

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 101 W. HIGH STREET
ON NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

This Meeting was called to order by Council President, Bruce Edwards at 7:04pm, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Council Members: Josh Fidler, Carl Liptak, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling and Bruce Edwards; Mayor-Jen Hopple, Engineer-Jim McCarthy, Solicitor-Andrew George (7:10pm), Police Chief-John Pontician and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

GUESTS – There were no guests present.

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to accept the October 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple to accept the October 16, 2018 Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion on a few of the bills, Council will review the invoices and approve the bills to be paid later in the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Liptak to pay payroll, second by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fidler, second by Mrs. Fitterling to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of Communications was given to Council Members with the following action taken:

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple to donate \$125.00 to Crime Alert.

After much discussion on the contract request from the Animal Rescue League, animal control service will be tabled until the next meeting when we have additional information.

ENGINEER

Creek Wall- Discussion on looking into eligibility for grant funding for repairing the creek walls.

Water Street Paving Project - A Pre-Construction Meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 14th at Water Street. Bruce and Jason will be attending. Discussion on receiving a letter or a Memorandum of Understanding from the Water Authority for their contribution of \$15,851.00. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Ms. Keller to award Alt.#3 at a cost of \$39,130.00, for full depth restoration. Motion carried. Minus the \$15,851.00 from the Water Authority, the Borough's cost will be \$23,279.00.

Pool – Council asked the engineer for the Maximum Occupancy for the pool; for the pool property and the pool, itself.

Traffic Light – Ms. Keller reported that she is attending a Commissioners' Meeting on November 15th to discuss the traffic light situation with them when Alan Piper will be there.

Citizen Concerns: Mr. McCarthy received a message from Mr. Fiant in regards to a citizen with flooding concerns. Previously, Mr. Hess was working on this issue. Discussion on the property concerns of Mr. Melvin Gerhart.

Apartment inspections: Mr. Edwards reported on inspections done on a neighboring apartment unit. Down spouts will need to be looked at on the Borough building.

With no further questions for the Engineer, he was excused from the meeting at 7:44pm.

Executive Session: Council went into an Executive Session at 7:45pm for litigation and a personnel issue. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:57pm with the following action taken; Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple for Council to authorize Mr. Edwards to execute the Settlement Agreement and First Amendment to Contract, on behalf of the Borough, between the COG and County Waste of PA. Motion carried. (Mr. Fidler left at 9:00pm)

SOLICITOR

Light Duty Policy: Solicitor George discussed a Light Duty Policy for full time, non-uniform Borough employees. After discussion, **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mrs. Fitterling to add the Light Duty Policy as an addendum to the Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES/BOARDMEMBERS/AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

Jason Donaldson-Supervisor Sewer Plant & Public Works: - Mr. Edwards reported the following updates from Jason:

- Garage Roof should be finished this week
- Leaf pick up will be continuing
- Going down the alleys to trim off overhanging tree branches
- Trucks and plows are ready for snow
- Okay on salt, we have a contract with the County again.
- Mr. Edwards talked to Mike, owner of West Penn Auto, and he is willing to do an independent inspection of all of our vehicles for \$20.00 apiece. This is not State Inspection, but a mechanical & safety inspection of our vehicles. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Ms. Keller to authorize West Penn Auto to provide independent inspections of our vehicles at a cost of \$20.00 each. Motion carried. Chief Pontician agreed to escort equipment that does not have a tag on it.
- If there is time, more curbs will be painted, with a roller.

MAYOR

Nothing to report

Chief Pontician

- Chief Pontician has been working on Child Safety Awareness; and doing AAA Child Safety Seat Checks.
- Chief Pontician reported that in the past year, dogs have been able to be returned to their owners thru the use of social media. There were not any calls to Animal Control in 2018.

MR. FIDLER

Sewer Authority-Mr. Edwards reported that he will be attending the Sewer Authority Meetings and the Water Authority Meetings. He reported that the Bethany sewer line is having excessive

infiltration and needs relined. The Sewer Authority celebrated with pizza at their meeting because for the first time, their assets exceeded their liabilities.

MR. LIPTAK

Pool Leak-Mr. Liptak reported that the pool is leaking in the area of the deep well, we could pay the cost to slip line it or pay a higher water bill. **Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to get an estimate on checking out the leak at the pool. Motion carried.

MS. KELLER

Traffic Light – Ms. Keller will be attending the meeting next Thursday for the traffic light.

Library-Mr. Edwards requested a motion that we will supply the letter to the LCB approving the Library's liquor event in July. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Liptak that we will supply a letter to the LCB approving the Library liquor event being held in July. Motion carried.

MRS. HOPPLE

Personnel-Interviews were held on Monday and will be held on Thursday, and again Monday.

Holiday Social-Mrs. Hopple reported that she will get the paper products, Connie to order the food at Boyer's, Jen to get the desserts, Mickey to get the invitations out, Lori to get the drinks. Holiday Social on December 18th at 7:00pm, the Workshop Meeting will start at 6:30pm.

Handbook/work hours-Mrs. Hopple wants the work week schedule to be changed as to what is stated in the new handbook. The work week will start with Sunday and end on Saturday.

MR. MILLER

Fire Company-Mr. Miller reported that Fire and Casualty Insurance offers discounted rates to first responders. Lynn Kreider attended the meeting and offered to do a Yoga Class for firefighters to help with the after effects of fighting fires.

Pool-Mr. Miller went through a box from the pool that contained a souvenir program from May 21, 1967, Poster from May 30, 1966, Re-dedication from July 21, 1991 and a few keys.

MRS. FITTERLING

Rec Board-Hometown Heroes project was discussed, Rock Hound will be making the banners.

Web Site- Pay Pal will be worked on during the Holidays.

Budget 2019-Mr. Miller and Mrs. Fitterling discussed some of the line items, including trucks and police vehicle where additional amounts were balanced forward towards the cost for these larger expenditures. Individual questions were answered about line items. The Sewer Authority's budget figures were not received yet, but they will be an in and out.

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mrs. Fitterling to advertise the 2019 Budget with no tax increase, for adoption at the December Meeting. Motion carried.

MR. EDWARDS

With nothing further to report, **Motion** to adjourn made by Mr. Liptak, second by Ms. Keller. Motion carried. This Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistreri, Secretary