller that controls the streetlights during an accident. Mr. Miller is going to communicate with Chief Bob Martin of the Fire Department to see if there is any other equipment, they need within the \$1,500.00.

MR. MOYER – Discussion on setting up the next Planning Commission meeting and when the Joint Planning Commission Meeting is. The equipment at Mill Springs Park is very dirty, Mr. Fidler is going to bring it to the attention of the Rec Board, about pressuring washing all the park equipment.

CHIEF JOHN PONTICIAN – Discussion about the Womelsdorf Family that stopped by from Alabama. Gave a police report and details about the speed enforcement happening in school zone to council.

MR. EDWARDS – Thank you card from Mr. Mellon's family for the floral arrangement that was sent to the house following the passing of a family member.

COG – Nothing to report.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary