

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 101 West High Street on**  
**JULY 2, 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, Carl Liptak, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor Alex Elliker, Engineer-Jeremy Brumbach, Mayor Jen Gettle (7:11), and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

**ABSENT**-Lori Fitterling – resigned from Council

**GUESTS**

David Moyer, Mike Feigum, Tiffany Reichardt, David Reis, Ryan Snyder, Scott Sweigart (C2C Design Group) and Geneva Aulenbach, Reporter

**Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to accept the June 18, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to accept the list of bills to be paid adding \$316.43 for Ryan Hopple who purchased speakers from amazon for the pool, for a total amount of Bills to be Paid of \$36,149.90. Motion carried unanimously. There were no bills to be ratified.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Liptak to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A list of Communications was given to Council Members, none requiring action.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

David Moyer-requested a new recycling can as his is broken and not on wheels.

Ryan Snyder-reported having feral cat problems in his neighborhood; with a neighbor feeding the feral cats. Discussion on Trap, Neuter, and Return program. Our Ordinance provides for no more than 6 pets. We no longer have a contract with the ARL. Mr. Edwards will talk to the Code Enforcement Officer.

David Reis-Resident in Summit View Development, reported severe pot holes on Bunkerhill Road in the Borough. Discussion on Penn DOT fixing the High Street pothole.

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

Tiffany Reichardt (Rec Board Member) questioned why the Playground Leader cannot have Assistant Volunteers for Community Service hours. Mrs. Hopple reported that it has to come through the Borough, with a representative from the Borough Personnel Committee signing the paperwork. Discussion on the clearances necessary for volunteers.

Max Rey (Police Department)-Officer Rey reported that the backup system in the Police Department that is used to back up data reports is old and has concerns that it will crash. **Motion** by Ms. Keller to spend up to \$600.00 for back up support for the Police computers, second by Mr. Fidler. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

American Rock Salt (holding two invoices)-Mr. Edwards will set up a meeting for American Rock Salt Representative to look at the damaged salt.

House Bill #349 Resolution-Resolution died for lack of a motion.

Fireworks Ordinance-It has been requested that Council get information out to remind residents that an Ordinance was adopted and is enforceable for firework safety. The Police Department will have coverage out.

## **SOLICITOR**

Parking Restrictions Ordinance-Solicitor Alex Elliker filling in for Solicitor Andy George reported information on parking restrictions in the Borough. Mr. Fidler, Chief Pontician, and the Maintenance Crew will get together to go over the ordinance and streets making sure that there is signage everywhere it is supposed to be. Some of the restrictions reported were:

No parking is allowed (a) from the North side of West Franklin Street from North Fourth Street east, a distance of 125' and (b) on the North side of East Franklin Street from North Linden Alley West a distance of 100'.

Additionally,

During snowfall and up until 1:00pm after the end of snowfall, (a) there is no parking allowed on the North side of Franklin (and all streets running East to West); (b) there is no parking allowed on the East side of Second and Third Streets, (and any streets running North to South).

Additionally,

From 1:00-6:00PM after the snowfall (a) there is no parking allowed on the South side of Franklin and (b) there is no parking allowed on the West side of Second and Third Streets.

## **ENGINEER**

PJ's Waiver Requests-Engineer Brumbach reported that the Planning Commission, upon recommendation from the engineer, agreed to recommend the following waivers to Council:

1. To allow the preliminary and final plan to be processed simultaneously.
2. To allow no new lot pins (the pins are already there)
3. To waive showing existing water and sewer lines (nothing is changing)
4. To waive showing utilities (nothing is moving there)

Mr. Edwards reported that a neighbor came to a meeting with concerns with water running down from that property. Mr. Brumbach reported that the Stormwater Plan was reviewed and

approved. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to approve the waivers requested. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple to grant approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan conditioned upon the final approval of the Engineers. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Place Final Escrow Release-Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Ms. Keller to authorize that the final Escrow Amount of \$5,883.00 for Park Place Development be released. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Street Project-Mr. Brumbach reported that he stopped at Water Street while it was raining and the water was just trickling slowly to where it's supposed to go. There will be a sign placed at the rain garden for educational purposes. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize paying up to \$1,000 for the MS4/educational sign at the rain garden. (If the Conservation District does not provide one.) Motion carried unanimously.

Grant application-Linden alley qualifies, Dean Druckenmiller is reviewing the project.

419/422 Traffic Signal-Two options at this point, split phasing will be allowed, we would have to update the signal diagram. The second option is to wait until J F Martin resubmits their plans to Penn DOT. Mr. Miller reported that the Fire Company has information on an emergency pre-emption for the light. With no further questions for the engineer, he was released from the meeting.

#### **MR. FIDLER**

Police Committee-Mr. Fidler did not talk to the Chief on whether he received any applications for part-time officers.

Office Security-Mickey will reach out to the Secretary at Marion Township for information on the contractor who made her ½ door.

LED Sign-After much discussion, a decision was made to turn off the LED sign at this time; until a decision is made as to whether we repair it or purchase a new sign. Council will review the budget later in the year. Mike Feigum suggested building a pavilion at the pool to bring in additional revenue from pool parties. He would also like the Rec Board to purchase some chairs for the pool. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Liptak to authorize the Rec Board to spend up to \$1,000 on chairs for the Pool, conditioned on Mr. Feigum getting Rec Board approval. Motion carried.

Snow Parking-Chief Pontician, Josh Fidler and the Maintenance Crew will be looking at the snow parking ordinance; and signage.

Police Employee Handbook-Waiting for information from the Solicitor.

#### **MR. LIPTAK**

Maintenance-Mr. Liptak reported that the guys will be painting the striping for the no parking in front of Greth's driveway near PJ's or use a stencil. The street sweeper is working great, and will be run three days a week.

Pool-Mr. Liptak reported that the pool is losing 8 to 10 inches of water a day; resulting in extra costs in water, chemicals and overtime. The swim team commented that the water in the pool, is easier on their eyes. Mr. Edwards reported that Main Line Commercial Pools looked at the

filtration tanks. CO2 tank would be placed outside (in a fence); we wouldn't be using canisters. Main Line Quote is \$3,175.28 for installation of the BECs System 2 Controller, CO2 Feed Unit (Tubing and injection), Stenner Acid Feed System (Tubing and injection)-Start up and training included. All of this work can be done without closing down the pool. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple to authorize Main Line Commercial Pools to do this. Motion carried. Mr. Edwards will contact Main Line.

#### **MS. KELLER**

Street/Sidewalks-Ms. Keller is looking at sidewalks, weeds in the sidewalks and broken curbs in the Borough.

#### **MRS. HOPPLE**

Pool- Mrs. Hopple reported that Mr. Hopple made a corn hole game for the pool. Renee, Pool Manager (YMCA) created a Facebook page for the Pool.

Banners-Mrs. Hopple reported that the new Banners look beautiful.

#### **MR. MILLER**

Fire Company-Mr. Miller reported that the tower out back will be replaced and powder coated. On July 23, the playground will be touring the engine house. August 25<sup>th</sup> is the Ride for Freedom, and August 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an active shooter activity at the church. There will be thirty-five Germans coming in May for the Anniversary Celebration. Mrs. Hopple reported that the committee is discussing putting up a large tent in front of the engine house or possibly on the soccer field for the celebration. Letters have gone out to all of the businesses in Womelsdorf and Robesonia.

#### **MAYOR**

Chief Pontician

- Applications-Five applications have come in.
- National Night Out-Will be held at the Town Park on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The usual events and foods, everyone is invited.
- 27 N. Third – abandoned property will be going up for Sheriff's sale
- A Police Committee Meeting will be set up with the Chief
- There will be coverage over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

#### **MR. EDWARDS**

COG-The COG will be meeting soon to put a new contract together to go out for bid.

Sewer Authority-Mr. Edwards reported that the prospective new hire employee for the Sewer Plant will be delayed as he has a broken foot.

Resignation-Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to accept Lori Fitterling's letter of resignation from Borough Council effective July 1<sup>st</sup> as requested in her email. Motion carried unanimously. Mickey to send a letter to Mrs. Fitterling.

**Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple to appoint David Moyer to Lori's vacated seat, for the remainder of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Liptak to buy twelve chaise lounges from Grosfillex for the Pool at a cost of \$558.00. Motion carried. They will be picked up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pool Party.

**Executive Session:** Council went into Executive Session at 9:25pm for personnel reasons. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:45pm with no action to be taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Committee Changes - Mr. Edwards reported that the Finance Committee is now Carl, Wayne and Cindy; and Wayne will be replacing Lori on the Personnel Committee.

Womelsdorf Beverage-Council agreed to Womelsdorf Beverage's request to be included in the Borough's trash and recycling service. The new owner had said that they have very little trash, but plenty of cardboard and aluminum for recycling.

Pool Party-July 4<sup>th</sup>, games, prizes, a DJ, and family fun.

With no further business brought before Council, **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler to adjourn the Meeting. This Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri  
Secretary