

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on
APRIL 2, 2019

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

PRESENT

Council Members: Josh Fidler, Connie Keller, Wayne Miller and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor-Andrew George, Esq., Engineer-Jeremy Brumbach, Police Chief-John Pontician, and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

ABSENT

Council Members: Carl Liptak, Cindy Hopple and Lori Fitterling; Mayor-Jen Gettle

GUESTS

Christine Delp, Jody Hoover, and Dave Randler

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to accept the March 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to accept the March 19, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Fidler to accept the List of Bills to be Paid, subtracting 2,418.29 for the two invoices from American Rock Salt, until it is determined which invoice is for the good load of rock salt, then that one can also be paid. Holding the invoice for the poor-quality load that is unusable due to clumps and rocks. Motion carried.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Miller to pay our share of the cost for the annual Community Shredding Event. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES/BOARDMEMBERS/AUTHORITIES/COMMISSION

Trondell Windley-Maintenance Supervisor, reported the following:

Signs-Handicap Parking Signs are all permanent. Faded stop signs, have been replaced. No parking during snowfall signs have been removed from W. Franklin Street. Discussion that there was not a motion to remove the snowfall signs.

Potholes-are being fixed, more cold patch will be needed. **Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize \$800.00 to purchase additional cold patch.

Equipment-Mr. Windley reported that the streetsweeper is not shooting water and needs to be serviced. Toro mower-the emergency brake doesn't work.

Soccer Bleacher-The bleacher has been repaired.

Batting Cage-Mr. Edwards reported that the only place to put the batting cage is just outside the parking between soccer field and the parking. A lot of work would be needed to get that area leveled out for the batting cage. Estimates for getting the area prepared to put up the batting cage can be obtained, and the baseball group can decide if they want to pay for the work. If so, then the work can be done and then our guys can put the batting cage up.

Water leak-Mr. Edwards reported that Double D came to repair the water leak at the ball field. The pipe is not broken, it was not properly winterized.

Pool-Mr. Windley reported that the chicken wire will be done on Thursday, and the bike rack has been painted. Discussion on the pool painting. Mr. Miller would like to have four refillable soap dispensers in the pool bathrooms. Mr. Edwards will check at the restaurant store. With no further questions for Mr. Trondell, he left the meeting.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

David Randler-Mr. Randler asked about the survey that Mr. Liptak said he was going to do. Council did not know if the Mr. Liptak did a survey. Discussion on the request for no parking signage. Mr. Edwards explained to Mr. Randler that the request for no parking signs in front of three businesses was dropped for lack of a motion. Mr. Randler reported that the snowfall signs are still on N. Second Street and on S. Third Street at the Lutheran Church.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter-Mr. Edwards reported that the newsletter is printed and Harriet Grimes is getting the newsletters delivered.

SOLICITOR

Traffic Light Resolution-Solicitor George prepared a Resolution with Councils concerns regarding the inadequacies of the traffic signal, timing, programing, amount of accidents, the stacking of vehicles at Rt. 419 in both directions, and difficulties making safe left turns onto Rt. 422 from Rt. 419 in both directions. After much discussion about the concerns, **Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Miller to adopt Resolution #2019-02 expressing safety concerns to PennDOT regarding the traffic signal and intersection at State Route 422 and State Route 419. Motion carried unanimously.

Bamboo-Solicitor George in regards to a resident's complaint, researched bamboo and found that it can be classified as a noxious weed. It is known to be invasive, and difficult to get rid of.

Trash Liens-Three trash liens were filed today.

Hold Harmless Agreement-Solicitor George is looking over the Hold Harmless Agreement, and will have it ready soon.

Executive Session will be needed for Personnel reasons.

ENGINEER

Water Street Paving Project-Engineer Brumbach reported that the project was started and the schedule has everything done by mid-May.

NOV S. Linden Alley-Ms. Keller talked to the property owner, who reported that at any given time you can come inside and see six inches of water. Discussion on the amount of water that

runs down Jefferson and into S. Front St. and Lynden Alley. The Engineer reported that Jim McCarthy and Dean Druckenmiller looked at Lynden Alley and it would qualify for grant funding with a 20% match. **Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize McCarthy Engineering to design plans and apply for the grant. Motion Carried.

PJ Pizza-A second set of plans have come in, and will be discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting on April 15th.

J. F. Martin-Did get land development plans in, which they are in the process of reviewing. There are also some building additions on the plan.

Pool-Jim McCarthy would like to have approval to get a proposal from Wade Associates who specializes in pools. **Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to authorize Mr. McCarthy to get a proposal from Wade Associates. Motion carried.

MR. FIDLER

Office Security-Mr. Fidler has pictures of Marion Township's half door. The Secretary hasn't returned his phone calls with the carpenter's name. Solicitor George will get that information.

LED Sign-Mr. Fidler has two quotes at the same price. He has a third company to meet for another quote, Ms. Keller said that she will be available to meet with that representative.

MR. LIPTAK-Absent

MS. KELLER

Ms. Keller reported a woman parks her car the wrong way on Lyman Avenue. She was ticketed, but she continues to park that way.

Reminder that the Run for Melissa will be held on April 27th.

MRS. HOPPLE-Absent

MR. MILLER

Fire Company-Mr. Miller reported that they got the truck, and it is getting painted tomorrow. Easter Flower Sale is on April 19th from 9:00-5:00 and Saturday, the 20th from 9:00 to 5:00 or sell out. May 11th is the Mission Bar B Que for \$7.00 per ticket.

Pool-Recommendation from Karen Roach to paint the pool in the fall. We need three umbrellas for the lifeguard stands, Mr. Miller found vinyl ones for \$88.00 each plus shipping and handling. A new vacuum would cost \$2,925.00 thru Boyer Pools. Mr. Miller will hold obtaining a motion for a new vacuum until the workshop meeting. Discussion on putting a small ornamental fence around the rain garden. Construction fence will be around it after they seed that area. They will be finished in the pool area April 20th, and should have the entire project completed by mid-May.

MRS. FITTERLING-Absent

MR. EDWARDS

Batting cages-Mr. Edwards will contract Double D for an estimate, Lori can take the information back to the Rec Board. The baseball league can pay for that if they want the batting cage put up.

Training-Mr. Edwards reported that the training was interesting, they have another full day of training tomorrow. Billy and Trondell are taking the Pesticide class and exam. Discussion on looking for any Tree of Heaven trees that will need attention.

Sewer Meter reads-Mr. Edwards reported that we have an ordinance mandating hook up to the water system if it is available to the property. We have properties that are not hooked up, that have the ability to hook up to the water. Trondell and Billy will be checking the Water Street properties for trash pick up while the Street is blocked for the construction. Solicitor George will talk to the Water Authority in regards to having every property connect to the water system that has the capability to connect.

Green waste pick up-Discussion on having municipal green waste picked up by our guys. Green Waste is not grass. Grass should be mulched or put in with the trash.

MAYOR-Absent

Chief Pontician reported that on occasion he has contacted Pastor Bair, on some cases in helping people with some family issues. It would be a new program, but he would like to officially name her as the Police Chaplain. It would be an unpaid position, but she would have the title and be recognized as the Police Chaplain. **Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Fidler to name Pastor Bair as the official Police Chaplain. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Council went into an Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation purposes at 8.45 pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:23pm with the following action taken. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Miller to hire Alex Doelp and Jeff Futchko as Part Time Police Patrolmen at \$17.34 per hour. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Renewal-The Secretary met with Richard Hart and Cherie Lutz for the insurance renewals for May 1st. She reported that there is another carrier that will take the Volunteer Firefighters, but we would have to combine the Borough employees with them. Council preferred to keep the insurance the same; Worker' Comp for the Volunteer Firefighters with Swif and the Borough Employees with MRM. Council also agreed to get a quote for Cyber Security coverage.

With no further business brought before Council, **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Miller to adjourn the Meeting. This Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri
Secretary