

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on
December 7th, 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 (arrived at 7:39 pm), James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, David Moyer, Wayne Miller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:36 pm), Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Jim McCarthy, Borough Manager -Nick Imbesi, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak and Secretary - Rachel Brown.

ABSENT - Police Chief John Pontician

MINUTES –Motion by Mrs. Hopple and seconded by Mr. Miller for approval of November 1, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mellon and seconded by Mr. Miller for approval of November 16, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be Paid and Bills to be Ratified.

Motion moved by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Mellon to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$41,538.05. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Moyer to approve the bills to be ratified listed in the amount of \$831.22. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

Motion moved by Mr. Miler, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Library Board Resignation of Tim Kreider as Treasurer. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded Ms. Keller accepting Tim Kreider’s resignation with regret. Motion carried unanimously. Accepting Debbie Worrell as new board member to replace Tim Kreider. **Motion** made by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple accepting Mrs. Worrell as Tim Kreider’s replacement. Motion carried unanimously. Second communication was a thank you notes from Nan Feeg and Michelle Balistreri for the retirement party held on 11/28/2021.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Robert Shartle: The War Memorial Monument is deteriorating and sinking. It is known that there is no footer under the monument when it was built. The flag poles are holding water inside, and the ropes are wet. The poles are secure in the concrete it only the water entering the pole. The water table is moving up into the pole; from the lily pond that was there. There was a suggestion about removing the Monument to another location and putting a smaller Monument there with a plaque. He wanted to bring it to the Borough Councils attention and see if there is something that can be done. Mrs. Hopple is going to attend a VFW meeting to discuss it with them.

- Chuck Frantz (C2C Designs) & Pat Higgins (Miller Brothers- developer) – C2C Designs they are requesting a letter from the Borough, for where they would like the access entrance to the Dollar General Site, so they are able to submit it to PennDot. The location is at 419 and Mill Road. The Borough is requesting the access is off of 419 and the entrance be lined up Line Dr. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller, councils wishes are if the property is developed by Dollar General that the access road be off of 419. Motion carried unanimously.
- Eileen Zerbe – no comments
- Vickie Richards – 444. W High St. – Concerns of cars speeding down Cherry Alley. There is only one 25 mph sign there in the 300 block. Requesting more 25 mph signs posted on the alley. No one stops at the stop sign at 5th & Cherry. Mrs. Hopple expressed people parking in the alley way in the morning for drop off and pick up at school. Cars are parked there, and kids are running through cars to cross the street and people are speeding. On 12/6/2021 a bus driver called in at 7:25 am at 4th and Cherry. She was at stop to pick up kids and someone ran right through her red flashing lights. There was a police officer sitting right at 4th St and they did not pull out. Carl is going to put extra 25 mph speed signs up. Mrs. Richards ask, “How much does the Borough make off a speeding ticket?” Mr. Edwards informed her half of the fine, the fine only, not the court cost that the Magisterial sets.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak – Bucket truck failed inspection needs replaced cab floor and radiator supports. Street sweeper failed for the tires, needs four replacement tires before it can pass. Quote for tires is \$1,524.00 **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler for new tires on the Street Sweeper in the amount of \$1,524.00. Motion carried unanimously. Most of the lights are working now at the library. Mr. Miller asked about the ceiling in the librarian office. Ceiling at the library is fixed that was leaking. The past year all the joints we were resealed previously, but the flashing started to leak, and the original contractor came out and fixed for free. All the trucks are set up ready for snow. Everything has been winterized. Discussion on Christmas Light and how late they are on. Decision was made that the lights will stay on until 2:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS –

BOROUGH MANAGER –

Budget- Committee met last night, 12/20/2021, there are two changes. First a 3% increase wages instead of the 2% and repair and maintenance to library building from \$2,000.00 to \$6,000.00. **Motion** Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to advise the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Scoreboard- Discussion on the scoreboard, initial diagnostic will cost \$800.00. **Motion** made by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mrs. Hopple for diagnostic and any additional parts up to \$1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

IT Company- SmrtGuys On-Demand, scheduling meeting for possibly IT services.

WRJA- they are going to do start work in the Penn Hill section of the Borough replacing water mains.

MS4- Someone called from DEP to inform us of a spill that took place from a Carvana truck delivering a car at 89 Sweet Birch Lane. She called the wrong municipality it is Marion Twp.

SOLICITOR- Discussion on the Joint Zoning Meeting zoning ordinances that were at the prior meeting. Discussion on the Sonoco in Robeson that is already there. It was grandfathered in because it is pre Joint Zoning Committee. Discussion on 510 W. Franklin. Mr. George is going to follow up with Kourtney.

ENGINEER- Tower Health they have one lateral split off so there will be no street cuts. Zimmerman should not be bringing any fill or top soil in they have no permit. Mr. Moyer is concerned on Bunker Hill Road, the activity stopped. But now the farmer has been bringing in all sorts of stuff. Has been stopped for two weeks now. Run off coming off onto Bunker Hill Rd in three different locations. Someone needs to be in contact with the Conservation District and have someone come out and look at it. 251 Bunker Hill Rd. Edward Horst. Cold Summit their engineer reached out to have a meeting. Discussion followed for a date.

MR. FIDLER- Christmas tree lighting went well. Raised \$65.00 for Rec Board with the Ornament sale.

MR. MELLON – attending the newly elected officials training at Albright. John Kesselring is back at the Sewer Authority. Working on list for roads that need to be repaved.

MS. KELLER- Nothing to report for Library. Idea for Mr. Fidler for advertisement at the baseball field to have Nick get the letter from Mickey to send out to local businesses.

MRS. HOPPLE – Advertising for operator for the Water Auth. Talked to cement contractor for the pads at the pool and the library steps will be in contact in the spring. Christmas gift cards for employees. Full Time employees \$100.00 Part Time employees \$50.00 Janitor \$25.00 Part Time Maintenance \$50.00 Crossing Guards \$50.00 Sub Crossing Guards \$25.00 **Motion** made by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Fidler for the employee Christmas gift cards to Boyer's Food Market in the total amount of \$1,425.00. Motion carried unanimously. Santa on the Fire truck the Sunday before Christmas.

MR. MILLER – Nothing to report. Police Committee what is going on with the South Heidelberg Contract, follow up. Mr. Fidler said he is going to follow up with Chief Pontician for reports. The school communicated to Mr. Miller and is requesting that any officer at the school to please to wear a mask and set an example for the kids.

MR. MOYER – Resigning from Borough Council effective December 31st, 2021.

MAYOR JENNIFER GETTLE- The police have been sitting in the school zone and catching speeders. Officer Futchko has been sitting and catching speeders at night. Mrs. Richards is reviewing the previous experience with the Mayor for her to address it with Chief.

MR. EDWARDS – 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 9:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary