

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on
MARCH 1, 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, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller and Bruce Edwards; Mayor Jen Gettle, Solicitor-Kourtney Bernecker Esq., Engineer-Jim McCarthy, Police Chief-John Pontician, Carl Liptak-Maintenance Manager and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

ABSENT

Council Members: Connie Keller and Dave Moyer

GUESTS

Trista Oxenreider, Library Board Chairman

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to accept the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The February 1, 2021 scheduled meeting was cancelled due to the winter storm.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Motion by Mr. Mellon, second by Mr. Miller to accept the list of bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$39,444.69. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL TO BE RATIFIED

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the payment to Tom Masano Auto Group- for the purchase of the 2020 Ford F550 that was approved and preordered. This equipment was purchased from the Liquid Fuels Account. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of Communications was given to Council. The Engineer received a set of plans today from Spotts, Steven and McCoy. The juveniles who were arrested completed their community service.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-None attending

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONS

Library Board-Trista Oxenreider: Discussion on the library parking lot. Ms. Oxenreider reported that the Board made the decision that stenciling would be a waste of time. The Library will be putting warning letters on the cars who are disobeying the ordinance. The police will begin enforcing the ordinance April 1st. Ms. Oxenreider requested to use the Borough Hall for their Board Meetings while the library boardroom is still under quarantine. Their next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:00pm will be at the Borough Hall. As a fundraiser, the library may hold a Bingo or Trivia Night and are collecting prizes. Would the Borough donate a pool membership? **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to donate one pool membership for the Library's fundraiser event. Final decision on whether the Fire & Ice, Run, or Food Tasting would be held has not been made yet.

Carl Liptak-Maintenance Manager: Mr. Liptak did not hear back from Air Gas on the tank lease. Mr. Liptak reported that the new plow on the F550 broke. It had a recall and is being repaired. He also got a manual for the salt spreader, and now it is set up properly.

OLD BUSINESS

No change yet on the phone service, and the credit card services will be happening soon. Zoning Hearing Board-We still need one member and one alternate member for the board.

SOLICITOR

Cintas-Solicitor Bernecker drafted a letter which will be sent via certified mail to Cintas, in regards to the uniforms that have not been picked up. They will have 30 days to pick up.

ENGINEER

Traffic Light-Engineer Jim McCarthy talked with Telco; everything is functioning properly. Council members discussed their pleasure with the turn arrow. Traffic should be more efficient once the public gets used to the new system.

Lot 4-Tower Health-Mr. McCarthy reported that they were putting the storm sewer in. Council confirmed that the plans were recorded. Discussion on a W-9 for the owners is needed by the bank for the escrow check. Mr. McCarthy reported that he will email Chris tonight and we should have the W-9 tomorrow, or a work stoppage will be ordered at 4:00pm.

Bunkerhill Road-Mr. Edwards has concerns with water drainage, under the road.

Road Work 2021-Discussion on determining road work for 2021, possibly milling and top coating.

Pool Filter System-Mr. McCarthy discussed having an independent consultant look at the filter system to make recommendations. Checking of the pipe lines to be done prior to the pool opening. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to call Mobile Dredging to check the pipes at the pool. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to authorize spending \$3,600 to televise the pipes and up to \$7,200 for repairs, if needed. Total amount authorized is not to exceed \$10,800. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Liptak will contact Mobile Dredging.

MAYOR

Mayor Gettle reported that a Police Committee Meeting was held last Monday. They have decided to meet once a month, on the first Monday of the month the Police Committee will meet at 6:00PM prior to the Council Meeting.

Chief Pontician

- Part Time Police Applications-Chief Pontician reported that he received eight applications. Most were inexperienced, and one that looks good. He will be following up with a background check.
- Discussion on not parking on N. Front Street when there is a snow emergency in effect. Question as to why the police garage is not being used for parking. Chief Pontician reported on the number of items that are stored in the garage.
- Ford Explorer: repair estimate cost is a little under \$12,000.

Mayor Gettle reported that Tori will serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mrs. Hopple to appoint Victoria Wawrzyniak to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. FIDLER

Rec Board-Mr. Fidler reported that they haven't had a Rec Board Meeting due to not having a quorum. Discussion if Rec Project for May will be held and if it would be better for the Rec Board to go back to having five members instead of seven. Mr. Fidler reported that one member has never attended a meeting. If there is not an interest, maybe the Rec Board should be disbanded.

MR. MELLON

Sewer Authority-Mr. Mellon reported that the Sewer Plant is clean up at the plant. There is a pile of cinders, tree stumps and branches behind the Sewer Plant building, is there somewhere they can go with this debris? Mr. Liptak reported that the street sweeper debris was always dumped at the Sewer Plant. The branches can now be chipped and recycled. If someone can put this on their list to look at, because they are trying to clean up at the plant.

Paperless billing-Mr. Mellon is still getting information from companies, hopefully by workshop there will something more to report.

Earl Ibach-Mr. Mellon reported that he spoke with Earl's daughter and Mrs. Ibach is in the hospital. Mrs. Hopple will report about some ideas to honor Mr. Ibach under her report.

Street Committee Report-Mr. Mellon reported that he sent a letter to the applicant who requested a handicap parking space in front of their home on N. Second Street. Council had denied the request due to two handicap parking spaces being available on that block. Someone else had also requested one and it had been denied. The Maintenance Manager looked at the yellow curbs that are painted for sight distance, they are accurate and cannot be changed. Anyone who is eligible to park in a handicap parking space, can use the two that are on that block. Council is trying to be as caring and supportive as possible.

Nutrition Works at 6th and W. Franklin-Mr. Mellon reported that the vehicle parking and tractor trailers parking on N. 6th Street to deliver to Nutrition Works is causing traffic problems. The police department will check on it.

MRS. KELLER – Absent

MRS. HOPPLE

Mr. Ibach-Mrs. Hopple reported that she talked to Mr. Grimes, a Board Member of the Tulpehocken Historical Society. The Board did not discuss anything yet. Other ideas are to name the Historical District in Womelsdorf after Earl W. Ibach; naming the Town Square after him, the Town Park or the Borough Hall. A town clock was mentioned as well as waiting to talk to his daughter and wife.

Pool-Mrs. Hopple reported that the Dedication will be held on May 22nd at 11:00am at the pool. Trees will need to be ordered. The week before, everything should be ready, flowers planted, power washing, tables in place, etc. There will be dedication for four different people; Invitations to Family and Friends of the four people being honored, Council, Ministers, Women of Today Members and Dignitaries. Red, White & Blue decorations. Open House for the pool will be from 3:00pm – 5:00pm

MR. MILLER

Pool

- Membership Packets-Mr. Miller reported that he will have to change the front page for the pool information packets. Mailing will go out to everyone who was a pool member in 2019, since we were not open in 2020. Swim Team flyers will be attached.
- YMCA-Will be managing the pool. The contract was being signed by Kim Johnson on February 26th. Mr. Miller will be picking it up.
- Snack Bar-Will be run by Daryll Dissinger. Daryll would like to park his food truck outside to use to fry french fries, since there is not a vent inside the snack bar. Mr. Edwards reported that he can have a catering menu if people want to have a pool party with food catered.
- Pool Rentals-The Secretary reported that she contacted our insurance company and was told that they are comfortable with the \$1,000,000.00 Personal Liability Coverage requirement. Richard Hart is okay with \$500,000.00 coverage if it is a smaller family event. Council Members are going to check with different insurance companies on the cost of purchasing a one-day rider for \$1,000,000 in Personal Liability Coverage, before making a decision on whether to change the amount of the insurance requirement.

Fire Company-Mr. Miller reported that the Fire Company is holding its annual Flower Sale on April 2nd and 3rd, no baked goods this year. The Fire Company has also decided to donate \$10,000 to the Social Quarters to build a deck out back. Zoning permit and building permit will be needed, and possibly land development, per Engineer McCarthy.

MR. MOYER – Absent

MR. EDWARDS

Nothing else to report at this time.

With no further business brought before Council; **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mrs. Hopple, to adjourn the meeting. This meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri, Secretary