

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**Held at 101 W. High Street on**  
**February 20, 2018**

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT**

Council Members: Joshua Fidler, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling, Bruce Edwards, Jeff Fiant – Kraft Codes, Police Chief John Pontician and Nan Feeg – Acting Secretary

**ABSENT**

Council Member Carl Liptak, Mayor Jennifer Gettle and Jr. Council Member Jennica Pearson

**GUESTS**

David P. Randler, Geneva Aulenbach – Reading Eagle

Bills to be Paid – It was explained that Bill #28 was for the training conducted by the Police Department at the school. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$58,638.86. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll – **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Ms. Keller to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A list of communications was given to Council Members, two requesting action.

1. McCarthy Engineering/JFM Holdings LLC – Based on Mr. Hess' review of Mr. Martin's request, McCarthy Engineering Associates, Inc. is recommending full release of the \$65,000 financial security for their industrial pretreatment project. **Motion** moved by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mrs. Fitterling to release JFM Holdings \$65,000.00 financial security for the project. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Center for Excellence in Local Government – Request for financial support for the Center for Excellence in Local Government. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to be a "Supporter" in the amount of \$200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

List of Communications # 3 – Information regarding the 2018 PSAB Annual Conference and Exhibition. Mr. Edwards encouraged Council members to consider attending the Conference and informed Council he is now the voter for Berks County so he will be attending.

**GUESTS/CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

David P. Randler – Mr. Randler thanked the Chief for helping get the unregistered and unlicensed car removed. He expressed concerns regarding the apartment building next to him and also, after talking to the owner of the apartment building, requested for the owner of the apartment building be sent a letter asking for the tenants to park on their lot rather than on the street so the spaces on the street are available for the businesses. Mr. Fiant informed Council

that property is on the list of rental properties to be inspected in 2018. Discussion followed. Council instructed Mr. Fiant to address the property maintenance issues.

#### **MR. FIANT**

Rental Units – Mr. Fiant reported there are three properties not licensed, but they are about to be resolved. Property transfer inspections will be used for the Lyman and Water Street properties since they are within the six months; they will just need to pay the license fees and the third property has had their property inspected, which will be for 2018 and they will do the proper registration.

510 W. Franklin Street – Mr. Fiant informed Council citations have been issued; he is waiting to hear from the District Judge when it will be scheduled.

Old Boot Factory Businesses – Mr. Fiant reported Motley had been issuing zoning permits for the new businesses as they came in the Boot Factory so Mr. Fiant feels we should be pretty good with that.

Dogwood Lane – Mr. Fiant informed Council the property that had the fire has been sold and he has the demolition and building permits for review and approval. The new owner will be coming to the Borough for the \$28,000.00 escrow security money once the demolition is complete and the property is cleaned up. Mr. Fiant questioned the other property on Dogwood Lane that Council expressed concerns regarding property maintenance because he has been unable to locate it. Council agreed the issues have been resolved.

Jefferson Street/Linden Alley Drainage Problem – Mr. Fiant reported he was there during a recent rain and took pictures, which he forwarded to Mr. Hess, who is working on it. Mr. Fiant also shared the pictures with Council. According to Mr. Fiant, Mr. Cuevas has removed from timbers from the alley and they will eventually be removed from the property. Discussion followed.

Land Development Plans – Mr. Fiant discussed with Council the owners' intentions for 105 Mill Road and 157 West High Street. Discussion followed. Council agreed for Mr. Fiant to discuss these two properties with Mr. Hess regarding Land Development Plans.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Newsletter – Mr. Edwards reminded Council members articles are due February 28.

#### **MS. KELLER**

Curbs and Sidewalks – Ms. Keller questioned if we have a list of contractors for curbs and sidewalks. Council agreed the Borough does not recommend contractors. Discussion followed regarding plowed snow thrown on the sidewalks after streets were cleared and declared snow emergency that was not enforced as well as order of streets salted and plowed.

#### **MR. FIDLER**

Nothing to report, but he informed Council he will be out of town so he will not be able to attend the Sewer Authority meeting on February 21.

**MR. LIPTAK** – Absent

**MRS. HOPPLE**

Employee Handbook – Mrs. Hopple reminded Council she needs any changes for the Handbook in writing by the end of tonight’s meeting. Discussion followed.

**MR. MILLER**

Pool – Mr. Miller informed Council pool memberships will not be able to be purchased online through the Borough website, only at the Borough Hall and during Memorial Day weekend at the pool since it will not be set up on the website in time. Discussion regarding receiving grant money since the pool is a non-smoking area. Rec. Board would like to know the maximum number of occupancy at the pool because they would like to have a pool party with a covered dish for Borough residents with sign up at the pool according to Mrs. Fitterling. Mr. Miller would like this to be discussed first. Mr. Miller informed Council he has the lease agreement signed by Mr. Mumma for the snack bar, which needs Borough signatures. He also informed Council there will not be a fee increase for the “Y”; the price stayed the same as last year, however, next year the “Y” may increase their fee due to them trying to get someone to manage it each year. Discussion followed regarding the swale at the pool for the Water Street road project. Council agreed they want to move the fence and have it outside the fence rather than where the Engineer currently has proposed it be placed inside the pool area. Mr. Edwards will contact Mr. Hess.

**MRS. FITTERLING**

Website– Mrs. Fitterling informed Council she is continuing to work on the website.

Rec. Board

- Remote Controller - Mrs. Fitterling reported the remote controller for the ball field scoreboard needs to be kept in a controlled climate and the Rec. Board is working on a form to be signed regarding usage and storage of the remote controller. The Rec. Board will not be approving the ball field Use of Facilities Form for baseball until they have that form in place.
- Playground – Rec. Board wants to put the information regarding summer playground in the newsletter. Discussion followed. Mrs. Hopple requested Mrs. Fitterling contact Judy Dalesandro, last year’s leader, to see if she is planning on returning.
- Yard Sale – Mrs. Fitterling informed Council a Community Yard Sale has been scheduled for May 12 starting at 7 am.

Councilman’s Boot Camp – Mrs. Fitterling would some time like to discuss with Council some of the topics covered at the Boot Camp including liaisons, Sunshine Act, public meetings, policies and procedures, etc. She recommended others to attend if it is offered again because she found it very informative. Mrs. Fitterling learned donations can only be made to the library, volunteer fire company, regional organizations and certain civic and veterans organizations.

**MAYOR** – Absent.

- Chief – 23 snow and ice violations were issued according to Chief Pontician. Council discussed the recent Snow Emergency.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Police – Resident Geneva Aulenbach, who is also a teacher at the Elementary School, congratulated the Police Chief on the In-service Program he conducted at the school and expressed to Council how lucky we are to have the leadership with the police and the force we have.

### **MR. EDWARDS**

Melissa Edwards Run – Mr. Edwards reminded Council the run is April 28 and this will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the run.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Nan Feeg  
Acting Secretary