

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on

September 18, 2018

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bruce Edwards noted when the meeting started there was not a quorum.

PRESENT

Council Members: Wayne Miller, Lori Fitterling (left at 7:56 PM), Bruce Edwards, Jeff Fiant – Kraft Code Services (left at 8:02 PM), James McCarthy – McCarthy Engineering (left at 7:22 PM), Police Chief John Pontician, Nan Feeg – Acting Secretary, Connie Keller (arrived at 7:01 PM), and Carl Liptak (arrived at 7:05 PM).

ABSENT

Council Members: Joshua Fidler, Cindy Hopple, and Mayor Jennifer Gettle

GUESTS

Geneva Aulenbach – Reading Eagle

MR. FIANT

Mr. Fiant – Kraft Code Services reported the following:

- Property Maintenance – Mr. Fiant updated Council the status of various properties and NOV's that have or will be issued.
- Council Concerns – Mr. Miller expressed concern regarding the tires in back of a property on South Front Street.

Bills to be Paid – **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$50,486.19. Motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Request for Fire Police Assistance – **Motion** moved by Mr. Liptak, seconded by Mr. Miller to allow the Fire Police to assist with Robeson's Halloween Parade on Sunday, November 4, 2018, providing their schedule permits and they wish to do so. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. MCCARTHY

Water Street Project – Mr. McCarthy, McCarthy Engineering, informed Council he met with Dean from the Conservation District if they would be willing to fund an additional amount. Mr. McCarthy reviewed with Council the Water Street drainage improvements project costs breakdown that was distributed and what the Conservation District is going to vote on regarding their part of the increased accepted bid. Mr. McCarthy explained to Council the Conservation District indicated unofficially to pay for 100% of all the stormwater costs: the pipe, the trees, shrubs, bioswales and anything to do with stormwater; 100% of the erosion control costs, and they would like the Borough to consider paying 50% of the paving costs, which had been

previously agreed to, and then 50% of the general conditions such as mobilizations, bonds, backfill, etc. The Borough was always responsible for 100% of the repair of that driveway according to Mr. McCarthy. Initially the Borough's match was about \$33,000 with the District paying about \$133,000 and now with the project cost being \$310,419.28, the District is willing to fund 75% in the amount of \$232,814.46 and the Borough would only pay 25% in the amount of \$77,604.82. Mr. McCarthy explained if the Borough agrees, he will need to get everything in this week, so the QAB Committee can vote on it next Wednesday before the Board Meeting. Discussion followed. **Motion** moved by Mr. Liptak, seconded by Mrs. Fitterling that the Borough is willing to pay 25% of the total cost of the project which is \$77,604.82. Mr. McCarthy reviewed with Council the additional add-ons dealing with Mulberry Alley to High Street, and explained that we are waiting to hear back from the Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Keller volunteered to attend the Conservation District annual fundraiser for their scholarship fund on Monday, September 24, 2018.

Lantern Flies – Discussion regarding lantern flies, because they are being seen in the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

MMO'S – **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Liptak to accept the 2019 Certification for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan MMO of \$48,710.86 and the Uniform Pension Plan MMO of \$0.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Qualified MS4 Stormwater Inspector Training – **Motion** moved by Mr. Liptak, seconded by Mrs. Fitterling to pay \$750.00 for Jason Donaldson to attend the Qualified MS4 Stormwater Inspector Training in Harrisburg on October 2 & 3. Motion carried unanimously.

PSAB Fall Leadership Conference – Discussion regarding PSAB's Fall Leadership Conference October 12-14, 2018, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. No one was interested in attending.

MAYOR - Absent /CHIEF

- Full-Time Officer - Chief Pontician requested since full-time Officer Hamilton has resigned, Officer Kristen Yeager, the only other qualified officer, be moved up to full-time. Discussion followed. **Motion** moved by Mr. Liptak, seconded by Mrs. Fitterling to promote Officer Kristen Yeager from part-time to full-time along with that the salary and benefits that go with a full-time officer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Part-time Officers – Chief Pontician reported he continues to work with the two new officers and he is ready to bring on the other new part-time officer.
- 157 W. High Street – Chief Pontician called in Kraft Code Services when he was there responding to a call. Mr. Fiant reported on his findings and that he has contacted the property manager, who will take care of the issues.

MR. FIDLER – Absent

MS. KELLER

Leaf Pick-up – Mrs. Keller questioned the start of leaf pick-up and was informed the truck had to be serviced and as soon as it is back, leaf pick-up will start earlier than listed in the Newsletter due to the early fall of leaves.

Library – Mr. Edwards informed Council Lynn Kreider is looking to not only closing North Second Street for the Fire and Ice Festival in July but also closing West Franklin Street from Third to Front Streets. Discussion followed, including trucks using West Franklin and North Second Streets. No decision was made.

MRS. HOPPLE - Absent

MRS. FITTERLING

Rec. Board - Mrs. Fitterling informed Council the Rec. Board did not meet in September due to not having a quorum. The tree lighting is Monday, November 26 at 7 PM., which is listed in the Newsletter and Rec. Board is looking to move forward with the Hometown Heroes banners so they can have them up by March.

Website: Mrs. Fitterling informed Council she has removed the pool information from the website, updated other things and put the newsletter on the website. She requested pictures from Mr. Liptak for the website. Mrs. Fitterling will correct the address of the pool on the website. Discussion followed regarding the listing of community/civic events on the website, as well as discussion regarding community organizations' donations to the Borough.

MR. MILLER

Pool – Discussion regarding the leak. Mr. Miller reported we had a hard time getting some of the managers' keys returned, which are all back now, and the CEO from the "Y" was not happy with some of their employees. Discussion followed.

MR. LIPTAK

Clean-up – Mr. Liptak reported clean-up went well. Discussion regarding contractors bringing construction debris to clean-up and Council agreed to look at whether to address this before clean-up next year.

Alley at Old Boot Factory – Mr. Liptak questioned why the hole in the alley at the Old Boot Factory has not been paved yet. Discussion followed. Mr. Fiant will contact the property manager.

MR. EDWARDS

DEP Grant – Mr. Edwards briefly discussed with Council coming up with an area for yard waste and getting grant money from DEP for equipment.

COG – Mr. Edwards informed Council both sides are working on an agreement for next year and hope to have a solution by next month.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Liptak, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Nan Feeg/Acting Secretary