

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 101 W. High Street on**  
**May 3, 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-Andy George Esq., Engineer-Craig Bonenberger, Mayor-Jen Gettle, Police Chief-John Pontician, Maintenance Manager-Carl Liptak, and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

**GUESTS**

Residents: Alan Schaetzle and Jacquelyn Willman

**MINUTES**

The April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes will be ready for approval at the next Council Meeting.

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to approve the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

**Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Moyer to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$44,491.68. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no bills to be ratified.

**PAYROLL**

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller 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, none requiring action.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mrs. Jacquelyn Willman-reported concerns with a neighbor's weekly campfires and loud voices until 3:00am.

Mr. Alan Schaetzle-also reported concerns with the continual campfires at the same semi-detached house, when the Borough has a "No Burning Ordinance". Mr. Schaetzle reported vandalism incidents. The campfires produce heavy smoke and flames. Mrs. Willman reported multiple incidents of harassment and threats. Multiple vehicles are on the property that have expired registrations and inspections. Council encouraged the residents to contact the police when they receive threats and harassments. Unlawful fires will be addressed by the Police Department. The State Police have responded when we didn't have an officer on duty.

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

### **Carl Liptak-Maintenance Manager:**

- Call Out-Mr. Liptak reported on a call out from the library for a floor drain flooding. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Moyer to approve spending up to \$800.00 to purchase a power snake. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Edwards reported that the staff had been instructed to use the hand dryers that were installed, and not have paper towels in the bathrooms. Toilets should be flushed repeatedly to move the water through the pipes.
- Pool-Mr. Liptak reported that the pipes looked good at the pool, and the baby pool. The total bill should be around \$4,200.  
Trees at pool- The three trees (2 Red Maples, and 1 Oak) were picked up from Conestoga, in East Earl. They are about twelve feet tall.  
The pool filters are back together with new sand and are ready to go.
- Part time help-Mr. Liptak is using Rick and Bob, as needed; two new applications were received, and will be interviewed. Discussion on the amount of time it takes to cut all the grass and weed whack. Mr. Liptak to get quotes for mowing service.
- Tree Service-**Motion** by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Hopple to approve spending under \$11,000 for Messner Tree Service.
- Mr. Liptak discussed the creek beds, erosion, pool parking lot and the grass lot.

## **SOLICITOR & ENGINEER**

**Ordinances:** Discussion on five ordinances being looked at. Council would like to amend the “No Burning Ordinance” to allow fire pits. Discussion on the amendment for the Stormwater Management Ordinance, providing for different options for residents with smaller projects under 1,500 square feet for management of stormwater.

### **Insurance Requirements for Use of Facilities:**

- **Pool** –After much discussion, **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler for applicants to show proof of Personal Liability Coverage for Pool Use of Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.
- **All Other Use of Facilities:** Parks, Fields, Recreation Room, etc.  
**Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Mellon that a business or organization applying for a Use of Facilities must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the Borough as an additional insured. An individual/family Use of Facilities applicant must show proof of \$500,000 personal liability insurance coverage. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ENGINEER**

**Zimmerman/Martin Subdivision-Preliminary Plan**-Mr. Bonenberger reported that Jim McCarthy attended the Planning Commission Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The application was unclear as to how the ownership of the townhouses was going to be arranged. The Solicitor will take a look at the zoning ordinance. They want to build three units and five units and rent them out.  
**Tower Health**-They are working on it. With no further questions for Mr. Bonenberger, he left the meeting at 9:12pm.

**MAYOR**

Fire Pits were already discussed, nothing else to report.

**MR. FIDLER**

Rec Board-Will be holding their meeting on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Yard Sale is on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. MELLON**

Sewer Authority-They will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday night.

Weiser Court-There is no update.

N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street-Mr. Mellon reported concerns from resident Kay Neuin in regard to tractor trailers traveling up N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which is too narrow to turn around. They are having to help the drivers back out on to W. High Street. This has happened many times. Signage would be helpful so this does not keep happening. "No Trucks" signage will be posted.

Codification-Mr. Mellon would like to have the Ordinances codified after the amendments are completed.

**MS. KELLER**

Library-Mrs. Keller reported that the library would like to use the Rec Room for special programs for the kids.

**MRS. HOPPLE**

Earl Ibach-Nothing has been set up for his Memorial Service yet.

Pool Kitchen-**Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mrs. Hopple to charge \$100.00 a month fee to run the kitchen at the pool this season. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel-Mrs. Hopple reported that the Personnel Committee will meet at 6:00pm Monday evening to interview applicant Leroy Strunk.

**MR. MILLER**

Pool -The pool open house was discussed. Mr. Miller can only be there until 3:30. The picnic tables were ordered; they won't be delivered until June or July. Five umbrellas will be needed.

**MR. MOYER**

Planning Commission-Mr. Moyer did not have anything new to report.

Use of Facilities-The C.W. Lacrosse team applied to use the soccer field for a year end party; the application was approved. Mr. Moyer will be reviewing the PPL bills for the costs to run the soccer and baseball field lights.

**MR. EDWARDS**

Mr. Edwards called for an Executive Session for Personnel reasons. Council went into Executive Session at 10:00pm. Council returned from Executive Session and 10:30pm with the following action taken. **Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to place an advertisement in the newspaper for Nan's position. Motion carried unanimously. Deadline for applying will be May 21, 2021.

With no further business brought before Council; **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Moyer to adjourn the meeting. This meeting adjourned at 10:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri  
Secretary