

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH WORKSHOP MEETING

**Held at 101 W. High Street on
December 21st, 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, David Moyer, Bruce Edwards, Wayne Miller, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrive at 7:22 pm) , Cindy Hopple and Josh Fidler, Kraft Codes- Jeff Fiant (left at 7:24 pm), Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak, Police Chief John Pontician, (arrive at 8:387 pm), Borough Manager Nick Imbesi. and Secretary Rachel Brown.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the List of Bills to be paid. #13 was question and then explained Motion moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$36,364.68. Motion carried unanimously. Council members reviews and discussed the Bills to be Ratified. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to approve the bills to be ratified in the amount of \$1,625.88. 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. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fidler to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – Fee Schedule for Kraft Codes. Jeff Fiant reviewed the paperwork and informed Council on what increased.

EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/ AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS –

Maintenance Manager- Carl Liptak – Report the 25 mph signs have been ordered. Street lights in the park were fixed. Discussion on LED street lights for PPL. Would like to do a gift card for the farmer Mr. Weis, that collects all the leaves. Discussion followed. Motion made by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mrs. Hopple for gift card in the amount of \$250.00 gift card to Boyer's Food Market. Discussion on the Christmas lights and making sure we get our hardware off the poles before they replace the light poles. Mr. Miller wanted to correct his statement from the previous meeting that the lights in Sinking Springs not Wernersville and they are over the sidewalk side not the street side.

KRAFT CODES- Gives monthly report with discussion of properties.

BOROUGH MANAGER-

- Budget document review and adoption of the budget with no tax increase. Motion made by Ms. Keller, seconded Mr. Miller for adoption of the 2022 Budget as advertise with no tax increase. Motion carried unanimously.
- Scoreboard- Deglerwhiting came out and accessed the score board. The mother board in the controller is done and needs to be replaced. Discussion on who should pay for it, either Rec Board or the Borough. Motion made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler,

for the Borough to cover the cost of the repairs in the amount of \$3,418.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Comcast Franchise agreement staying at 3% and not increasing.
- MS4- updating the website and getting new posters made for Borough Hall and the Library.
- Meeting dates for the year of 2022. Discussion followed if we were keeping the Sewer Authority dates on our list when we advertise. It was agreed that we keep them on and advertise as one.
 - o Roll call
 - Mr. Fidler - Yes
 - Mr. Mellon - Yes
 - Ms. Keller - No
 - Mrs. Hopple - Yes
 - Mr. Miller - No
 - Mr. Moyer - Yes

Motion made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the list of meeting dates for the year of 2022 and advertise them and discuss with Sewer Authority on reimbursement for their section. Motion carried unanimously.

- Karen M. Kraters representing the Zimmerman Martin Subdivision and is requesting an extension for the plan review period extending until June 30th, 2022. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon, for extending the plan review to June 30th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sub Crossing Guard – Curtis Neuin **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler, hiring Curtis Neuin \$15.00/hr as a substitute crossing guard, pending background check. Motion carried unanimously.
- RKL engagement letter requiring signature – **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, second Mr. Mellon, allowing Borough Manager Nick Imbesi to sign on the Borough's behalf. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. FIDLER- Resignation from Part Time Officer Christopher Miller as of January 1st, 2022. **Motion** made by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the resignation of Christopher Miller. Motion carried unanimously. Would like to advertise for new part time officers. **Motion** made by Mr. Fidler, seconded by Mrs. Hopple, for advertising part time police officer positions. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. MELLON – Nothing to report for the Sewer Authority. Discussion on how to set up escrow accounts for UGI with the Road Opening Permits. Road Paving List for 2022 Projects. Also trying to fix some of the bad patches that are all over town as well. Planning Commission process on how to get plans to members ahead of time.

MS. KELLER- Nothing to report.

MRS. HOPPLE- Pool first of the year start making phone calls. War Memorial been to the park a couple times met with VFW. The memorial was never built for a War Memorial it was water fountain. 1991 the fountain was deteriorating, and they decided to turn into a War Memorial. 2017 the memorial had to be rebuilt. There is talk about picking it up and moving it there is no

foundation under the memorial. Carl is going to reach out to Jason Chestnut to see if there is any Eagle Scouts around still. There is a Contractor coming in to take a look at the structure of the memorial. Going to look for grants and see if we can raise money by selling bricks that can be engraved. VFW concerns are the flag poles that are on top of the water fountain base. The ropes aren't the best quality ropes. The ropes are inside the flag poles and the water from the fountain base. The last time the ropes were replaced per the VFW knowledge was 2007. Next month planning for Earl Ibach memorial will start. Santa on the fire truck was great 436 pieces of candy.

MR. MILLER – Nothing to report.

MR. MOYER – The Planning Commission approved the waiver for extensions for the Zimmerman Martin Subdivision. Our engineer did have any concerns or question about them. The swale has two poles they are going to put rip wrap in there fix and remove some of the retaining wall.

MAYOR GETTLE/CHIEF PONTICIAN- Gave report from the Police Department and discussion about speed signage. Looking into the cost of the smaller scale blinking 25 mph sign that is radar operated that can be mounted on previous post. Can be relocated around the Borough in different locations.

MR. EDWARDS – Meeting on for proposed building to build Cold Summit Solutions, Traffic Solutions report say zero to minimum traffic impact to Womelsdorf area. In the meeting they expressed up to 240 more vehicles a day will be passing through. They are taking their traffic study and doing another one to see the number of vehicles that drive through town.

Moved into executive session at 8:51 p.m. Returned at 9:01 p.m. No motions required.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Resolution 2021-02 – Borough of Womelsdorf, Berks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year of 2022. (No Tax Increase) **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple for R2021-02. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2021-03 – Resolution to set wages for Borough Employees for 2022. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller for R2021-03. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2021-04 – Resolution eliminating payments into the pension plan by participating members in 2022. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Mellon for R2021-04. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary