

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on November 6, 2023

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Council Members: David Craft, Council President Bruce Edwards, Cindy Hopple, Connie Keller, Hector Feliciano, Shannon Windley, Borough Manager- Michael Williams, Secretary – Charmaine Beck and Beth Sattizahn, Maintenance Manager- Carl Liptak (arrived at 7:31 p.m.), Police Chief- John Pontician, Solicitor- Andy George (arrived at 7:51 p.m.), Engineer- Jim McCarthy

ABSENT: Mayor Jennifer Gettle, Mr. James Mellon Sr.

MINUTES: **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve the October 3, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried. **Motion** moved by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve the October 17, 2023 minutes as amended with the addition of Ms. Keller in attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID: **Motion** moved by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mrs. Windley to approve the list of bills to be paid in the total amount of \$57,259.37. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL: **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mrs. Windley to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: RKL finished the tax collector audit. Heidelberg Township responded favorably on the West Elementary School zone signage. Mr. Liptak will proceed with ordering signage and installation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Eileen Zerbe, 106 S Pine St. Discussion on trash cans on High Street.

PUBLIC WORKS: Leaves are continuing to be picked up. Discussion on PPL light poles and brackets for Christmas lights. Discussion on Hometown Hero banners. Discussion of Mill Street swale erosion. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to approve up to \$1,000.00 in the spring to level and patch area around Lyman storm drain. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed handicap parking application. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mrs. Windley to reapprove the handicap parking spot on North 2nd Street. Mr. Williams to contact applicant. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller to approve payment to CMS for the completed repairs on 2023 road work. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Mr. Williams continues to review contractors for the filtration system for the pool. **Motion** moved by Mr. Craft, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to authorize Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Williams to submit for LSA State grant for War Memorial. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Williams will reach out to State Representatives and Senators for support.

ENGINEER: Mr. McCarthy submitted report.

MRS. WINDLEY: Provided updates on the Tree lighting for December 3, 2023. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Windley, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to accept three new officers on the rec board, Tiffany Reichardt, president, Marjorie O’Riordan, treasurer and Amanda Craft, secretary on the Rec Board. Motion carried unanimously.

MS. KELLER: Discussed sewer concerns and tree trimming on West High Street.

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MR. CRAFT: Motion moved by Mr. Craft, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to release fire tax funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 for equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

MRS. HOPPLE: Mr. McCarthy is working on grants for park stream walls. Discussion about December's meeting. The Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. meeting. Mr. Williams will look at change of time in newspaper. Discussion on stray/feral cats in the Borough. ARL costs are being reviewed, along with other options. Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Hopple will attend meeting at Albright hosted by CELG regarding animal control. Mr. George will check on Robeson's ordinances for strays.

MR. EDWARDS: Emergency Agenda Item- Motion moved by Mr. Craft, seconded by Mrs. Windley to amend the agenda to include Emergency Swale Road Repairs. Motion carried unanimously. Motion moved by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mrs. Windley to hire Folk Paving to repair two places on Mill Road at a cost of no more than \$9,500.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. Executive Session ended at 9:08 p.m.

Motion moved by Mr. Craft, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Beck
Secretary