

## **WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held at 101 W. High Street on  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENT**

Council Members: Joshua Fidler and James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Hector Feliciano (arrive 7:20 pm), Wayne Miller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:12 pm), Solicitor-Andrew George, Engineer- Jim McCarthy, Police Chief John Pontician (arrived at 8:03 pm), Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak and Secretary - Rachel Brown.

**ABSENT** - Borough Manager -Nick Imbesi, Council Vice President, Cindy Hopple

### **BILLS TO BE PAID**

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be Paid and List of Bills to be Ratified. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Mellon to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$75,543.09. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to approve the bills to be ratified listed in the amount of \$1,367.16. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PAYROLL**

**Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Mellon to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Fidler to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Thank You card from the Imbesi Family for a sympathy floral arrangement.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-**

Dayland & Shirley Berkhesier – 630 W. Franklin. Had questions for the Engineer about the MS4 inspection agreement.

Eileen Zebre- 106 S Pine – no comments

Shannon Windley 149 E High & Ashley Oberly 101 W. Jefferson St – Rec Board proposing ideas for Council. There is not much for the teenage kids to do in town, the town park is not activity for all ages. A lot of the teenage kids have had an interest in skateboarding. Which they are not allowed to do it in town without getting a ticket. Even if they are walking holding a skateboard they get stopped by the Police. Rec Board has been doing research and talking to other Townships to see what they offer. Idea of developing a skatepark and a basketball court for the older kids. Mayor Gettle explained to Ashely that the Borough has looked into it in the previous years and it can be revisited if need be. The reason why it did not go through previously is the cost of the insurance for the skate park itself.

David Randler – 451 Penn Ave Robesonia – no comment

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

Maintenance Manger- Carl Liptak – Nothing to report.

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT- Given by the Secretary.** Discussion on the bank account changes and the fees. Mr. Imbesi is working with the bank to get it fixed. The account needs to be coded differently. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Mellon for giving Mr. Imbesi permission for changing the bank account type so the Borough do not endure anymore fees, with more information after its completed because Mr. Imbesi is not present to speak on it.. Motion carried unanimously. Fee Schedule- Working on updating a new fee schedule the most recent one is from 2017.

**ENGINEER-** Every five years the Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding to the municipality in the county what they are doing and what the municipality is doing. They are now charging \$900.00 to review a small ES plan to allow the owner to give the Borough to review it or going to the Conservation District. On the Residents behalf we submitted a letter to them. It is only being change in the municipalities that are requesting it. Gave updated report and discussion on 2022 Road Project. Discussion on MS4.

**SOLICITOR-** Executed the Administrative Search Warrant at 510 W. Franklin and Notice of Violation was also issued today. Discussion on Cold Summit project.

**MR. FIDLER-** Rec Board meets tomorrow. Score board is fixed. Discussion on rental business banners. Police Committee made a rough draft for proposal. One is what we have right now, second option is contracting with South Heidelberg and third option is increasing our pay for our officers to optimize our own department. Another Police Committee meeting is needed. More discussion at the next Council meeting in April. Mayor Gettle discussed the difference between contracts and why police committee needs more time.

**MR. MELLON-** Received estimates for Road Project 2022. Discussion on street locations and pricing estimate. Mr. Mellon is going to reach out to the Water Authority and UGI for reimbursement to help pay for the repairs. Will report more next meeting. Possible ideas of micro-seal cost. The lot behind Turkey Hill was purchased. The Water Authority and Sewer Authority were contacted seeing if there was sewer and water hook up. Nothing has been brought to Planning Commission yet.

**MS. KELLER-** Check Facebook for all the events at the library. Joint Zoning – Zone for specific designated areas for Solar Farms.

**MR. FELICIANO-** YMCA contract has been approved and needs to be signed. The new contract rate is \$80,000.00. Carl, Rachel and Paul Hopple for Safe Serve certification. Discussed on the Square fee for family membership. Previously it was worded it was \$2.00 per membership with the new family membership covering four (4) people the wording had to be change to say “per person” to make sure that the fee that the Borough is charged for using Square is covered. Discussion on pool snack bar. Hours will be 12:00 pm–5:00 pm. Discussion for starting rate for Snack Bar Manager and part time employment. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for Snack Bar Manager rate between \$12.00-\$14.00 per hour and Part Time help \$10.00-\$12.00 an hour. Motion carried unanimously. New bank bags are going to be needed for the snack bar. Mr. Miller will go to the bank to request them. **Motion** made by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Miller, for Mr. Miller to retrieve new secure bank bags for the snack bar deposits.

Motion carried unanimously. *\* added from 4/5/2022 Council Meeting. Mr. Miller will also request extra keys for the snack bar. Discussion followed if the snack bar will take their own bank bag or if the Pool Manager will take it.*

**MR. MILLER-** Question what was the plan for the LED street lights. Mr. Imbesi was researching it to determine the cost difference between the rates of regular street lights or the LED street lights. Good Friday/Saturday, baked sale and sub sale 9am -5pm on Friday and 9am to when they sell out on Saturday. The Fire Department currently has 40 firefighters and applications are still coming in. Discussion on design on the new Borough Hall. Having a contractor come in and see what they would do for the design.

**MAYOR JENNIFER GETTLE & CHIEF PONTICIAN**– Discussed issued in the morning at school drop off. Discussion on how to elevate the back up traffic. Main Stream Industries Quote for the large speed limit sign with radar. **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Miller for a new speed sign in the amount of \$3,010.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**MR. EDWARDS** – Nothing to report.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary