

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH WORKSHOP MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on July 19st 2022

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:57 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Council Members: James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Bruce Edwards, Wayne Miller, Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano, Mayor Jennifer Gettle, Police Chief John Pontician (arrive at 8:24 pm), Kraft Codes- Glen Bertloet (left at 8:36 pm), Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak, Borough Secretary Rachel Brown and Secretary Lisa Mellon.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$54,002.92. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon to approve the list of ratified bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

Motion by Mr. Mellon seconded by Mrs. Hopple, to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Feliciano, to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – Nutrition Works will be having an anniversary celebration and wanted Borough Council blessing to make sure it was okay. Will be following up if they want no parking signs or the road blocked off.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD- Eileen Zerbe – 106 S. Pine St – Concerned about all the weeds in the cracks in the sidewalks.

Trondell & Shannon Windley – 149 E. High St – No comments

CARL LIPTAK – Library air condition condenser on the roof stopped working. Repair cost was estimated to be \$3,000-\$3,500. Mr. Liptak called Mr. Edwards for an emergency expense approval–Discussed the parking requirements in Town Center. Discussion on fundraising and splash pad at the pool in honor of Davey Kraft.

OLD BUSNIESS The need to change administration permission on the sam.gov website was discussed. **Motion** made by Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Mellon to change administrative permissions to Borough Secretary Rachel Brown to facilitate grant application submissions and updates. Motion carried unanimously. MDR Church Tax Exemption – Mr. Mellon, Mrs. Hopple and Mrs. Brown were the tax emption call with the county along with Pastor Leslie of the MDR Church. The County Tax assessment office is going to reevaluate the assessment and the church chapel will be exempt and the parsonage will be taxed. Discussion on TNR program and provided documents for local TNR programs. Will discuss with Borough Solicitor about having an Ordinance developed

KRAFT CODE– Review of monthly report

MR. MELLON- Sewer Authority – John Kressling submitted his resignation effective 7/31/2022. Planned road projects for 2022 have been completed.-Some additional work will be required on N. Second St. and Locust La. due to soft base conditions. Additional work will be deferred to 2023. Discussion on gas main replacement work to be performed by UGI on High St and S. Second St. in 2023.

MS. KELLER- Fire and Ice Saturday 7/24/2022 5:00-7:00 pm

MR. FELICIANO – Pool report. Tri- Boba was there they did well. Beach Ball Bash 8/12/2022, Hawaiian Luau 8/13/2022 and Doggie Swim. Planning Commission report. Dollar General- Developer has agreed to modify existing swale to conform to MS4 standards in exchange for waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalks and the rec fee approvals on their plans as they stand right now. Discussion on trimming the trees and brush back on 422 that is blocking the signs on the highway who is going to reach out to PennDot or will our Public Works do it; if our crew, does it make sure there is a police vehicle and signs out for safety.

MRS. HOPPLE- Pool Snack Bar was inspected and passed. War Memorial and Borough Hall remodel will wait to discuss until McCarthy Engineer is at next meeting on August 2nd 2022. Wanted to extend a couple thank you's to Mr. & Mrs. Haley for taking care of the flowers at the Memorial, Carolyn Edwards for the landscape designs on the hill at the pool and Shannon Windley for volunteering her time on the weekends to come water all the flowers in town square. Rec Board last two splash parties were a great success. All members of the Rec Board were there. Hawaiian Luau August 13th 2022 1:00–5:00 pm. Fall Flea Market/Yard Sale September 17th 2022. Residents will be able to rent a section in the park or they can participate at their house. October 8th 2022- Movie in the Park Night.

MR. MILLER – The fire department cannot use the relief fund to purchase a new fire siren. They ordered the siren and are waiting for the bill.

CHIEF PONTICION – Discussion on Seltzer Ave properties and how they were originally developed. After researching the original blue prints for the properties, it shows that the two parking spots out front of each residence is the home owners. Currently working on an amendment to the current Parking Ordinance with Solicitor Andrew George and Carl Liptak. Followed by a discussion on new parking violation amounts.

MR. EDWARDS – Discussion on MS4. COG- is having a meeting July 28th 2022, to vote for the extension of the trash contract with Waste Management.

NEW BUSINESS- Parking Lot Easement on 2nd St & High – Mr. Tom Morrissey is looking into purchasing the property and the parking lot and spoke to the current owners and they explained to him that there is an agreement with the Borough. Mr. Liptak found the agreement with a set of plans. The matter was discussed with Solicitor Andrew George and he is going to send a letter to Mr. Morrissey on the Borough's behalf with a copy of the previous agreement. Mr. Josh Fidler Open Council Position - **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano appointing Shannon Windley for a 2-year term. Motion carried unanimously. Reassignment of Council Committees & Liaisons:

FINANCE Chairperson: James Mellon Sr; Cindy Hopple., Wayne Miller

Authorized Check Signers: B. Edwards, C. Hopple, W. Miller & James Mellon Sr.

POOL Chairperson: Hector Feliciano, Cindy Hopple, Shannon Windley

PERSONNEL Chairperson: Cindy Hopple; Bruce Edwards, Jim Mellon

POLICE Chairperson: Shannon Windley; Connie Keller, and Hector Feliciano

LIAISONS

SEWER AUTHORITY - JIM MELLON

LIBRARY BOARD- CONNIE KELLER

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-

BRUCE EDWARDS

WOMELSDORF FIRE COMPANY –

WAYNE MILLER

WATER AUTHORITY- CINDY HOPPLE

RECREATION BOARD - SHANNON WINDLEY

PLANNING COMMISSION-

HECTOR FELICIANO

Motion made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano for all reassignment changes and making all Finance Committee members authorized bank signers. Motion carried. 5-Yes 1- No

Moved into executive session at 9:15 pm for a personal matter. Returned at 9:50 pm with no further action needed.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Mellon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary