

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH WORKSHOP MEETING

**Held at 101 W. High Street on
October 17, 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: James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller (arrive at 7:03 pm), David Moyer, Bruce Edwards, Wayne Miller, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrive at 7:30 pm) , Cindy Hopple and Josh Fidler, Kraft Codes- Jeff Fiant (left at 8:15 pm), Borough Manager, Nick Imbesi.

Absent – Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak, and Secretary Rachel Brown.

GUESTS – Eileen Zerbe- 106 S. Pine St; Trista Oxenreider – 219 Main St; Sarah Bair – 203 W. High St; Alice Moyer, Little Acts of Love- 140 Mt Top Road Wernersville.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be paid; Two noted corrections #16 RVS Software was previously paid the month before and adding a reimbursement to Carl Liptak for Halloween decorations that he purchased. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$72,254.02. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

Motion moved by Mrs. Hopple., seconded by Mr. Mellon to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Moyer to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council members reviewed the List of Communications with one communication requesting action. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller to exempt permit fees for Little Acts of Love installing a front door ramp for a Veteran located in town. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD –

Trista Oxenreider- They hired a Director at the Library, Sarah Bair. She was previously the Children's Director. She has a quote for 10 PCs and 2 Laptops from the American Rescue Plan funds.

Eileen Zerbe – Wall along the stream at the park is breaking down. Are there any grants or funding that can be used for it? Mr. Edwards informed her that they have previously investigated fixing it. Discussion followed on the structure of the wall.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS – Nothing to be reported

KRAFT CODES- Gives monthly report with discussion of properties.

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER- Zoning hearing appointment- table until next meeting. Mrs. Hopple has someone in mind but wants to reach out first to see if they are interested. Online banking Mr. Edwards and Mr. Imbesi will go to the bank and have it set up. **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, seconded Mr. Miller for adding Nick Imbesi on the bank accounts as a signer and for the approval of online banking. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on who to appoint as Borough Treasurer. **Motion** moved by Mr. Fidler, second by Mrs. Keller to appoint Rachel Brown as Borough Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mellon is going to run the ethernet cords for the new phone systems. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Imbesi are to look into IT Companies and get quotes for services. Benecon only going up 1.2% next year. Mr. Imbesi would like to join the Borough Pension Plan instead of State plan. Mr. Imbesi is meeting with Paul Janson at the end of next week to start the budget plan with him. Discussion of Bi-Weekly pay weeks. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Fidler to start bi-weekly payroll starting January 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. FIDLER- Tree lightening December 5th, 2021, at 6:00 pm. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Miller for Rec Board to spend \$800.00 for Christmas Tree Lightening and decorations on the upstairs Rec room. Two years ago, there was a movie in the park and the Rec board voted to pay to pay \$100.00 and he has not been paid. Larry would have to submit an invoice for the balance to Mr. Imbesi. In the spring Rec Board has the idea of putting a Spring Clean Up for cleaning up the parks. Mr. Moyer has a local contact and is going to reach out to see what he would charge. A Rec Board member is concerned about the older kids at the park that are being mean and disrespectful to the younger kids and people who are at the park. Mrs. Hopple had a Women of Today meeting and they were asking them when they were going to leave so they could skateboard. Mrs. Hopple has communicated with the Police Department and they are aware of the situation and who the kids are. Representative Barry Jozwiak reached out to Mr. Fidler about an 2nd Amendment sign at the park. A resident called Representative Jozwiak to tell him that Womelsdorf has an Anti-Gun sign at the park, and he wants the State to get rid of it. Representative Jozwiak reached out to Mr. Fidler asking if he had any information on it. Mr. Imbesi is going to reach out to the Borough Solicitor to see what the proper protocol is. Mr. Miller asked about the score board and they did not bring it up at Rec Board Meeting.

MR. MELLON – Nothing to report on Sewer Authority. Line Drive paving is completed. Mr. Mellon was concerned about the seals, McCarthy informed them are inverted seals.

MS. KELLER- Nothing to report.

MRS. HOPPLE- Glen Eberly is going to resume working with Water Authority until they can figure out everything since Bruce's passing. October 31st Witches Pot. No Parking out front and across the street. Mr. Imbesi and Mrs. Hopple are going to meet and talk about idea on how to dedicate something in the Borough to Earl Ibach. The 457 Deferred Comp Employee Investments meeting here at 11:00 a.m. on Friday October 22, 2021. Retirement party for Nan and Mickey discussion about food and catering. Pool- The meeting at YMCA was cancelled; waiting for a reschedule date.

MR. MILLER – 47 Le France. The gentleman that is going to refurbish that and if the engine house wants to use it for parade, he will let them use it. Fire Company Meeting is Tuesday October 26th, 2021.

MR. MOYER – Planning Commission met to review the two Joint Zoning Ordinances. Womelsdorf Planning Commission has no comments.

MAYOR GETTLE/CHIEF PONTICIAN- Nothing to report.

MR. EDWARDS - Waste Management sent letters out apologizing for the disruptions in transition. Thank you note from Solicitor Andrew George.

NEW BUSINESS - Nothing to report.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary