

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH REORGANIZATION
AND JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING
HELD AT 101 W. HIGH STREET ON
JANUARY 3, 2022**

Newly Elected Officials presented their Certificates of Election and Residency Affidavits were handed in and notarized by the Secretary.

Mayor Jen Gettle called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 7:02, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gettle swore in the newly elected Officials: Connie Keller, Josh Fidler, Cindy Hopple, Bruce Edwards for 4-year terms.

PRESENT

Council Members: Josh Fidler, Jim Mellon, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Dave Moyer and Bruce Edwards; Solicitor-Kourtney Bernecker Esq. (arrive at 7:50 pm) , Mayor-Jen Gettle, Police Chief-John Pontician, Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak and Secretary-Rachel Brown

GUESTS – Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St and Hector Feliciano – 206 Adams Drive

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Gettle called for nominations for President: Mrs. Hopple nominated Bruce Edwards, second by Mr. Fidler, all voted in favor by roll call of Mr. Edwards for President.

Mayor Gettle called for nominations for Vice President: Mr. Edwards nominated Cindy Hopple, all voted in favor by roll call of Mrs. Hopple for Vice-President.

President Bruce Edwards received the gavel and chair from Mayor Gettle.

Mr. Edwards called for nominations of President Pro Tem: Mrs. Hopple nominated Wayne Miller, President Pro Tem. All were in favor by roll call For Mr. Miller as President Pro Tem

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Mellon to appoint Shaun Gettle as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. All voted in favor, with Mrs. Hopple abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mr. Mellon, second by Mrs. Hopple to appoint the following:

Engineer	McCarthy Engineering
Code Enforcement	Kraft Code Services
Auditors	RKL LLC
Secretary	Rachel Brown
Borough Manager	Nick Imbesi
Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Open Records Officer	Nick Imbesi

All were in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

Sewer Authority Liaison- Motion made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler to appoint Mr. Mellon as Sewer Authority Liaison. Motion carried unanimously.

Remaining Tabled until Workshop Meeting on January 18th, 2022.

CITIZENS PRESENT-

Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St. Wanted to know if the tree stump could possibly be grinded out and replaced with a tree that can be decorated at Christmas time. Mr. Miller suggested that we put trees on either side of the sign as well.

BUSINESS MEETING

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Mellon to approve the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$39,681.31. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Mellon to authorize paying this week's payroll. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Mellon to authorize paying payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to authorize the following signers for the bank accounts: Connie Keller, Wayne Miller, Nick Imbesi and Bruce Edwards. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGERS

Accepting the resignation of Mr. Moyer with regret. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon accepting Mr. Moyers resignation. Motion carried unanimously. IT services; SmrtGuys. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler, approving SmrtGuys as our IT Service team at their hourly rate and have the new anti-virus put on the computers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Edwards brought up the Vacant Council member seat. Hector Feliciano said he was interested in the position. Mr. Feliciano introduced himself and told Council about himself. Council members ask Mr. Feliciano some questions. Mr. Miller express that there is someone else that is interested but she was not present currently. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler for Hector Feliciano to finish out Mr. Moyers term ending 12/31/2024. Mrs. Hopple, Mr. Fidler and Mr., Mellon. Yes, Ms. Keller and Mr. Miller No. Mayor Gettle sworn in Hector Feliciano to Borough Council.

MAINTENANCE –

Carl Liptak – Library heater broke again something different. Blue Mountain came in ordered the part and it was fixed the next day. Discussion of bucket trucks.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Bernecker reported that it has been a slow month, there is nothing to report.

ENGINEER – Engineer was not present.

MAYOR'S REPORT-

Discussion on Monthly Police Report for Dec 2021 and end of year report. Pricing out the flashing speed radar signs. Speed enforcement started down by the Cherry Ally. Discussion on hiring part-time officers.

MR. FIDLER- nothing to report

MR. MELLON – Air quality control test. Between \$800.00-\$1,000.00 **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon seconded by Mrs. Hopple for up to \$1,000.00 to hire SSM to do the air quality testing in the building. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on American Rescue Plan funding.

MS. KELLER – has an MS4 question. What happens with the horse carriages and the horse manure on the road? No direct answer will bring it up to Engineer.

MRS. HOPPLE

Personnel: Mickey's retirement party scheduled for Friday at Noon.

War Memorial- have contractors lined up. One idea is to put blow foam underneath and lift it up. Charlie said as soon as the weather breaks, he will do the steps at the library's steps and the plots at the pool.

MR. MILLER- Fire siren not working there is a problem. Jan 6th Bob is meeting with Bethany. Meeting with Heidelberg to see about getting payment for the excessive calls. Sandwich sale cancelled for January, looking into February. Discussion about the wired controller for the Fire Department flashlights.

MR. EDWARDS- nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-01- Appointing Borough Manger as Chief Administrator for uniform and non-uniform pension plans. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler appointing Nick Imbesi as Chief Administrator for uniform and non-uniform pension plans. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session from 8:09 pm to 8:47 pm. No actions required from sessions.

With no further business brought before Council. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Ms. Keller to adjourn the Meeting at 8:48 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown
Secretary