

## **WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Held at 101 W. High Street on  
December 15, 2020**

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENT**

Council Members: Joshua Fidler (7:28 P.M), Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple (7:17 P.M.), Wayne Miller, David Moyer, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (7:49 P.M.), Jeff Fiant – Kraft Code Services (left 7:45 P.M.) and Nan Feeg - Acting Secretary.

### **ABSENT**

James Mellon, Sr. and Police Chief John Pontician

### **GUESTS**

Carl Liptak (left 8:09 P.M.)

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Edwards noted he spoke with Mr. McCarthy and contrary to what was stated at the November 2, 2020, meeting as well as reflected in those minutes, there is no entrance to John F. Martin's off of 422; you can exit only onto 422. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to accept the November 2, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **BILLS TO BE PAID**

Council reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid, including the holiday lighting meters and noting the charge for Fall Seeding by TruGreen is \$840.00 since the seeding was listed without an amount on the Bills to be Paid. Mr. Liptak informed Council when Verizon put up their fiber optic line and PPL replaced poles, they removed some of our brackets for the Christmas lights so there are five lights that were not put up because we did not have enough brackets to replace those removed by either Verizon or PPL. Discussion followed. **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$26,939.40. Motion carried unanimously.

### **BILLS TO BE RATIFIED - None**

### **PAYROLL**

**Motion** moved by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Miller to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Ms. Keller to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A list of communications was given to Council members, none requesting action. Discussion followed regarding the changes requested by Heidelberg Township to the Joint Zoning Ordinance with several Council members agreeing they are not in favor of them at this point.

## **GUESTS/ CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – None**

### **EMPLOYEES/BOARD MEMBERS/AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS**

Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak – Mr. Liptak reported to Council they are going to start late on Wednesday, December 16, due to the snowstorm arriving later that day. He reviewed with Council the relief snow plow drivers he has lined up. Discussion followed regarding checking with the Sewer Authority about using their truck. Mr. Liptak noted the tool company located on South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street has previously donated tools so he contacted them for prices for a cordless grease gun and an impact wrench. They donated the grease gun and will be getting back to Mr. Liptak with a price for the impact wrench. Council agreed Mrs. Balistrieri should send the company a thank you note so Mr. Liptak will give her their information. Mr. Liptak will be in touch with the police regarding assistance to remove cars and informed Council they have temporarily taken down the snowman and soldier at the War Memorial due to the winds and forecasted weather.

### **MR. FIANT**

Mr. Fiant informed Council Officer Schlichter has been sending them information on unlicensed/unregistered vehicles, so NOV's are being sent. He then reviewed with Council the monthly report from Kraft Code Services LLC., including updating Council on various properties with property maintenance issues and their status. Council informed Mr. Fiant of three properties they would like checked: one at 4<sup>th</sup> & High Streets, one in the 300 block of W. High Street and one on Summit Circle, so Kraft Code Services will check those properties and address the issues if necessary. Mr. Fiant reported the following regarding rental properties: 42 properties have been inspected, 130 properties have registered with the Borough, 37 properties have been issued Certificates on Inspections, so there is only five outstanding, and all rental properties are licensed with the Borough for 2020. Mr. Fiant reported for the period 11/08/20 through 12/07/20 they have performed seven building inspections and one building permit was issued. Mr. Fiant noted on Kraft's bill there is a credit in the amount of \$432.50, which is for the permit at the pool. Mrs. Hopple informed Mr. Fiant plans are for the pavilion to go up the first week of January. With no further business for Mr. Fiant, Council excused him from the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Borough Boards/Commissions Vacancies/Reappointments – Council reviewed the Borough Boards/Commissions Vacancies and will be contacting those whose terms expire January 1, 2021, so positions can be appointed at the January Borough Council Meeting.

2021 Council Meeting Dates – Due to the situation with the Secretary, Council agreed to keep the Council Meeting dates the first Monday of the month except for July and September when they will meet the first Tuesday (July 6 and September 7) and Workshop Meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday except for May when they will meet on the third Monday (May 17) and June when they will meet on the fourth Tuesday (June 22). **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the dates of Council meetings for 2021 as presented and agreed upon. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MAYOR**

Snow Emergency – Mayor Gettle informed Council she has declared a Snow Emergency from 10 A.M. on Wednesday, December 16 – 1 P.M. on Thursday, December 17. The new police truck is ready so the Chief will be picking it up probably sometime during the week of December 21 according to Mayor Gettle. Discussion followed regarding where it will be parked.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- **MRS. HOPPLE** – Mrs. Hopple commented how beautiful the town looks with all the Holiday lights and decorations.
- **MR. MOYER** – Mr. Moyer questioned if a member of the Planning Commission can vote on or sign plans if he is employed by the construction company doing the work. Discussion followed, so the Solicitor will be questioned. Mr. Moyer questioned where we stand with the pool bids. He commended the police because what he's seen they have been very active. Discussion followed regarding the Police Department.
- **MR. MILLER** – Mr. Miller informed Council the Pool Committee held a Zoom meeting with the "Y" and the "Y" has agreed with the amount budgeted. It was a very productive meeting according to Mr. Miller.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2021 Budget – **Motion** moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Keller to adopt the 2021 Budget as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 Tax Rates Resolution # 2020-12-01 – Mr. Edwards noted there is no change for the 4.3 mills for the real estate tax, .10 mills for the library tax and .10 mills for the fire tax for 2021 and since there are no changes in any tax rates, all that is needed is a Resolution. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Resolution #2020-12-01 for the Tax Rates for 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 Wage Resolution #2020-12-02 – **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler to adopt the Wage Resolution #2020-12-02 setting employee wages for 2021 based on the 2021 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Fidler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Nan Feeg  
Acting Secretary