

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on
July 20, 2021

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 (arrive at 7:55 P.M), James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, David Moyer, Bruce Edwards; Wayne Miller, Mayor Jennifer Gettle, Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak (arrive at 8:45 P.M), and Jeff Fiant of Kraft Code Services (left at 8:18 P.M) and Secretary – Rachel Brown.

ABSENT

Police Chief John Pontician

GUESTS –Michael Feigum and Jason Chestnut

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be Paid. Discussion followed about bills that were added last minute #34 and #31. Mr. Wayne Miller questioning on #2: as to why are still paying the Sewer Plant long distance from AT&T. Mr. Jim Mellon Sr. is going to question it at the Sewer Authority meeting on 7/21/2021. #10- Security keys for pool and dugout. Mr. Bruce Edwards instructed Mr. Wayne Miller to speak with Mrs. Michelle Balistrieri as who they were for. Possibly for part time employees and to replace lost keys. Mr. Mellon questioned #4 the Chem2o for the pool. Mr. Bruce Edwards explained what it is used for at the pool.

Motion moved by Mr. Wayne Miller, seconded by Mrs. Cindy Hopple to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$25,875.15. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE RATIFIED – None

PAYROLL

Motion moved by Mr. James Mellon Sr., seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion moved by Mrs. Connie Keller, seconded by Mr. David Moyer to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council members reviewed the List of Communications: First one is about a reimbursement notification from the Penn DOTs evaluation of winter services, reimbursing the borough \$979.08. Mr. Edwards questioned if it is additional money outside of our current contract rate; with extra salt use this past winter season. Second communication was a thank you card from recently retired employee Nan Feeg.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD –

Michael Feigum – 531 W. High Street – Mr. Feigum questioned as to why the recycling was not picked up Friday. Mrs. Hopple is explaining that there were lots of discussion on the Womelsdorf Borough social media page about citizens requesting a reimbursement for a service that they did not received. Mr. Edwards then explains that it is not a borough contract, and it is a COG (Council of Governments) contract (Womelsdorf, Robeson, and Wernersville); and how each borough pays the contract. Mr. Feigum then stated that he understands how the contract progress works. Mr. Edwards tell Mr. Feigum that our prior service provider Advance Disposal was acquired by Waste Management now. The COG is meeting tomorrow 7/21/2021 at noon to vote to allow Waste Management to acquire the Advance Disposal contract. Mr. Feigum then expresses the issue that there were several issues with Advance Disposal and asked about fining Waste Management and issues with trash placement/breaking trash cans. Mr. Edwards then goes into discussion about how contracts are handle, bids, and recycling glass. Mrs. Hopple and Mr. Edwards explain the contamination process as to why we do not recycle glass anymore. Mr. Feigum requested about online payments.

Jason Chestnut – 417 E High St. – The Boy Scouts were unauthorized to use the pool for an event that they are claiming they has approval for and are refusing to provide the liability insurance and list of people attending. Mrs. Hopple is explaining to Mr. Chestnut the rules and regulations that are required for the pool events. Mr. Feigum states that he has permission from head lifeguard and management at the pool. Mrs. Hopple further explains that she spoke with the same individuals, and they relayed they Mr. Feigum had permission from the borough to use the pool for the boy scout certifications. Mr. Edwards explains the new donations rules per auditors. Mrs. Hopple reiterates that they must have the correct forms filled out, payment and insurance paperwork for legal reasons. Mayor Gettle explains why the sign in sheet is important and must be completed. Mr. Feigum states he was told by his leadership to contact the pool and pick a date the pool manager said no problem, states they were only at the pool for 30 minutes. Mrs. Keller question if the extra adults that attended were swimming and if they were not swimming, why did they have to pay. Mrs. Hopple and Mr. Edwards explain that even if they are in the pool facility to enter the gate, they must pay. Mr. Chestnut states that there were 17 people in attendance. 6 children, 6 parents, 3 adults that swam and 2 other adults. Mr. Feigum and Mr. Chestnut states that the Boy Scouts meet the first Wednesday in August (8/4/2021) they need discuss it at their meeting. Mr. Feigum states that Dennis Harman, returned a hold harmless agreement that was turned in and not signed. Mr. Chestnut asked where payment and the application could be submitted. Mr. Edwards thanked them for coming. (Mr. Feigum and Mr. Chestnut left at 7:45 P.M.)

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS - Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

KRAFT CODES- Jeff Fiant reviewed monthly report with Council.

MR. FIDLER

- No parking signs by the pool in the grass lot, neighbor asked we could move the one if you are looking at it to the right closer to the bushes. It is right next to the apron of the driveway. He brings his construction vehicles home and he is requesting that we can move the sign down a little bit. All agreed. Carl Liptak arrives at 8:45 pm and discussion about the signs and Duck crossing signs being moved.
- Donation questioning – Bruce discussed and explained the donation procedures.

Rec. Board – 3 potential events in next few months

- August 20th, Rain date August 21st
 - o Glow Party at the Pool. 8-10 pm. The event will be no charge to enter but must RSVP ahead of time. DJ, various games, and food
 - Requesting to spend an amount of \$2,500.00

Mrs. Cindy Hopple asks about the fees regarding them using the pool for the event. Mr. Edwards is allowing no charge for the use of the facility but are responsible to any additional expenses, like the lifeguards. Discussions on how they will control the guest list. Sign in sheet for the night of the event.

Motion moved by Mr. Joshua Filder, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller to allow Rec. Board to spend \$2,500.00 for the Glow Party Event. Motion carried unanimously

Continued discussions about fundraisers that the Rec Board could do.

- September 17, 2021 – back to school movie in the park
- October 30th, 2021- rent soccer field horror movie night and trunk or treat fundraiser. Use concession stand and restroom facilities. Let Carl know not to winterize the bathroom until after.

MR. MELLON

Streets/Street Lights/Curb-Sidewalk

- Handicap Parking Spot Application for 228 E. High Street for Donna Long, meets all the criteria.

Mr. James Mellon requested a motion. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Cindy Hopple seconded by Mr. Dave Moyer. Motion carried unanimously.

- Final bid for road for Cherry 4th & 5th and Canal including intersection. Pre-Construction meeting one week ago. Everything was measured. Some additional milling needs to be done. Total is \$105,101.00 Budgeted for \$100,00.00 original estimate \$93,000.00. Mr. Moyer questions certain areas that are marked. Mr. Edwards goes into detail about certain areas and driveways. Mr. Mellon said they will do the initial notification and mail. End goal is to be finished before school starts. If they need to reschedule, they are responsible for that notification. Bid was previously approved with discretion.

Sewer Authority-

- recap luncheon for Nan and Mickey down at Ozgoods.
- John Muir, the solicitor for the Sewer Authority reiterates to anyone on Council that gets in any discussions with Bethany and the issues they are having with the billing with the Sewer Authority. He asks that no one speaks on anything on the matter.

MS. KELLERLibrary

- Fire and Ice Event \$10 Saturday, Chili Competition at Carnival. 5-7pm
- Nina from the Library is resigning July 31st, 2021. She is moving.

Requested that timecards get double checked for clock in times. Mr. Miller requested looking for over lapping.

MRS. HOPPLE

- New benches arrive – last meeting their where residents from Seltzer Ave. about Tree of Heaven. Reached out to branch at Penn State there isn't anything they can do, also called the Dept of Agriculture and left messages. There isn't anything that can be done its private property.
- Issued with concerned citizen about the UCC Church Cemetery, it's a private cemetery. Nothing is changing.

Personnel – Cleaning lady Pat is retiring at the end of month, discussion for replacement and pay. Going to ask the replacement if she is interested, she is currently a crossing guard.

Welcomed Rachel Brown and any idea go to Jim for technology. Will be working on Womelsdorf Borough email set up for everyone.

Earl Ibach Memorial – September 4th, 2021, 12:00-2:00 pm visitation and 2:00 pm service. UCC Church. Very big donation was sent to the Historic Society on behalf of Earl. They would like to use it on a roof replacement.

Pool – Membership still coming in. No decrease in price for rest of season. New rules are good, there are some issues with children on the sliding board not allowed to wear vest and swim arms. A child came down with a vest on and the child went under and needed to be saved. The rule is now reinstated. Members not communicating with the lifeguards and management, Swim Team has a pool party booked.

MR. MILLER – Nothing to report.

MR. MOYER – Nothing to report. Questioning Budget vs Actual Report, Page 2 Public Safety Zoning and Subdivision. Was it a typo? \$315,000.00 from Doctors Office and Martin's.

MAYOR GETTLE – Nothing to report.

MR. EDWARDS

COG – Mr. Edwards informed Council that there is a meeting the following day to officially make a motion to transfer the Trash Contract from Advance Disposal to Waste Management. Unsure of who the new member is going to be from Robesonia to replace Dave Rohrbach. Harvey Marshall sat in the meeting with Jill Punter and will report back who the new member is.

Act 65- Spoke to Solicitor Andrew George Act 65 does not take effect until the end of August. Joan London, biggest difference is Agenda needs to be posted on website 24 hours ahead of time. Discussion of changing Council meeting to Tuesday nights. Readvertise for the rest of 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Civic Plus Website Agreement– Renew license. Discussion about who can manage website with them hosting it.

Motion moved by Mr. Joshua Fidler seconded by Mrs. Cindy Hopple.

Motion carried unanimously.

PSAB Online Learning Classes- Online Learning class for Rachel Brown.

Motion moved by Mrs. Connie Keller seconded by Mrs. Cindy Hopple.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Josh Fidler, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary