

## **WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held at 101 W. High Street on  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENT**

Council Members: Joshua Fidler, James Mellon Sr, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano (arrived at 8:00 pm), Wayne Miller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:48 pm), Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Jim McCarthy (left at 7:41 pm), Borough Manager -Nick Imbesi, Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak and Secretary - Rachel Brown.

### **MINTUES**

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple and seconded by Mr. Miller for approval of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mellon for approval of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **BILLS TO BE PAID**

Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid. **Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$40,497.74. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PAYROLL**

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

**Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon seconded by Mr. Miller to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – PSAB voting delegation, Article VI PSAB. **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Miller on making Ms. Keller the voting delegate for the PSAB conference and are in favor supporting Article VI- Amendments – Emergency Authority Request of Womelsdorf Fire Police assistance. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple, approving Womelsdorf Fire Police assistance on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 for traffic control in Marion Township at the former Fire Co Social Hall for their car show. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller, approving Womelsdorf Fire Police assistance on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 for traffic control in the Borough of Wernersville for Memorial Day Parade. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-**

Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St – no comment  
Trondell Windley – 149 E. High St - no comment  
Tim Garess – 425 E. High St – no comment  
Victoria Wawarzyniak – 31 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St – no comment  
Allyson Liptak – 124 W. High St – no comment  
David Randler – 451 W. Penn Ave – no comment

## **EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS**

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak – Purchased shrubbery for the end of town to remove the stump. Painter for pool is now only coming back to paint the lines and not the whole pool. Salt Spreader Rack **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mrs. Hopple for purchase of a spreader rack for the maintenance shop in the amount of \$1,400.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOROUGH MANAGER** Discussion of MS4. Steering Committee meeting. They have a new educational school bus. Going to reach out to the school to see if they would like have the bus come to the elementary school. Mr. Mellon asked if the swale work that the Zimmerman project going to do on Mill Rd. does that give us any credits for MS4. Mr. McCarthy explained it does not because it was not in the original plan. Waiting to hear from Cornwall Borough to see if they can come to a meeting to explain how their TNR Feral Cat program works.

**SOLICITOR-** nothing to report.

**ENGINEER** - 2022 Road Work Project Bid Awards. Discussion followed with explanation of each bid. Council went with McCarthy Engineering recommendation. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc of Ephrata, PA. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Mellon accepting New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc bid in the amount of \$170,899.38 for the 2022 Road Projects. Motion carried unanimously. John F Martin- Release of financial security bond. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon, releasing of the Financial Security Bond for John F. Martin & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$303,264.12 once all Borough fees and open invoices or services are paid. Motion carried unanimously.

**MR. FIDLER-** Discussion of TNR Feral Cat Program Ordinance on how we can do reimbursement program for the residents that are trapping, with a max cap reimbursement.

Moved into executive session for personnel matters at 7:52 pm. Returned at 8:09 pm.

**Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon to un-table the Police Outside Services discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Council has decided not to out source Police outside services and direct the Chief to hire 3-5 part time Officers. The police committee will look into the idea of Civil Service. Discussion of new pay rates for Police Department. Would also like to direct Rachel Brown helping the Police Department and work with the Chief to get any certifications and or clearances you might need. Borough Manager Nick Imbesi work with Solicitor Andrew George on the portions of the employee handbook for the Police Department; Uniform and Non-Uniform. The step program is still in effect for Full Time and Part Time Officers. Mayor Gettle expressed that since we are not looking into Police Outside Services, we have had an officer leave, and now we will not have to raise taxes for police purposes. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler to increase pay rate with bonus incentive with the intention of hiring 3-5 part time Officers and for Chief to advertise with new pay rate. Amending R2021-03 to match new pay scale of Full Time Officer first year starting at \$28.00, Part Time Officer first year starting at \$25.00, Bonus Pro Rated for Part Time Officers 500 hours a year receive \$1,000.00 bonus and 1,000 hours a year receive \$2,000.00 bonus. Full Time Bonus \$2,000.00 at end of year. Police Chief salary from \$60,000.00 to \$63,000.00. All starting next pay period. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Randler questioned how long the trail period would

be with our Police Department and Mr. Fidler explained to him that there is no trail period. Discussion of Sunshine Act and meeting advertisements.

**MR. MELLON-** Nothing to report

**MS. KELLER-** Went over events for the month of May at the Library.

**MRS. HOPPLE –**

- Personnel Committee – **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler to hire Tiffany Dickson for Part-Time Maintenance at \$15.00 /hr. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on War Memorial design and the structure of the Borough Hall building.

**MR FELICIANO-** Memberships are coming in daily. Another food truck Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Video Burger. Island Thyme Aug 20<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. MILLER-** Memorial Day service at 1:00 pm. The fire department is still looking into getting the siren fixed.

**CHIEF PONTICIAN–** Discussed how the new speed limit sign works and suggestion on locations. Discussion of the Monthly Police report and calls.

**MR. EDWARDS –** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

- R2022-02 – ARPA Funding. **Motion** made by Mr. Fidler seconded by Ms. Keller to adopt Resolution 2022-02. Motion carried unanimously.
- Vacancy on Planning Commission discussed.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned. at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary