

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held at 101 W. High Street on
February 1st, 2022**

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: Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano, Wayne Miller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:56 pm), Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Jim McCarthy, Borough Manager -Nick Imbesi, Police Chief John Pontician (arrived at 7:39 pm), Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak and Secretary - Rachel Brown.

ABSENT - Joshua Fidler and James Mellon Sr.

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. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$50,672.04. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the bills to be ratified listed in the amount of \$6,057.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

Motion moved by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-

Eileen Zerbe – 106 Pine St. – She stopped getting the emailed website notification and emailed blast notification. Mr. Imbesi said he will investigate it and figure out how to make sure they get sent out.

David Randler – Stouch Tavern – Discussion of police contracted services.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak – Pickup truck needs front end alignment and tires \$991.00 at Kepply's. Discussion of building a locked storage closet on the landing to the left of the steps on the second floor. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for the construction of a storage room on the second floor of Borough Hall. Material cost up to \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER

- Bank Signers
- Release of Escrow Funds for Tower Health – **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller for release of escrow funds provided by Tower Health, in the amount of \$221,310.74 from the recommendation of McCarthy Engineering. Motion carried unanimously. There will be a permanent Road Opening Escrow account opened for the escrows for the Road Opening Requirements.

- Comcast Franchise Agreement- **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for approving the franchise agreement. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Feliciano to advertise the Comcast Ordinance 2022-01. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion of MS4 and added new material to website.
- New Copier with Fraser – Upgrading the copier to a Copy Print and Scan. 60 Month lease with warranty for \$107.43 per month and it also services Rachel’s printer in her office. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller. Motion carried unanimously.
- Laptops –Mr. Imbesi explained on Mr. Mellon’s behalf, that the Borough could purchase the laptops and have the Borough IT Company install all the required software that are needed. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller for Mr. Mellon to pick the laptops, and order them. Motion made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller for the purchase of two new laptop computers. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mold Remediation –Remediated the mold in the front office, council room, evidence room/basement and back office, in the amount of \$3,985.00. Asbestos abatement on the hot water heating pipes (13 feet on a pipe) in basement \$1,025.00 **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for the mold remediation and asbestos abatement taken care of in the basement. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR- Collection — 322 Dogwood Lane went to Sheriff’s Sale 1/7/2020. File Claim on 1/14/2022 in the amount of \$1,992.00 for outstanding refuse charges. 2/8/2022 at 1:00 pm – Meeting with Cold Summit Solutions; executive and council members only. Discussion in preparation for the meeting.

ENGINEER- Dollar General – working with them to do the MS4 swale on Mill Rd and Scoping Application. Discussion of sidewalk construction. Tower Health – they have someone interested in buying the Tower Health building but not the rest of it, they may be condo the property and selling the Tower Health building. They want to know what they needed for approval and needed to submit the paper work to the attorney. Discussion about Locust Lane cold patches.

MS. KELLER- Discussed and listed all events going on at the library. Donating the Library, a Pool Membership for a spring raffle. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano donating a 2022 Pool Membership for the Library Spring Raffle. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion of Joint Zoning Ordinance meeting on Regulations on Solar Farms.

MR. FELICIANO- Nothing to report. Discussion of 3rd St and High.

MRS. HOPPLE – Discussion on 510 W. Franklin. Discussion on War Memorial and McCarthy could meet down there. Discussion on redesigning it. Borough building is still in its thorough cleaning process. Mr. Imbesi and Mrs. Hopple met with YMCA. Discussion on swim lesson payments and issues that occurred in the 2021 Pool Season, programming, to many life guards on duty. Will have 2022 Pool Season contract within the next two weeks.

MR. MILLER- He questioned whose call it is to go out on overtime. Discussion on a snow plow situation.

MAYOR JENNIFER GETTLE- Monthly Police Report. Discussion on donating a Pool Membership to Conrad Weiser School. Council is concerned on limited number of things that you can give money to. Mr. Miller brought up a discussion about regionalizing the Police Department.

MR. EDWARDS – Yearly Financial Statement for 2019 and 2020 for the COG. **Motion** made by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Miller for the approval of yearly review of financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS- To advertise the Comcast Franchise Ordinance. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for advertising the Comcast Franchise Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved into executive session at 8:37 p.m. Returned from executive session at 8:45 p.m. with one action to be made. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for a refund of \$75.00 for a vehicle tow during a snow emergency that was not parked in a snow emergency section, contingent on a signed and dated letter, as well the bill for the cost of the tow from Mr. Zechman. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary