

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 101 WEST HIGH STREET ON
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

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

PRESENT

Council Members: Josh Fidler, Jim Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Dave Moyer, and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor-Kourtney Bernecker, Engineer-Craig Bonenberger, and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

ABSENT

Mayor-Jen Gettle and Chief John Pontician

GUESTS

Christine Delp, Jody Hoover, and Dominic Rey

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to accept the January 6, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the January 21, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes with one correction: Mr. Edwards reported that he attended the Boroughs Association Meeting, not the Berks Municipal Partnership Meeting as written in the minutes under his report. Motion carried to accept the minutes with the one correction.

BILLS

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$55,576.28. Discussion on the Cintas invoice. Motion carried. There were no bills to be ratified.

PAYROLL

Motion by Mr. Fidler, second by Ms. Keller to approve paying this week's payroll. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Mellon to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Dominic Rey agreed to look at the Web Site and see about adding "Bill Pay" for our residents' convenience.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Miller to accept the DEP Grant Agreement as written. President Bruce Edwards to sign three copies of the agreement's Signature Page.

SOLICITOR

Pool Repair Agreement: Solicitor Bernecker reported that the Pool Repair Agreement was reviewed, it is okay for signing.

Notice of Violations: Kraft Codes is working on a Zoning Violation Notice.

Student Shadowing: A student will be shadowing the Solicitor at next month's Council Meeting.

ENGINEER

4th Street Emergency Repair: Mr. Bonenberger reported that the work is finished except for the work that has to be completed in the Spring.

419 & 422 Traffic Plans: Until we know where the financing is coming from, we shouldn't submit the design plans yet. J.F. Martin is interested in participating in our request, but are waiting for their Penn DOT permits.

Linden Alley & Jefferson Street: John is actively working on that, submission is not until April.

Old Boot Factory: Mr. Bonenberger reported that the street cut permits are usually done by Kraft. The Solicitor reported that if a fee is charged, an ordinance needs to back up the fee. Discussion that utility companies and private citizens are handled differently. Kraft had said that the road cut would be handled by the Engineer.

BunkerHill Road Repair: John hasn't received any word from Heidelberg agreeing to assist with this. Mr. Bonenberger reported that someone put a makeshift drain in. Water is going under the road, not through the pipe. Mr. Moyer will take a look at it.

MAYOR-Mrs. Hopple reported that the Mayor is absent due to her son being ill.

MR. FIDLER

Mr. Fidler reported that the Rec Board met and reorganized; President-Tiffany Reichard, Vice-President-Ryan Hopple, Secretary-Marjorie O'Riordan.

LED Sign-Mr. Fidler is meeting with Randy Horst of Horst Sign Co. at noon on Feb. 18th at the LED Sign for a cost estimate.

MR. MELLON

Mr. Mellon was agreed to be the Liaison to the Sewer Authority, and will attend their next meeting on February 18th.

Sidewalks/Curbs-Mr. Mellon reported that he would like to have an electronic data base for record keeping of the sidewalk and curb inspections. He would like to review the Ordinances for sidewalks.

MS. KELLER

Library-Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Mr. Miller to appoint Melissa Sansosti to the Library Board. Motion carried. Discussion of the library wanting to issue parking permits for usage of the parking lot. Mr. Edwards will talk to the Library Board's President, as this would not be permitted.

MRS. HOPPLE

Fire Company Parade: Mrs. Hopple reported that the Parade will be held on May 30th, at

3:00PM. Lyman Avenue from the Church to the end of 6th Street will be used as well as Franklin Street from the Gym to end of W. Franklin. This area will be no parking, and used to stage the parade. The Parade will travel down North 5th Street to the VFW on S. Water Street. Sunday activities will be a choice of a Gettysburg trip or a day at the pool. The German guests will be staying at the Lantern Lodge. Breakfast to be held everyday at the Fire Co. Social Quarters. Everything to be held at the VFW Barn.

Personnel: Employment ads are out; two applications have come in already, nothing for the Playground or Pool Concessions.

MR. MILLER

Fire Company: Mr. Miller reported that the Fire Company will be having a Fastnacht Sale for \$8.00 per dozen and a sandwich sale for \$5.00 each.

Borough Hall: Mr. Miller recommended that the Borough purchase a vacuum so that Pat doesn't have to use her own to clean the Borough. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller pay Pat for her time to purchase a vacuum at cost of up to \$300.00. Motion carried. Mr. Miller is going to have a shelf with brackets put up in the Borough Hall.

Discussion about branches in the Town Park, Mr. Miller asked Mr. Moyer to talk to the maintenance guys about this.

Pool: Motion by Miller, second by Ms. Keller to go with F & M Painting Company, price quote for Option #II for \$21,000; the work would be done this spring. Mr. Edwards to sign the contract. Mrs. Hopple asked the Engineer to look at putting a new pavilion at the pool.

MR. MOYER

Buildings/Grounds/Maintenance/Insurances Committee: Mr. Moyer reported that he has been looking over the list. The Handicap Signs have all been reviewed and taken care of except for three temporary signs that need to be made permanent.

Emergency Management Meeting: Mr. Moyer reported that he attending the meeting on January 29th with Donald Ebling, and found it very informative. Mr. Ebling will be sending a copy of the Emergency Operating Procedure online.

MR. EDWARDS

COG: Mr. Edwards presented a copy of the Independent Auditor's Report for the Council of Governments. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Ms. Keller to approve the COG's Auditors Report for fiscal year 2018. Motion carried.

Borough's Association Meeting: Mr. Edwards reporting that the upcoming census was discussed at the meeting. Wage for employees for the Census is \$19.50 per hour. The public libraries will be trained to help residents with their census filing.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Community Paper Shredding Event-Council agreed to participate in this event to be held on May 30th in Lower Heidelberg Township.

January 25th Rental Deposit-After Discussion, Council decided not to return the security deposit to the applicant with Use of Facilities for the upstairs Rec Room on January 25th due to garage bags, three helium tanks, decorations, debris left in the Rec Room following the party. The Janitor spent over almost two hours cleaning up the mess, and the maintenance crew had to be to remove the trash left behind.

Spring/Summer Newsletters-Newsletter articles are to be submitted by Friday, February 28th to be included in the newsletter.

Municipal Officials Dinner-The Fourteenth Annual Municipal Officials Dinner Invitations and registrations will be coming. It will be held at the Stokesay Castle, on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Council indicated that they would all like to attend, and to invite the Chief as well.

With no further business before Council; **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Ms. Keller to adjourn the Meeting. This Meeting adjourned at 10:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistreri, Secretary