

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 101 WEST HIGH STREET ON
APRIL 5, 2021**

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, Dave Moyer, and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor Kourtney Bernecker, Engineer-Craig Bonenberger, Mayor-Jen Gettle, Police Chief-John Pontician, and Secretary-Mickey Balistreri

GUESTS

Nancy and Charles Zechman

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Mellon to accept the March 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to accept the March 16, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Ms. Keller to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$48,791.26. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Fidler to accept the two bills to be ratified totaling \$427.03. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

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

Motion by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Mellon to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of communications was given to Council, with the following action taking: **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to sponsor the Center For Excellence In Local Government in the amount of \$750.00. The Majority voted "Yes" with Mr. Miller voting "No". Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Charles Zechman-Waiver Request: Mr. and Mrs. Zechman requested a waiver from the Stormwater Management Ordinance as per information received from the engineer regarding the Zoning Permit Application for a garage that they hoped to have built. Solicitor Bernecker reported that a waiver cannot be granted, an amendment would need to be adopted. After much discussion, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Moyer, and seconded by Mr. Fidler to authorize the Solicitor and Engineer to move forward with looking to amending the Stormwater Management Ordinance for smaller projects between 500 to 1500 square feet. (Similar to the proposed

ordinance amendment being considered for adoption by Wyomissing Borough). Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONS

Trista Oxenreider-Library Board: The Library Board requested and received permission to hold their Board Meeting in the Borough Council Room on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 6:00-8:30pm.

Fire & Ice: Ms. Oxenreider reported that the Library will be requesting to hold a Fire & Ice fundraiser on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 4:30pm– 7:30pm during the Community Days Carnival. Council agreed to provide a Gift Certificate for One Pool Membership for the 2021 Pool Season.

Mr. Edwards reported the following for Mr. Liptak:

Tree Estimates-The last guy to provide an estimate is coming, so Carl will be able to provide all of the quotes.

F-350-The bed of the F-350 needs work to pass inspection. **Motion** by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize spending up to \$2,000 to fix the F-350 truck bed. Motion carried.

C.W. Lions Club-Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize the Lion's Club to put up their signs at the two entrances of the Borough, as requested. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new under old business; 1 Alternate is still needed for the Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Bernecker reported that this person cannot be an employee or a Council Member.

Discussion on the second denied handicap parking space for N. Second Street. Engineer Bonenberger reported that the ADA requirements are one for every twenty-five parking spaces. As there are already two handicap parking spaces on this block, the ADA parking requirements have been met.

ENGINEER-Craig Bonenberger reported:

Lot 4-Tower Health-Construction is ongoing, inspections are being done. The developer cannot eliminate a dumpster from the other building units.

Pool Filter System-Discussion on using a consultant.

Zimmerman/Martin Subdivision-A Preliminary Plan has been submitted for the April 19, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting for an eight-unit Town House Development.

MAYOR

Discussion on fire pit usage, with our "No Burning" Ordinance. This comes up every year at this time. The Police Committee discussed this at their meeting.

Chief Pontician- A definition of illegal burning is needed. Solicitor Bernecker will look into our ordinance and get a proposal for an amendment for clarification and to provide for recreational fire pits.

National Night Out-Discussion on whether events would be held this year.

SOLICITOR

Ordinances: Solicitor Bernecker reported that she will get information from other municipalities.

Council would like to update the ordinances for fines, parking, fire pits, stormwater management, and street cuts.

MR. FIDLER

Police Committee- Meeting to be held at 6:00PM the evenings of the General Council Meetings.
Rec Board-Will be holding their meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. The Secretary will submit the public notice.

MR. MELLON

Sewer Authority-Received notification, that there are no bog turtles.

Handicap Parking Sign-**Motion** by Mr. Mellon, second by Mr. Moyer to approve continuing the handicap parking sign contingent upon receiving the updated paperwork for 16 E. High Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Postage meter-Mr. Mellon reported information for renting a postage meter for the Borough Office. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, second by Mrs. Hopple to rent a postage meter machine with a twelve-month contract, at a cost of \$22.95 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Digital Recorders-**Motion** by Mr. Mellon, second by Mrs. Hopple to purchase two digital recorders, with two microphones at a cost of \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Street/Sidewalk Committee

- Street Surveys-the Streets Committee be getting together to organize a plan to address street repair according to high priority. Committee also working on sidewalk inspections.
- UGI is working on streets in the Borough to change laterals, they are getting permits.
- Weiser Court-has requested assistance with alternative parking, while Bertolet Construction is making sewer repairs.
- Mr. Mellon requested a budget of \$500 to purchase equipment for the Street Committee members for their safety; such as an amber warning light on vehicle, magnetic signs/Womelsdorf Borough, safety vests, and a measuring wheel. After discussion, **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, second by Mr. Miller to authorize a budget of \$250.00 for safety equipment for the members of the Street Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Electronic Payments-Mr. Mellon is working on this.

MS. KELLER

Nothing to report at this time

MRS. HOPPLE

Trees for pool-Three trees will be needed for the Dedication at the Pool.

Flowers-Flowers are needed for the front of the Borough Hall, for the four large pots on the square and for the smaller pot. Ms. Keller will contact Frey's for the flowers.

Pool Pavilion-Discussion on the design.

Mrs. Hopple asked Mr. Moyer to look at the pool grate; it is low and may need soil & seeding.

MR. MILLER

Web Site Administrator-Mr. Miller reported that Lori Fitterling agreed to continue the updating and posting of Borough information on the web site, and will accept our offer of \$100.00 per month. Mr. Miller read the contract that Mrs. Fitterling is signing. If anyone has something for Lori, it is to be sent to Wayne. Mickey and Nan are to continue sending her the meeting minutes.

Fire Company-Mr. Miller had questions for the Engineer regarding the pre-emption light. The Fire Company will be going to take a tour of Bethany in mid-May.

Pool Open House-Will be held on May 22, 2021 from 3:00-5:00pm.

Pool 2021 Season-Mr. Miller met with the "Y" on March 24th, Sidney is the new Manager for the pool. Renee will tutor for a couple of weeks. Mask wearing while out of pool. The recliners will be set apart. The painters are coming back this week. The "Y" will meet again at the end of April. Picnic tables are ordered and two life guard tubes will be ordered. Life Guards will not be wearing masks while they are up on their chairs.

MR. MOYER

Planning Commission-Mr. Moyer reported that he will be attending the Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for April 19th for the Zimmerman/Martin Plan Review. Mr. Moyer will email the electronic plans to Planning Commission Members when he receives them from Mr. Bonenberger.

MR. EDWARDS

Council of Governments-Mr. Edwards reported that there is a new contact person for Advance Disposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement-The Borough Secretary announced to Council that she will be retiring as of August 1, 2021. She stated that she loves her job, and is retiring to take care of her grandchild who is due the end of May. She is willing to stay until August 1st to train the new person. Mrs. Hopple asked that a job description be written up. Council congratulated Mickey, and wished her well in her retirement.

With no further business brought before Council, **Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Mellon. Motion carried unanimously.

This Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri
Secretary