

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held at 101 W. High Street on
November 1st, 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, Police Chief John Pontician (left at 7:25 pm), Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker, Engineer- Shawn Schwartz, Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak and Secretary – Rachel Brown.

ABSENT - Mayor Jennifer Gettle

MINUTES – Changes to the October 5, 2021, minutes, under Old Business add plus one time install fee of \$199.00 and any additional monthly regulatory fees approximately \$100.00 . **Motion** made with the correction by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mellon for approval of October 5, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon and seconded by Mr. Fidler for approval of October 17, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be Paid. #15 on the Bill List was previously approved last month but the amount was short by \$4.00. A new check had to be reissued. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$77,610.02. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Nothing to Report.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – Nothing to Report.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak - First loads of salt got delivered. Backhoe broke down, call into guy from Ephrata coming out next week. Making sure the salt is further enough back in the box, so it is past the drip line for MS4 requirement. Shutting off the water in all the water at the parks since it is getting cold. Discussion about the Dollar General site and the swale.

OLD BUSINESS – 457 plan- Going forward to see who is interested in the program. Discussion on the cost and who is going to cover the overhead amount of \$2,000.00 a year. Waiting to hear back from the plan manger. The Plan Manger was going to check in to see how it breaks down.

BOROUGH MANAGER – PPL LED Conversion - \$37.84 a more monthly to switch 260 street lights to LED. Mr. Imbesi spoke to someone on the phone from PPL, that you can go online and schedule and pay the fee. If the Borough would like to move forward with it. Mr. Edwards is going to communicate with Harvey Marshall and see if their bill went up.

MS4 – Mr. Edwards and Mr. Imbesi attended MS4 steering committee meeting. The Borough will be receiving a new poster design. Discussion about MS4 credits.

Website – Mrs. Brown and Mr. Imbesi now have control over the website. Adding MS4 tab on the website for more knowledge for citizens.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointments – **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller on two appointments for Zoning Hearing Board, Mr. Cody Snyder, and Mrs. Vicki Steltz.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waive of late fees- There is a resident that lives at 28 N. Locust Lane, the post services damaged his trash bills in the mail and was asking if we can waive his late fees. We have a letter from the postal service apologizing that bill was damaged. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler on waive the late fees for account number 65. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal control services- Resident that lives at 29 N. Front Street is dealing with a multitude of cats in their backyard. Discussion on our current ordinances and how to enact an ordinance on feeding animals outside of your home.

Budget- should be completed and ready to present at the workshop meeting on November 16th.

Banking- check signers signed pages from the bank for the Borough to have internet banking for online statements.

Scoreboard- Mr. Imbesi spoke with Mrs. Lori Fitterling, according to her; the scoreboard was never fixed because there was no decision on who would pay for it.

Signs at the park about firearms. There was a sign that was missed that need to be covered up Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker went into further detail explaining Pennsylvania Firearms Act.

Discussion of the rules that are posted at the pool, and if needed to edit them accordingly.

CELG- is having a Manager/Secretaries breakfast on December 1st, 2021, it was not previously budgeted for. Mr. Imbesi would like to attend. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr.

Moyer for the \$10.00 fee for the breakfast meeting on December 1st, 2021 and going forward to cover any cost for Borough Manager and Secretary events and/or meetings. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on changing the spending limits that can be made through the Borough Manager. Mrs. Hopple questioned if any progress has been made with 510 W. Franklin St.

Discussion followed. Permission has been granted from all surrounding property owners.

SOLICITOR- Nothing to report. Mr. Edwards sent out the 2022 Fee Schedule for Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys.

ENGINEER- Gave report. Discussion about the funds that Tower Health provided the Borough, instead of a bond. Does that get returned and then a new deposit is made for the next project or does the Borough hold on to it. Mr. Schwartz is going to look into the project and then report back to Mr. Edwards on the terms. Mr. Liptak wanted clarification that contact did not do a sewer tap in the road. Now they must reopen the road and tap in the line after they just paved the road. Mr. Schwartz confirmed that yes, they are. Discussion following Mr. Liptak question and they will have to follow the new street cut ordinance. McCarthy has been trying to get in contact with UGI about road patched in front of Stonecroft. Mr. Imbesi has a contact at UGI and is going to be in touch. Mr. Moyer is concerned about dirt and fill that is being brought onto the

Zimmerman subdivision. A lot of the dirt washed out with all the rain that we have had. There is top soil washing across Bunker Hill Road and going the inlet that we built to fix across the road. Discussion followed on making contact the land owner about the trucks coming in and off the property trucking dirt.

MR. FIDLER- Gave the report for Chief Pontician because he had to leave for a call. There is a Rec board meeting tomorrow. Mr. Miller asked if Mr. Fidler spoke about the score board with the Rec Board yet. Discussion followed about locations to see about getting a quote.

MR. MELLON

Sewer Authority- John Kresselring's last day was October 29th, 2021. The authority decided they are not going to fill the position Bill Madden is the Lead Operator. Put out to bid another firm perform supplementary service two days a week. They award bid went to Select Environmental Solutions on an as needed basis.

Streets/Street Lighting/Curb-Sidewalk- Poly-foam meeting 10:00 am on Saturday. Meeting here at Borough Hall.

MS. KELLER

Library – Nothing to report on Library. Discussion of Penn Dot Traffic Study for Cold Summit Farmers Preserve Industrial Park.

MRS. HOPPLE

Personnel- Retirement Party November 28th

Pool – Have not met with the YMCA yet.

Veterans walk on Veterans Day. 11:00 am. The parade for the Veteran was successful.

Ibach Memorial- Spoke with Loretta she is going to speak with her mother and see what idea Mrs. Ibach would have. Discussion on updated the building. Discussion about the living quarters at the UCC church.

MR. MILLER – Nothing to Report.

MR. MOYER – The gentlemen that does power washing is done for the season. Discussion of Joint Planning topics for the November 30th meeting.

CHIEF JOHN PONTICIAN- Mr. Fidler gave Chief Pontician's report.

MR. EDWARDS – Trash cans are being placed in the street between cars. Regional Area Transportation Authority position for the county is open if anyone interested from Council.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary