

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD AT 101 W. HIGH STREET ON
JULY 17, 2018**

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, Lori Fitterling, and Bruce Edwards; Mayor-Jen Gettle, Code Enforcement Officer-Jeff Fiant, Police Chief-John Pontician, and Secretary-Mickey Balistrieri

GUESTS

Christine Delp and Dave Randler

ABSENT-Jr. Council Member, Jennica Pearson

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Liptak to accept the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$60,961.85. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Fidler to ratify the reimbursement for Ivy Bingaman for art supplies purchased for the summer playground painting project in the amount of \$28.61. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mrs. Fitterling to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter requesting assistance from the Borough in building or sponsoring a basket to be raffled off at upcoming Fire Company and Community events as a fundraiser for the 125th Anniversary of the Womelsdorf Fire Company. 100 firefighters and townspeople from Womelsdorf, Germany will be attending. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple that we do a basket for this fundraiser with a maximum budget of \$100.00, second by Mrs. Fitterling. Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mrs. Christine Delp following up on the fireworks problems, reporting continued late night noise disturbances. The Police Committee is working on this with the Chief.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jeff Fiant-Kraft Code Services reported the following:

- Rental Properties-28 have been inspected; 117 were issued certificates of license, 22 issued certificates of inspection and 13 properties have not yet been licensed with the Borough. Notices of Violations have been issued to these properties.
- Rental license and Inspection Program-Discussion on changing to a rental registration instead of a license each year with an inspection ever other year. A rental inspection

certificate would be issued when the inspection is completed. This to be discussed at a later date with the solicitor.

- Property Transfer Inspections-Mr. Fiant reported that Glen went on a few inspections, there are things he would like tested regarding the water. The inspectors have added his items to their list.
- NOV's-have been issued; an appeal date has been set for August 8th at 1:30pm for one property.

Discussion on the high weeds at the East end of town. Chief Pontician reported that the property owner has been cited.

MAYOR

Mayor Gettle reported that the Ride for Freedom will be held on August 26th.

Chief Pontician

- National Night Out-August 7th; We will have everyone donating the same items; hot dogs, Sweet Streets, popcorn, ice cream. Some additions are the Dog Warden, health information, etc. Mrs. Hopple asked for help from Council Members.
- New Officers-Justin needs one more item, and the other new hire will be coming in next week.

MR. FIDLER

Police Committee-Mr. Fidler will be scheduling a Police Committee Meeting for next week.

Question on permits that are required; they are listed on the web site. Mr. Fiant explained pricing of a pool permit.

MR. LIPTAK

Water bill-Mr. Liptak reported an expensive water bill for the ballfield area. Mr. Liptak and Mrs. Hopple will attend the WRJA Meeting on July 24th. Discussion on a water break, and the water being shut off.

N. 5th St. and Winding Way-Mr. Liptak reported that the rusty can in the middle of the road was hit last week and is no longer attached to the street. It will be taken away.

Discussion on the curb/sidewalk and downspout issue at a property on W. High Street; Mr. Fiant will look into this and send the property owner a letter.

MS. KELLER

Nothing to report at this time.

MRS. HOPPLE

Personnel-Mrs. Hopple reported that Jonathan Claypoole had an accident on Sunday and is out of work at this time. Jason will be on Personal Days the next two days.

PennDOT-Mrs. Hopple questioned what happened with the PennDOT incident; it was reported to everyone that it needed to be reported to.

Ms. Keller reported that the VFW had been prepared to fix the stream before, and has asked young Bobby Shartle to talk with Jason.

MR. MILLER

Pool-Membership budget is at 95.9%, Walk Ins are at 78.8%, Swim Lessons are at \$114% of expected budget. The pool was closed on Sunday, Mr. Miller contacted Rick with the “Y”. They must notify us, by calling Cindy, if they are going to close the pool. Sunday it was not raining in the afternoon. Tuesday there was an incident reported; Mr. Miller contacted the “Y” and called the Manager on duty. Also reported was that two lifeguards were smoking in the parking lot, which is smoke fee.

Mr. Miller reported a home that has had a tv, trash, etc., in their yard for months. He also expressed concerns about a property on S. Front Street where someone is working on cars in the garage around the clock.

MRS. FITTERLING

Mrs. Fitterling presented business cards for the Borough that she had printed. She will not be able to attend the next Council Meeting, due to having surgery.

MR. EDWARDS

New trees-Mr. Edwards asked for council’s thoughts on tree planting in the western area of town. Discussion on the cons of planting trees in the grass strip. The Women of Today will be buying three trees for the pool.

County Waste-Mr. Edwards reported that he has two new phone numbers to use to contact County Waste. Mickey will email those numbers to Council; our residents can also use those numbers.

COG-The COG will be meeting tomorrow night and will proceed to renew the contract for one more year. The next contract will have to bid out for 2020. Costs could go up due to paper recycling costs. County Waste would like to use large cans for trash, like the recycling cans. The dumpsters at the pool and ballfield are picked up on Wednesdays. Discussion on grass clippings, yard waste, etc. adding to the cost of trash hauling. Mulching is recommended.

Mickey to call Rep. Barry Jozwiak’s Office for a State flag for the Borough.

With no further business for Council, **Motion** by Mr. Liptak, second by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. This Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mickey Balistrieri
Secretary