

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held at 101 W. High Street on
April 5th, 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: Joshua Fidler and James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Hector Feliciano, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:37 pm), Solicitor-Andrew George, Engineer- Jim McCarthy (left at 8:27 pm), Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak, Borough Manager -Nick Imbesi and Secretary - Rachel Brown.

MINUTES Motion by Mrs. Hopple and seconded by Mr. Feliciano for approval of February 1, 2021, minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler and seconded by Mr. Mellon for approval of February 15, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple and seconded by Mr. Miller for approval of March 1, 2021, minutes with addition to Mr. Miller will also get bank deposit keys for snack bar. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon and seconded by Mr. Feliciano for approval of March 15, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$49,757.70 Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Conrad Weiser 2022 Senior Car Parade on May 31st 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Part of the application process is they need to have approval from each Municipality that the parade is going through. **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for approving the parade to travel through Womelsdorf Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-

Trondell & Shannon Windley 149 E High St – no comment

Victoria Wawrzyniak – 31 N 3rd St. – comment on cats and police matter.

Allyson Liptak – 124 W. High St- no comment

David Randler – 451 Penn Ave Robesonia – Made remarks on the proposed Full-Time Police Department.

Kindall Wann – 413 Washington Blvd- discussion and concern about the feral cat population.

Eileen Zebre- 106 S Pine – had questions for the Police Committee.

Wanda Moore (218 Mill Spring Rd), Jackie Wessner (267 N 5th St) and Marjorie O'Riordan (17 E High St) – Discussion and concerns about the feral cat population and how to get a TNR program in motion. Question on rental property in town. 245 W. High St.

Tiffany Reichardt & William Covell – 133 E High St – no comment

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak – Started working on Pool. Met with Charlie at the Library for the steps, he is going to get a quote to Carl. For a temporary repair of the bottom step. Possibly sealing the other steps, they are cracking. Question about Christmas decorations, rented a bucket truck and the expiration on the rented truck was out dated. Removal of stump at the end of town.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT- Discussion on MS4. Resident concerns about the time length of dumpsters in the Borough. There is currently nothing about dumpsters in code. Research on possible amending current Ordinance to include dumpsters. PSAB Conference May 22-25, 2022. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler for the Borough to cover the cost of a ticket for Rachel Brown and Nick Imbesi passes to attend. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler for the Borough to cover the cost of a ticket for any Council member or Borough Employee that would like to attend. Will not cover the cost of hotel for overnight stays. Motion carried unanimously. Audit came back there were no negative findings. Currently under Audit for the State Liquid Fuels, that should be completed by the end of this week. Will be looking into the TNR programs for the cats. Update on 510 W. Franklin St is now in compliance.

SOLICITOR- Agreements with UGI and Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Authority regarding Penn Hill Park paving instead of UGI and WRJA paving the roads they are going to pay us to do them. Womelsdorf – Robeson Joint Authority will pay the Borough \$37,674.00 in the meantime the WRJA is going to be filling the area with permanent binder. UGI will be paying the Borough \$73,206.00. Discussion followed about the condition of the streets and the **Motion** made by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Feliciano approving the agreements made between the Borough of Womelsdorf with UGI and the Borough of Womelsdorf with Womelsdorf Robeson Joint Water Authority. Vote was 6-1. Motion carried.

ENGINEER- Originally put together the estimate for the street for about \$240,000.00 that was bringing N 2nd and Pear ally up to Borough standards. We came up with a different pavement treatment for both of those streets that saves \$80,000.00. the new estimate is \$163,000.00. The bulk of the saving is on N 2nd St to W Franklin. Discussion on pavement repair. Currently the bid has been advertised for the previous method that was discussed and not the new pavement treatment option. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to issue an addendum with the new specifications. Motion carried unanimously. Bids go live on April 29th 2022. Discussion on UGI work on High St from Water St to 4th St. Dollar General and the Zimmerman-Martin Subdivision are still pending waiting for recent revised plans for both of them. Discussion on what PennDOT is requiring Dollar General to change on 419. Schedule meeting on May 4th, 2022 at 9:00 am to look at the Memorial in Town Park along with the walls along the creek, and Borough Hall redesign ideas.

MR. FIDLER- Gentleman owns both sides of split house. He was wondering why he had to pay two garbage bills. If it is two residential properties it will have a Refuse bill. Is donating money to the Rec Board tax deductible if they buy a sign. If they make a donation that would be a tax deduction but if they do the advertising sign that is an advertisement expense for their own

business. Saturday May 14th 2022 town wide yard sale. Discussion on Sidewalk Grant Program. Discussion on the proposed budget that Police Committee made to show the numbers for what it would take for the Borough to have a Full-Time Police Department. Mr. Miller and Ms. Keller provided Council with a document that counter acts the document that the Police Committee designed. Discussion followed. **Motion** has been made to table. Vote was 4-3. Motion carried.

MR. MELLON- Permanent handicap parking spot 8 E High St, meets all criteria. **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Ms. Keller for a handicap parking spot in front of 8 E. High St. Motion carried unanimously.

MS. KELLER- Nothing to report.

MRS. HOPPLE- Discussion of historical items that were found in the building while cleaning. Hiring of Snack Bar Manager. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon hiring Sarah Snyder as the Snack Bar Manager at \$14.00 an hour. Motion carried unanimously. Setting up interviews for snack bar employees. Safe Serve is April 27th 2022 for Rachel and Paul. And then the girl will come do a class for the younger employees.

MR. MILLER-Fire company is having their Easter flower, candy and sub sale on April 15th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and on April 16th from 9:00 am until they sell out.

MR. FELICIANO- Carl and Trondell went and picked up slide at Bethany they gave us. Bethany accepted the \$1,200.00 for the 20 Pool Memberships. Nick sent them an invoice for it. Postcards were sent out to residents. August 20th – Island Grill Food Truck booked. DJ for three summer events, on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. \$350.00 for each event. **Motion** made by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mr. Fidler for \$350.00 for the DJ for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR JENNIFER GETTLE & CHIEF PONTICIAN– Chief Pontician explained their monthly call report.

MR. EDWARDS – Nothing to report.

Moved into executive session at 9:48 pm. Returned from executive session 9:59 pm with no actions needed. Executive session will reconvene on April 25th 2022.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary