

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on

February 19, 2019

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, Carl Liptak, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling, Bruce Edwards, Police Chief John Pontician, Jeff Fiant – Kraft Code Services, Nan Feeg – Acting Secretary and Mayor Jennifer Gettle (7:55 PM).

GUESTS

Reading Eagle Reporter Geneva Aulenbach, David Randler and Sarah Conlon.

Bills to be Paid – Mr. Edwards commented on Bill #1 to A.H. Moyer regarding the sewer issue at the library and the adjustment to the bill, and noted he will be discussing the quote to repair the sewer line with the Sewer Authority. Discussion followed. It was questioned why National Uniforms is still charging for uniforms for the two sewer guys who are no longer employed, especially after National Uniforms was supposedly contacted regarding this. The maintenance guys are not happy with the service they are receiving from National Uniforms according to some Council members and are not using the uniforms from National Uniforms. Mr. Edwards presented a quote Trondell Windley got from Cintas for uniforms. Discussion followed. It was suggested to check into the contract with National Uniforms before making a decision on switching companies. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$41,814.54. Motion carried unanimously.

Payroll – **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Liptak to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Fitterling, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of Communications was given to Council Members, none requesting action. Mr. Edwards informed Council he received a letter from FEMA announcing our Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter – Council members were reminded articles are due by February 28, 2019. Mr. Edwards informed Council he and Mrs. Balistrieri are working on things to include in the newsletter because there is a lot of education that needs to be done regarding the grant. It was noted by Mr. Edwards the newsletters will be delivered to every household.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Dave Randler – Mr. Randler distributed subpoenas for a summary trial and then questioned as well as pointed out things on the Borough Website, which Mrs. Fitterling is trying to or will address.

Sarah Conlon – Ms. Conlon discussed with Council her complaint regarding the professionalism of one of the police officers, which Council informed her the Chief and the Police Committee are working on it.

MR. FIANT

Mr. Fiant reported the following:

- Rental Properties – He believes the rental properties are pretty much taken care of; maybe one or two left.
- 131 E. High Street – Mr. Fiant reported the former tenants are purchasing a property in the Borough and a lot of their items have been removed. The property has been secured so Mr. Fiant believes the restoration of that property will begin shortly.
- 128 E. High Street – Mr. Fiant informed Council he met with Rich Brandt, who is working on getting it sold, demoed and cleaned up. Mr. Fiant informed Council Mr. Brandt wants to pay for Mr. Fiant's billable time meeting with him, but Kraft cannot bill Mr. Brandt directly, the Borough must do so if they wish. Mr. Fiant expressed concern because he would like to see the house secured and Council agreed. Discussion followed. The Fire Company had previously offered so Council agreed to let them secure the building, with the Borough purchasing the supplies to do so.
- Stack at Boot Factory – Mr. Fiant reported the owner was very good to work with through that process and took ownership of it right away. Mr. Fiant has contacted Empire Wrecking to remove the jersey barriers since the stack is just about down.
- West Franklin Street Properties – Mr. Fiant informed Council NOV's have been sent out for the two properties on West Franklin Street.
- North 2nd Street Property – Mr. Fiant was asked by a Council member to look into the back of the house of a property on North 2nd Street.

MR. FIDLER

LED SIGN – Mr. Fidler informed Council he had Horst Signs do demos of various signs and he is still waiting for quotes from them. He explained the new signs have panels like the current sign, which need to be replaced over time; although they do offer one- and five-year warranties. He has sent an email to Brown Signs and has not heard back from them. It was suggested he contact Sign Medics out of Lancaster also.

MR. LIPTAK

DEP Grant – Mr. Liptak reported he and Mr. Edwards met with three members of the DEP and Jane Meeks from the County regarding the grant. They gave pointers regarding the application, so some of the wording has been changed. Council members were given a new trash and recycling ordinance for review, and will need to be adopted. It was noted by Mr. Edwards, this Ordinance will replace the old trash ordinance rather than amending it and will include recycling, which we never had a recycling ordinance before. Mr. Liptak explained that in order to qualify for the grant, we must have a recycling ordinance. Mr. Edwards noted it has been reviewed by the Solicitor and explained the trash/recycling contract with the hauler has to abide by the Ordinance, but it can be more restrictive. It was noted by Mr. Edwards in the future only a resolution will be required to change the cost we are charging residents and a resolution to change what recyclables rather than amending the Ordinance. Discussion followed. **Motion** moved by Mr. Liptak, seconded by Mr. Miller to advertise the proposed trash and recycling

ordinance, which replaces the old trash ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Edwards emphasized recycling will be mandatory, including businesses as well as any public event attended by more than 200 people and no recycling containers are to be used for trash.

