**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT 101 W. HIGH STREET ON**

**JUNE 4, 2019**

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, Connie Keller (7:02), Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling, and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor Andy George, Esq., Engineer-Jim McCarthy (7:04), and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

**ABSENT**

Council Member-Carl Liptak and Mayor-Jen Gettle

**GUESTS**

Chris Delp, Jody Hoover, Michael Feigum, Tiffany Reichardt, Jon Claypoole, David Moyer, and

Keith Dmochowski-Reading Eagle

**MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Fidler to accept the May 7, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fiddler to accept the May 22, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

**Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of $65,302.04. Motion carried unanimously. There were no bills to be ratified.

**PAYROLL**

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mrs. Fitterling 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 Members, none requiring action.

**OLD BUSINESS-**Invoice from Telco for $15,324.10 for repairing the communication box from the MVA to be paid to Telco, per our contract. Chief Pontician made contact with the insurance company of the responsible party for payment reimbursement to the Borough.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Jon Claypoole: Mr. Claypoole has concerns with rumors that he is hearing even though he has been gone from the Borough for six months. Mr. Claypoole reported that everything was working at the pool last year, and was winterized. Discussion on whether the pool was winterized; and also, an explanation of how things were winterized and how they should be turned back on.

Christine Delp: Mrs. Delp discussed fireworks, large aerial, commercial like. Mr. Edwards reported that he did get a complaint. Mrs. Hopple reported that they were from Winding Way, coming over the homes on Lyman Avenue.

**EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS**

Rec Board: Chairman Mike Feigum reported that he was contacted by the liaison if the Rec Board wants to pay for the scoreboard to be repaired, Council needed to know. Mr. Feigum reported that the ball field people are not coming to the Rec Board, they are going to the liaison.

Mrs. Fitterling reported that she was directed by the Council President to contact Mr. Feigum, not anyone from the baseball teams. Discussion of the duties of a Liaison. Discussion that all of the Use of Facilities Applications came to the Borough Office, and not to the Liaison. Mr. Feigum was unaware that the Borough Office should be receiving a copy of the Rec Board Meeting Minutes, as well as a response to the monthly bills submitted for payment approval. Mr. Edwards will attend the next Rec Board meeting to answer any questions the members might have. The Rec Board would like a liaison with good communication between them and the Borough. **Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Fidler to approve up to $900.00 for repairing the scoreboard controller if Rec Board approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor George: Nothing to report tonight.

Mr. Edwards reported that he asked Kourtney, from Andy’s Office to look into whether legally if the Sewer Authority hired their own employee, could they be on the Borough’s Insurance. Kourtney, John Muir and Andy were all in on the conversation, and agreed that the answer is no. There is a lot of coordination that still has to go on between our guys and whoever they hire.

**ENGINEER**

Water Street Paving/Drainage Project: Jim McCarthy reported that they have received Payment Application #3 from Construction Masters Services for 100% of the project in the amount of $131,688.68. Mrs. Hopple questioned the unfinished portion on Water Street near Rt. 422. Mr. McCarthy reported that was not in the limits of the contract, due to it being in the PennDOT right-a-way. Mr. Miller questioned a swamp area inside the pool area. Mr. McCarthy said that during the survey, it was identified as a low area. Mr. McCarthy will look at that area again. Mr. McCarthy recommended authorizing payment conditioned upon the Conservation District approving it and issuing the Borough the remaining balance of the Grant Funds.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and check presentation on Wednesday, June 26th at 9:30AM, at Water Street everyone is welcome to attend.

**Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to make the final payment of $131,688.68 conditioned on receiving the funds from Berks County Conservation District. Motion carried unanimously.

Linden Alley: This project is still being looked into by Mr. Druckenmiller.

Pool Filter System: Three firms are interested; dates and times to meet will be determined.

SR 419 & 422 traffic signal: Mr. McCarthy reported that he had a meeting with Brian Boyer, and also spoke with Greg Richardson. A meeting is to be scheduled with PennDOT to discuss the safety concerns.

High Street: Mr. Edwards reported that a Supervisor is coming from PennDOT to look at the sinking spots on High Street. Mr. McCarthy reported that PennDOT owns the storm sewers in Boroughs and 2nd and 3rd Class Townships.

J. F. Martin: Mr. McCarthy reported that J. F. Martin will close the driveway on Rt 422; and will have to amend their permit with PennDOT. There may be improvements needed at the intersection. We need to get signed up for receiving PennDOT information electronically.

With no further questions for the Engineer, Mr. McCarthy was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session: Mr. Edwards called for an Executive Session for Personnel reasons at 8:48PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:24PM with no action to be taken.

**MR. FIDLER**

LED Sign: Mr. Fidler asked Council if they would like to spend $3,000 to fix the sign now or $13,000 to purchase a new sign. Discussion on where to find the cost in the budget, the length of warrantee on a new sign, how much income for the Rec Board, cost of expenses to operate the sign, etc. Fix the sign, buy a new sign or shut the sign down are the three options to consider. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

**MR. LIPTAK - Absent**

Maintenance: Mr. Edwards gave a report for Trondell. The water is crystal clear, the numbers are looking good; both pools are leaking water. Mr. Edwards received advice to have someone who works on pools to look at this and not a contractor. Street Sweeper is back and working nice. Going forward they are going to try to have the street sweeper out on three days a week.

**MS. KELLER**

Nothing to report at this time.

**MRS. HOPPLE**

Banner dedication: Mrs. Hopple reported that twenty-two banners were dedicated at C. W. West

Elementary School. These will stay up for one year, then the family gets them back. The next ones will include police, firefighters and veterans. It was a very nice service.

Fire Company: Anniversary celebration with the Germans; the Fire Company would like to put a huge tent up on High Street in front of the Engine House blocking off Fifth to Sixth Street. Fourth to Fifth will be no parking for three nights from 5:00pm. Fifth to Sixth will be the same.

Entertainment will be inside the engine house. More information and request for permission will be done at the July Council Meeting.

**MR. MILLER**

Fire Company: Mr. Miller reported that the Roy Orbison concert sold out with143 people attending. The fire siren is out, the stand needs to be welded. Next year, they will hold the Mission Bar B Q again when the yard sale is held. Mr. Miller also reported that when a vehicle is towed from an accident, the tow truck is supposed to clean up the stay-dry and debris. Due to the MS4 requirements, Mr. Miller asked the Firemen to keep an eye out and remind the tow truck drivers to do that. The first graders were scheduled to visit the engine house for a tour, and June 7th the cook outs start from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

Pool: Mr. Miller reported that we brought in around $5,500 hundred dollars in Memberships for the Memorial Weekend. Discussion that the pool looks great and positive reports were received. Meeting with Malcolm went well. Mr. Miller is going to study the Pool/Pesticides books; and take the tests, possibly in the fall. Malcolm showed them how to open the skim gutters to make cleaning easier. Mr. Edwards reported that one of the guys has to be on call each weekend day. They will be paid for a three hour on call; whoever is on call should be doing the parks as well. The pool sweeper is back, but is not working as well due to a crack in the frame.

South Pine Street: Mr. Miller requested that an additional “No Parking” sign be posted on South Pine Street in front of Glen Leininger’s property.

**MRS. FITTERLING**

Web Site: Mrs. Fitterling was congratulated for winning an award for the Web Site. She will be attending the PSAB Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, June 11th to receive the award. The reservation and ticket to be ordered with PSAB.

Work Policy: Mrs. Fitterling reported that there is a public service policy at her place of employment that prohibits her from serving on Borough Council or a School Board, that she was unaware of.

Ball field: Discussion on water repairs at the ball field that would prevent leaking and winterizing; Mr. Edwards will get an estimate.

**MR. EDWARDS**

Pool: Mr. Edwards reported that consideration of an outdoor shower would be beneficial at the pool, to keep this in mind for next year.

Maintenance Department: This was already discussed that Trondell and Billy will be alternating weekends for being on call. They would like a time clock at the maintenance building. Mickey was asked to order one, and look into how much it would cost for a water cooler at the maintenance building. Mr. Edwards would like Trondell to come out to the PSAB Convention on Monday and walk around the vendor section to gather information. Mr. Miller confirmed that Billy understands that he is second in charge.

With no further business brought before Council, **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Miller to adjourn the Meeting. All were in favor. This Meeting adjourned at 10:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri, Secretary

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