

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on
JULY 16, 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, Carl Liptak, Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Wayne Miller, David Moyer and Bruce Edwards; Code Enforcement Officer-Jeff Fiant, Mayor Jen Gettle and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

GUESTS

James Mellon, Sr.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Liptak to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$32,750.69. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler to accept the list of bills to be ratified; (3) invoices for the Sewer Authority totaling \$26,454.96. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Liptak to approve paying this week's payroll. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

A list of Communications was given to Council Members, one requiring action. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Ms. Keller to pay the Berks County Borough's Association 2019 Dues at a cost of \$50.00. Motion carried. Mrs. Hopple suggested that the \$250.00 donation from the VFW Post#6558 for the Womelsdorf Pool be used for a Labor Day Pool Event, and include the VFW.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Jeff Fiant

Property Maintenance Updates

- Camper parked next to Henner Apartments, with someone living in it. Property owner had the person move his camper to a campground.
- Answered a complaint for chickens in the back yard at 50 E. High Street; resident is not happy but will be getting rid of the chickens. Discussion about stones washing down from one neighbor to another on N. Second St.
- The fence was removed at 121 W. Jefferson St.

Rental Licenses & Inspections

64 Properties were inspected, 44 have received their Certificate, 24 are not yet licensed.

Concerns for Code Enforcement

Mrs. Hopple reported the hole in the alley at the boot factory, caused by the downspouts and the strong odor again from the animals. Mr. Fiant has a meeting scheduled with the property owner.

328 Dogwood Lane multiple vehicles parked in the yard. Chief Pontician to check registrations. 107 N. 4th Street is loaded with junk and weeds. 321 W. High Street has multiple cars, unlicensed vehicles, and is doing automotive repairs out of his garage. Ms. Keller reported underground work done by PPL and their contractors that have not come back to finish the work; there is a whole in the street, in the sidewalks and in a driveway at 207, 209 and 211 S. 4th Street. They did not get permits. With no further questions for Mr. Fiant, he was excused at 7:40pm.

MAYOR

Mayor Gettle reported that she did not hear any complaints about fireworks.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

MR. FIDLER

Trash cans-Mr. Fidler presented information including costs for a trash can in front of the Borough Hall. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Ms. Keller to purchase two gray trash cans at \$167.50 each; one for in front of the Borough Hall and one for the bus stop at the Town Park. Motion carried. Ryan will make the lettering for the two cans.

Rec Board-Mr. Fidler reported that the Rec Board Members have some good ideas. The Rec Board tabled the purchase of additional chairs for the pool, due to there being plenty of chairs now and having to move them for mowing, etc. A pool meeting is being requested by some citizens. Discussion on the pool work with Main Line hopefully starting next week. Discussion also on an outdoor shower, to rinse off prior to getting in the pool.

Hold Harmless/Insurance-Rec Board wanted to know if the insurance coverage amount could be lowered. Council would talk to the Solicitor about the insurance at the next meeting. Right now, we are requiring the Borough to be named as an additional insured.

Christmas Tree Lighting-The Rec Board is scheduling the Tree Lighting for the 1st Sunday in December at 6:00pm; the rain date will be the next day on a Monday. They would like to use the election display boards to advertise the Tree Lighting.

Secret Santa-Rec Board wanted to know if there was interest in doing a \$20.00 secret Santa gift exchange. Council was not interested in participating.

Christmas Light Contest-The Rec Board would like to have three groups judging; Rec Board, Council, and Citizens. House judging done possibly on the same day as the Women of Today's Santa on the Firetruck Project.

Halloween Parade-The Rec Board is working with a resident who wants to bring back the Halloween Parade.

Duck Crossing Signs-Rec Board would like to purchase duck crossing signs, to be put up.

MR. LIPTAK

Use of Facilities-Mr. Liptak reported that the Womelsdorf Mennonite Church would like to have their annual Baptism Ceremony in the Town Park, as they have done for the last few years, on August 18th. Council was okay with the usage request.

MS. KELLER-Nothing to report at this time

MRS. HOPPLE

Personnel-Mrs. Hopple reported that Steve will be leaving us for summer help; but will be available for the winter snow removal. Mrs. Hopple would like to receive three or four more applications with different experience.

Mrs. Hopple said that her husband power washed the pavilion in Town Park, and it looks new.

Pool-Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller to purchase a 60" ceiling fan for the pool building at a cost of \$508.00. Motion carried.

Web Site-What is happening with the website? Mr. Fidler said that the Chief will be talking to Max's son.

MR. MILLER

Water Trucks-Mr. Miller suggested putting a no trucks sign on Jefferson Street.

Pool-Mr. Edwards reported that the water fountain is broken, the copper tubing that the water flows through was split. The Sewer Plant has the same water fountain that is not being used because of the water cooler. Mr. Edwards will ask at the Sewer Authority Meeting.

MR. MOYER

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Moyer to tell Council about himself. Mr. Moyer talked about his work history, his family, life experiences, and future goals. He looks forward to getting involved and feels his broad experience will be helpful.

MR. EDWARDS

COG-The COG will be meeting to get started on the contract.

Bunker Hill Road-Mr. Edwards reported that the guys got some cold patch samples for free to try. It is supposed to work better than hot patch. It is sold in bags, by the skid. Mr. Edwards would like to start a 20-year road plan. Take a road map and number the streets in the order of priority for repair.

With no further business brought before Council, Motion for adjournment by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler. Motion carried. This Meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri
Secretary