

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 101 WEST HIGH STREET ON
DECEMBER 1, 2020

This Meeting was called to order by Council President Bruce Edwards at 7:00pm, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Council Members: Josh Fidler, Jim Mellon, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor-Kourtney Bernecker, Engineer-Jim McCarthy, and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri.

ABSENT

Council Member-Dave Moyer, Mayor-Jen Gettle, and Police Chief-John Pontician

GUESTS

None

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the November 17, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Mellon to accept the list of bills to be paid. Motion carried unanimously. There were no bills to be ratified.

PAYROLL

Motion by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Miller to approve paying this week's payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of communication was given to Council Members, with the following action taken:

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by to accept the resignation from Melissa Sansoti from the Library Board, with regrets. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to accept the renewal service agreement with TruGreen for the soccer and baseball field, taking advantage of the 3% discount by prepaying for the next year's program. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the letter from the Berks County Planning Commission in regards to their review of the proposed revisions to the Active Adult Residential Community regulations relative to Robesonia Borough; for Joint Zoning Ordinance. Request from Conrad Weiser for a donation for the senior class party; we cannot donate according to the Pa Borough Code, letter to be sent to the requester.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-None present

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONS-None present

Mr. Edwards gave a brief report on the F-550 of a fuel line issue, which will cost less than \$30.00 plus labor to repair. Mr. Liptak was unable to attend tonight due to a prior commitment. The new truck will be arriving in December.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Pay-Mr. Mellon reported information on the QuickBooks Enterprise software program. To upgrade to this expanded program will cost less than we are currently paying for QuickBooks. We will be able to accept credit card payments here. They will include card swipers at no extra cost. After much discussion, it was decided that we will allow customers to use a credit card if they come in to pay. However, a convenience fee would need to be added for the cost to process the payment. Discussion on other billing programs, payment options, etc. Mr. Mellon will continue to look into Diversified Technology and Invoice Cloud software for possibility billing and on-line payments options.

Motion by Mr. Mellon, second by Mr. Fidler to update to QuickBooks Enterprise, with Merchant Service for in-person credit card swipe payments only, including a convenience fee that will be added to the payment amount. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacant Seats-(1) Library Board, (1) plus (1) Alternate to Zoning Hearing Board

Phone Service – on going, to get additional quotes

ENGINEER

Traffic Light Rt./419-Mr. McCarthy reported that Telco has everything they need except a left turn bank in. When they get that, they will be ready to start. Mr. Edwards asked Mr. McCarty to ask about a quote for a battery back-up. Ms. Keller reported that a representative from PennDOT will be coming to look at High Street this week.

Lot 4-Development Plan-Tower Health-Mr. McCarthy reported that the Solicitor is working on the agreements. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to authorize Bruce Edwards to sign the Storm Water Facilities Management Agreement and the Developers Improvement Agreement, once completed by the Solicitor, plus security in the amount of \$309,939.23 with a storm water escrow agreement for ten years. Motion carried unanimously.

Zimmerman Property-Discussion that the property owner will have to reimburse the Borough for the costs of the inspections that the engineers had to do on the testing that had to be done prior to submission of the development plan to the Planning Commission.

Pool filter construction-Mr. McCarthy reported that John met with Carl at the pool. Hoping to have bids back for the January 4th Council Meeting. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to advertise for the pool filter construction project. Motion carried unanimously.

MS4-Discussion on the time frame for getting our MS4 Project done. Mr. McCarthy reported that we have until late 2023 or possible early 2024. We get credit for the projects listed in the permit.

Bridge in Alley-Discussion on not reopening the bridge due to expense, and it doesn't qualify for any funding.

Emailed Concern/leaf blowing-Mr. Edwards reported that he instructed the Secretary to contact the Conservation District in regards to the household who was blowing leaves into the stream.

Council thanked Mr. McCarthy for the snack basket, and with no further questions for him, Mr. McCarthy was released from the Meeting.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Bernecker reporting that she has nothing extra to report; but they will need an Executive Session for personnel reasons. Mr. Miller questioned the Solicitor about the Fire Pumper Agreement. Mr. Edwards had received the information from Solicitor George and forwarded it to Mr. Miller.

MAYOR-Absent

MR. FIDLER

Rec Board-Mr. Fidler questioned if the Rec Board can still have the Tree Lighting Ceremony outside. Maintenance guys to put "No Parking" signs out for the event on Sunday, Dec. 6th at 6:00pm.

MR. MELLON

Sewer Authority-Mr. Mellon reported that he attended the November Sewer Authority Meeting.

Handicap Parking Space Application-Mr. Mellon reported on the application requesting a handicap parking sign near 126 W. Franklin Street. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Ms. Keller to approve the handicap parking sign, as there are not any in that block of W. Franklin Street. Motion carried unanimously. As with all of our handicap parking spaces, anyone who is eligible to park in a handicap parking space is authorized to use it.

Cintas – Discussion on the uniforms that have not been picked up by Cintas. Solicitor Bernecker will send a letter to Cintas, including a list of the items not picked up and a time frame for picking them up.

Mr. Mellon discussion on farm driveway that was to pave a portion of the driveway off of Bunker Hill Road.

MR. KELLER

Library-Mr. Keller reported that the Library got their "hot spots" for WIFI. Berks County Library received grant funding for the Libraries, and Womelsdorf Library will be getting a portion of that funding.

MRS. HOPPLE

Christmas decorations-Mrs. Hopple reported that the soldier and snowman are displayed at the Town Park War Memorial. The Women of Today bought one and the WACA's bought one.

Discussion on the wonderful job the Haley's have been doing with the War Memorial. Mrs. Hopple reported that "Santa of the Firetruck" will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 3:00pm.

Pool Pavilion-Mrs. Hopple reported that they are waiting for the building permit to start building. Wood prices are going up so they want to start building. Mrs. Hopple will contact Carl about the digging.

MR. MILLER

Fire Company-Mr. Miller received the information from Mr. Edwards in regards to the agreement for the fire pumper.

Pool-Mr. Miller is pricing picnic tables for the Pool, eleven tables will be needed. Mr. Miller reported that the Pool Committee will be meeting with the YMCA at the YMCA in Sinking Springs on December 9th at 7:00pm.

MR. MOYER-Absent

MR. EDWARDS

COG-Advance Disposal is now a subsidiary of Waste Management; everything will remain the same. Our contacts will be the same.

Budget 2021-Mickey reported that the public notice for the proposed budget, states December 15th for the adoption date. The 2021 Proposed Budget printed for tonight, does not have the new budget for the Sewer Authority yet. As soon as that is received, the correct figures will be inserted. Discussion on the status of the current budget.

Mr. Miller reported that he has someone that is interested in running the snack bar, that he will be following up with.

Mrs. Hopple reported that everyone is aware that the Borough's email was hacked. Special thanks to Max and Nan for pulling everything together that night. It was greatly appreciated.

2021 Meeting Dates-Council to look at 2021 calendar for meeting dates, dates to be determined at the Dec. 15th Workshop Meeting. Council will continue with 1st Monday for Council Meeting, and 3rd Tuesday for Workshop Meeting.

Executive Session: Council went into Executive Session for Personnel reasons at 8:36pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:50 with no action taken.

With no further business before Council; **Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to adjourn the Meeting. This Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistreri
Secretary