

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD AT 101 W. HIGH STREET ON
APRIL 17, 2017**

This Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Council President Bruce Edwards, 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 Gettle, Code Enforcement Officer-Jeff Fiant, Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri and Jr. Council Member-Jennica Pearson (8:00pm)

GUESTS

Geneva Aulenbach, Reading Eagle Reporter

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$74,011.33. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mrs. Fitterling to accept the one bill to be ratified; West Side Auto Body Service for \$500.00. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Council was given a list of Communications, with the following action taken:

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to accept with regrets, Earl Ibach's resignation from for Womelsdorf Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler to renew the Borough's MS4 Permit with PA DEP NPDES with an application fee of \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

MAYOR

Police Applications-Mayor Gettle reported that next Tuesday, two candidates will be interviewed for Part-time Police positions.

Mayor Gettle reported receiving a free book in the mail, that she will read and then donate it to the library. Council is welcome to read it.

OLD BUSINESS

Mitch Ulrich-Former resident and Mayor of Womelsdorf returned his Borough Code Book and donated a wooden plaque that was presented to him from the Womelsdorf, Germany visitors from 1986; for the Borough to display.

JEFF FIANT - CODE ENFORCEMENT

510 W. Franklin-Mr. Fiant reported that a hearing was held with the Judge; the property owner was given a period of 40 days to get the water account current. As of yesterday, the payments were not made. The 1st week of May is the next hearing. It will be up to the judge to determine whether the home is inhabitable without water. This is not the first time we have been down this road with this property. Sanitation is an issue, toilet facilities cannot be used without water.

107 S. Front -Mr. Fiant will be stopping to see that the problems here are in the process of being resolved.

Boot Factory-Thursday at 3:00pm, there will be a meeting to go through the property. Discussion on some of the concerns.

105 Mill Road-Mr. Fiant reported that an application for demolition of the old barn was submitted. The owners would like to put up a pole barn for their homemade light fixtures. They are requesting a waiver from the land development process.

Rental letters-The rental letters are ready to be sent out, per Mr. Fiant.

Discussion on Mulberry Alley being closed by the construction crew working on Mr. Razano's property.

Fire Escrow Release Request- Based on the recommendation of Mr. Fiant; **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Hopple to release the Fire Escrow in the amount of \$28,000 to Rodney Manbeck for 345 Dogwood Lane. Motion carried.

500 W. High Street-A new sidewalk will be installed; question if a handicap ramp would need to be installed. A handicap ramp will need to be installed.

Notice of Violation-Mr. Fiant will be issuing a Notice of Violation for the Water Street home and N. Second Street home with chickens; and Dogwood Lane home with unused pool. Report of trash and junk that caused a fire on Franklin Street.

Lengthy discussion on potholes, Water Street road/drainage project and Penn DOT workers violation of MS4 regulations. With no further questions for Mr. Fiant, he was released from the meeting at 8:05. Mayor Gettle also left the meeting.

MR. FIDLER

Sewer Authority-Mr. Fidler reported that he will not be able to attend the Sewer Authority Meeting tomorrow due to having an event planned.

Police Committee-Police Committee Meeting to conduct two interviews next Tuesday evening.

MR. LIPTAK

Use of facilities-Mennonite Church-Request to have the chain open for ice cream truck to enter, approved. Discussion that cars are not to park inside the park.

Lifeguard stands-Mr. Liptak reported that Jason found portable stainless steel lifeguard stands at a cost of \$1,200.00 each. **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mrs. Fitterling to purchase (2) lifeguard stands at a cost up to \$2,400.00. Motion carried.

Electric comparisons-Mr. Liptak reported that he has the stack of electric bills to go over; our contract is up the end of December. Mr. Liptak will go over the UGI bill as well.

Commercial Insurance Renewal-Mr. Liptak and Mickey will be meeting with the insurance agent at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 1st. Questions/Concerns to be addressed: Mr. Miller would like to see if the age of 25 for rentals is required.

MS. KELLER

Robesonia Pool-Discussion that Heidelberg Township owns the pool, but they do not management it.

Traffic light-Ms. Keller reported that she wrote to Representative Jozwiak to explain the issues with the traffic light. Rep. Jozwiak did not get back to Ms. Keller. Mr. Fidler reported that Mr. Jozwiak didn't understand what was going on, and that he is talking with Penn DOT.

JCP – J. PEARSON

Information about the Shade Tree Commission will be given to Jennica after tonight's meeting.

MRS. HOPPLE

Senior Expo-Mrs. Hopple reported that she talked to the Merchandiser about the Senior Expo. Mrs. Fitterling has flyers for the web site. The Expo will be May 8th from 11:00am – 7:00pm.

Handbook-Mrs. Hopple reported that the handbook is done, all the new corrections were added. Mickey was asked to get clear binders, copy and get out to the employees. The signature page is to be signed, returned by May 1st, and put in their personnel file.

CDL Licenses-Mrs. Hopple reported that Jon Claypoole passed his CDL test on March 28th and Billy Covell passed his on April 12th. **Motion** by Mr. Fidler, second by Mr. Liptak to give J. Claypoole and B. Covell \$1.00/hr. raise for obtaining their CDL License; retroactive to the date they passed their CDL.

Pool-Mrs. Hopple discussed the pool. (Ms. Keller left the meeting at 8:35pm) Following discussion, some ideas to stay competitive and provide convenience to our new and returning members included: authorizing memberships to be purchased at the pool again, looking into accepting credit card purchases, and eventually being able to purchase thru the new web site. Mr. Miller will contact Rick Wagner.

MR. MILLER

Pool -Mr. Miller got approval to distribute the pool flyers through the elementary school. Mr. Miller has a signup sheet for handling the sale of memberships at the pool on Memorial Weekend.

MRS. FITTERLING

Rec Board Meeting-The sports items to be inventoried by the Rec Board.

Summer Playground-Mrs. Fitterling updated the playground applications and liability forms.

Pay Pal-Mrs. Fitterling reported that she is going to create a fake business to see how pay pal will work on our web site. Concerns about pay pal to be looked into by the Solicitor.

Computer Concerns-Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Fitterling discussed the problems with Mickey's computer due to age.

MR. EDWARDS

MS4-Mr. Edwards reported that the MS4 Steering Committee meets this Thursday at 3:00pm. Mr. Edwards cannot attend due to preparations for his mother's funeral. Mr. Edwards thanked Council for the flowers, cards and snacks.

YMCA-Mrs. Fitterling reported that Rick contacted her from the "Y" to ask if she would advertise for lifeguards on the Web Site. Mrs. Fitterling also had the information put on the LED sign.

10th Annual Run-Mr. Edwards discussed to upcoming run which benefits our library.

Business cards-Mrs. Fitterling is looking into business cards for the Borough.

Executive Session – Mrs. Hopple requested an Executive Session for Personnel reasons. Council went into Executive Session at 9:29pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:44pm with no action taken.

With no further business brought before Council, **Motion** for adjournment made by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Hopple. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri
Secretary