

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 101 West High Street on
MARCH 5, 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 (8:20pm), Carl Liptak, Connie Keller, Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling, Bruce Edwards; Solicitor-Andy George, Esq., Engineer-Jim McCarthy P.E., Mayor-Jen Gettle (late due to work), Police Chief-John Pontician, and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

ABSENT - Council Member-Cindy Hopple (Work)

GUESTS

Christine Delp, Jody Hoover, David Mays, Pam Mays, Mary Bagenstose, Rev. June Bair, Janelle Gechter, Susan Chestnut, Tim Kreider, Lynn Kreider, Geneva Aulenbach-Reading Eagle, Trondell Windley, and Greg Richardson-Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.

Special Presentation-Traffic Data Collection and Analysis Report-presented by Greg Richardson, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. Mr. Richardson provided video from cameras placed on the intersection of Rt. 422 and Rt. 419. PennDOT had previously done a traffic study of the same area. Traffic Planning and Design did their study on Tuesday, February 19th. Council and Guests watched the traffic video, and asked questions following the presentation. The Traffic Data Collection and Analysis Report showed peak hours to be 7:00am-8:00am and 4:15pm-5:15pm. There were more left turns from Rt. 419 than Rt 422. The analysis was done with and without the split faced timing. PennDOT's analysis shows that the split faced timing will take longer to get thru the light. From a safety standpoint, the split faced timing may be what Council would want. Council will review the reports from Mr. Richardson. Council thanked Mr. Richardson and also the residents for attending this informative presentation.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Keller to accept the February 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Miller reported that he had stated at the February 5th Meeting that the YMCA would be charging \$40.00 for Swim Lessons this season, but recently found out that they will be charging \$60.00.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to accept the February 19, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$39,914.56. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Liptak to ratify the payment to Fulton Bank-loan balance in the amount of \$118.50.

Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Mrs. Fitterling to approve paying this week's payroll. Motion carried.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A resident from North Second Street complained that the snow plow driver was going so fast that he pushed the snow and slush up on the sidewalks and onto his front porch. A resident from W. Franklin Street complained about a neighbor that refuses to move his vehicle and the plow has to plow around his car. Discussion on the signage on W. Franklin Street, and why it isn't enforced. Research will be done on the origin of the signs. Council also heard a complaint of bamboo that a neighbor planted that is a nuisance and growing wild. Pastor June Bair would like to have the no parking signs reversed on N. Third Street near the church.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Liptak discussed the purpose of the new Waste and Recycling Ordinance, and the benefits to the residents from the equipment that would be purchased if the grant funding is approved. The three municipalities in the COG are adopting a similar ordinance and recycling will be mandatory. Mr. Edwards also explained that the current hauler will not collect glass any longer with the recycling. Educational information will be coming out in the newsletter and on the web site. Discussion on MS4 remediation requirements and the Water Street Project to put storm sewers in, filtering water under the road, through a rain garden on the pool property, into a pipe system before it returns slowly to the stream. Discussion on roads and alleys being put on a schedule for future paving and construction of sub bases where needed.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to adopt Ordinance 2019-01 The Womelsdorf Borough Municipal Waste and Recycling Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

Trondell Windley-Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor: Questioned Council on the placement of the batting cage. Discussion that it was to be set up in the parking lot. Mrs. Fitterling will talk to the baseball team and get back to Mr. Windley. Mr. Windley reported that salt from American Salt Co. was ordered two weeks ago, but has not been received yet. Discussion on uniform service for the Maintenance Department. National Uniforms is still sending invoices for the Sewer Plant and Maintenance. The Sewer Authority was to discuss ending that service at their meeting. Mr. Windley reported that tomorrow A. H. Moyer will be pipe digging at the ball field. Discussion on getting bids for plumbing repairs at the library. With no further questions for Mr. Windley, he was excused from the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Liptak to donate \$500.00 to the Center for Excellence in Local Government. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter-A few articles still need to be submitted before going to the printer.

SOLICITOR

Hold Harmless Agreement-Solicitor George will review the Hold Harmless Agreement he was given by Mr. Miller. This is used with each Use of Facilities application for Borough property.

ENGINEER

Engineer Jim McCarthy reported the following:

Water Street Project-The Water Authority is complete with their main replacement thru there. Next, will be UGI. Residential parking will be available in the evenings and on weekends. Everything is running on time.

S. Linden Alley Flooding-Another NOV to be sent to the property owner.

PJ's Pizza – Will be coming to the Planning Commission Meeting on March 18th.

Traffic Light-The traffic light was talked about at length tonight. Discussion on a letter from the Engineer and Solicitor to PennDOT with the safety concerns with the timing of the traffic light. For safety purposes, perhaps they can tweak the timing. Lengthy discussion on accidents, traffic flow, difficulty making left turns from Rt. 419, etc.

Pool-Engineer McCarthy is looking for a pool consultant. Mrs. Fitterling reported she gave Trondell the contact information for Karen Roach, who is a pool specialist and may be able to refer a contractor for the pool project.

Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract-**Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to go with Telco for the maintenance contract for the traffic signal, at the annual cost of \$170.00. Motion carried.

MR. FIDLER

Sewer Authority-Mr. Fidler reported that Dean, the Plant Operator for Miller Environmental, reported to the Sewer Authority at their meeting tonight that when he came to the facility it was in great condition. All the maintenance was up to date and recorded properly, making the turnover easier for him. With that being said, there is a lot of work to do. Mr. Fidler has a personnel issue to discuss and would like to go into executive session for that.

Office Security-Mr. Fidler reported that he visited Marion Township. The Secretary there has a Dutch style door; it was cost effective due to having a full door and a local carpenter that was able to cut the door in half.

LED Sign-Horst Signs is the only company that Mr. Fidler meet with so far. The quotes, which were sent to Council, were very expensive. Mr. Fidler will be getting a few more quotes.

MR. LIPTAK

Securing Fire Damaged House-Mr. Liptak reported that the Fire Company was going to board up the house next to the park, then decided that they were not going to do it. The Secretary reported that the home is to be demolished soon, that Mr. Fiant would have more information. Mr. Liptak will contact Mr. Fiant tomorrow.

MS. KELLER

No report at this time.

MR. MILLER

Pool-Mr. Miller provided Council with a list of things that need to be done at the pool.

Memberships-Mr. Fidler suggested that the membership fees remain the same, and have a day that the residents can come to the pool for free. Discussion on whether or not we should have a residential fee and a non-residential fee. After much discussion, **Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mrs. Fitterling to set the Pool Membership Fees at \$75.00 for Womelsdorf Borough Residents and \$95.00 for Non-Residents: with a \$5.00 discount for memberships purchased by May 20th. Discount price of \$70.00 Residents, Non-Residents-\$90.00. Motion carried.

Use of Facilities-Pool-**Motion** by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Liptak to accept the use of facilities fees as presented by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Fire Company-Upcoming events: Flower Sale to be held on April 19th & 20th. Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley Concert on May 4th. March 16th they are picking up their new truck and will have it painted in April.

MRS. FITTERLING

Web Site-Mrs. Fitterling reported that she is working on the web site, and is making progress with bill pay.

MAYOR

Mayor Gettle presented a framed artwork of the Borough Hall made by her uncle, Ray Swope. Mr. Swope also gave the Borough a colored and black and white drawing.

MR. EDWARDS

Sheds, fences, curbs and sidewalks-**Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to have Kraft Code Services take care of the permits for sheds, fences, curbs and sidewalks at this time. Motion carried.

Municipal Officials Dinner-**Motion** by Ms. Keller, second by Mrs. Fitterling for the Borough to pay the \$15.00 fee per Official attending. If you bring someone, their cost is on you. Motion carried. Mr. Edwards reminded Council not to forget to pick up the blue ribbons, since he cannot attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Restricted 3-hour Business Parking-A request was received for 3-hour parking limits in front of P J's Pizza, Stouch Tavern and Cory D. Pieffer's business from 9:00am thru 9:00pm. Mr. Liptak said that he would take the initiative to count the number of homes and apartments versus businesses and how many parking spaces there are; so that Council has more information to consider this request. Ms. Keller reported that she will not show up in Court, she cancelled appointments once already. Mr. Edwards reported that this is a separate issue, but the records will show her statement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Edwards called for a brief Executive Session for personnel reasons. Council went into Executive Session at 10:18PM and returned at 10:48PM with no action to be taken.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller. With no further business brought before Council, this Meeting adjourned at 10:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mickey Balistreri
Secretary