Use of Facilities – Mr. Liptak informed Council he is approving the following as requested on the Use of Facilities Applications:

- WACA Health Screen – Use of the Council Room on March 23, 2019, 6 am – 10:30 am. Special Requests as listed on the following Use of Facilities Applications:
- Ray Swope Pavilion – WACA Fishing Rodeo – June 15, 2018, 7 am – 1 pm
- Donald Moyer & Ray Swope Pavilions – Car Show & Cruise In – June 6, 2019, 7 am – 8 pm
- Donald Moyer & Ray Swope Pavilions – Community Days Carnival – July 12– July 20, 2019, 8 am – 11pm
- Donald Moyer & Ray Swope Pavilions – Annual Car Show – Sept. 8, 2019, 7 am – 8 pm

MS. KELLER

Traffic Light – Ms. Keller informed Council she is still questioning why the Borough is responsible for all the costs of construction regarding replacing the traffic light, especially since we already paid thousands of dollars for that light. She informed Council she is trying to contact Bill Semko, who according to her research, pleaded with PennDOT leave them there. She reviewed the memorandum with Council and would like to talk to Senator Argall and also discuss things with the Mr. Boyer listed in the memorandum. Mr. Edwards explained PennDOT is finally allowing us, if we follow their guidelines, to maybe let it be done. He also noted we went from a single lane to two lanes. Discussion followed.

Sewer Plant Manager and Assistant/Maintenance – Ms. Keller questioned if the Sewer positions have been advertised and was informed, they were and it is now up to the Sewer Authority. She also stated our old guys can answer questions rather than going to Robesonia with questions. Discussion followed.

MRS. HOPPLE

Personnel – Mrs. Hopple informed Council we have received one application for the Sewer Plant positions.

MR. MILLER

Pool – Mr. Miller informed Council the lease for the Snack Bar has been signed by Luke Mumma. Nothing has changed except the year; same amount as last year. The pool rules have been re-done as well as the application. The \$2.00 convenience fee has also been added to the Pool Membership Application and Information Page. He needs to meet with the Pool Committee regarding the Use of Facilities Form. The “Y” is asking to charge \$137.50 for 2 hours for a pool party after pool hours. They will be supplying four guards and a manager for up to 75 people and it includes 15 minutes of set-up and clean-up. Discussion followed regarding the Hold Harmless Agreement and needing updating. Council agreed the Hold Harmless Agreement is to be sent to the Solicitor for review/updating.

Fire Company – Nothing to report.

MRS. FITTERLING

Rec. Board - Mrs. Fitterling reported the license for the movies was denied by the Library since it cannot be taken off library property. It is \$590 for a one-year license and you have to designate a place where the movie(s) will be shown, so it cannot be moved around to different locations. Discussion followed. It was suggested that if the Borough gets the license, can the movie(s) then be shown on any Borough property so Mrs. Fitterling will look into this. The Rec. Board would like to ask the art students at the school to paint figures on the bottom of the baby pool. Discussion followed. She also questioned if the leak will be fixed at the pool while it is being dug up for the runoff and informed Council there is still a broken pipe up at the ball field that needs to be fixed because there are baseball teams who have submitted Use of Facilities Applications for the spring. Maintenance will also need to be done on the field according to Mrs. Fitterling. Mrs. Hopple reminded Mrs. Fitterling the Rec. Board is to handle the Playground. Mrs. Fitterling announced the Community Yard Sale is May 11, so she will make sure the Rec. Board submits an article for the Newsletter as well as information for Summer Playground. The new member to the Rec. Board, Marjorie, would like to maintain the Borough planters at her own cost according to Mrs. Fitterling. It was questioned if she would maintain the flowers at the Memorial as well, although those are already paid for.

Website – Mrs. Fitterling reported she is having issues with the website, which she is addressing. As far as bill pay, she is not sure pool memberships will be able to be paid through the website due to the multiple fees. Mrs. Fitterling informed Council she does appreciate any feedback she gets for the website.

MAYOR/CHIEF

2nd & High Parking Lot – Mayor Gettle informed Council the ordinance for parking on that lot is being enforced. Discussion followed.

Police Committee – Mayor Gettle informed Council the Police Committee will be setting up interviews. The Police Committee requested they receive copies of the applications for those being interviewed beforehand.

MR. EDWARDS

Sewer Authority – Mr. Edwards informed Council he will be attending this month's meeting; Mr. Fidler is unable to attend.

Trash Liens – Mr. Edwards informed Council there are three accounts that will be forwarded to the Solicitor to have liens placed on their properties for non-payment of garbage bills.

Shed/Fence/Curb and Sidewalk Permits – One shed permit has been received for review and approval. Mr. Edwards will discuss with Mr. Liptak how these are to be handled now since Mr. Donaldson is no longer an employee.

Engineer – It was questioned if Mr. McCarthy sent the certified letter regarding Linden Alley and if he put the bids out for the filters at the pool. Mr. Edwards will check with Mr. McCarthy.

COG – Mr. Edwards informed Council the COG will be meeting on February 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

Hole at Park by Second Bridge – Mr. Fidler questioned Council if a volunteer would be allowed to fix the hole. Discussion followed. It was agreed to check with the Engineer at the next Council Meeting.

Executive Session – Council went into Executive Session at 8:45 PM for litigation according to Council President Edwards and returned at 9:10 PM with no action to be taken.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Nan Feeg
Acting Secretary