

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on
January 16, 2024

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: David Craft, James Mellon Sr., Cindy Hopple, Council President- Bruce Edwards, Hector Feliciano, Borough Manager- Michael Williams, Secretary- Charmaine Beck, Kraft Codes-Glenn Bertolet

ABSENT: Shannon Windley, Connie Keller, Mayor- Jennifer Gettle, John Pontician-Police Chief, Carl Liptak-Maintenance

BILLS TO BE PAID: Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid.

Motion moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$31,690.81. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL: **Motion** moved by Mr. Craft, seconded by Mr. Mellon Sr. to pay the current payroll. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon Sr. to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Aislinn Staaby, Library Board President discussed the library roof and several ongoing issues they are having with the building. She offered to do a 3-5year fund raising capital campaign to help the Borough defray some of the expenses. It was suggested that she get a list of items to prioritize with associated prices and then Council will review. She introduced Wendy Marshall and Bonnie Paparella as new Board Appointees. The Library plumbing was discussed. Mr. Mellon suggested we get a professional like Spotts, Stevens and McCoy to check into our plumbing issues there. Mr. Mellon Sr. will contact them and coordinate with Mr. Liptak. Also discussed a hand dryer so that people are not using paper towels and clogging the plumbing. Discussed repair to lighting.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Mr. Williams presented his monthly report. Discussed 2023 budget to actual amounts. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon Sr, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to renew Berks County Intergovernmental Agreement for \$300.00. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Williams is still waiting for one more quote for the furnace. It was suggested we purchase two CO2 detectors as a safety measure until the new furnace is installed. Mr. Williams has Square set up to accept trash payments using Apple Pay, a credit card or debit card. Council members were offered the link to test the system. Employee PTO tracking is now set up through our Payroll Company. We will still need to track Chief Pontician's absences as his contract has them listed individually. The \$25,000 Berks County grant for the pool splash pad was approved.

KRAFT CODES: Mr. Bertolet reviewed report. Discussed some items that have no action and the cost to the Borough. Mr. Bertolet suggested a Quality-of-Life Ordinance, which would address things like junk vehicles using a ticketing system. Our Solicitor, Mr. George could address this issue.

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MRS. HOPPLE: Mrs. Hopple and Mr. Williams met with the YMCA CEO and discussed issues from last year, employment and the budgeted amount of \$85,000 for the pool this year. Discussed CLEG secretaries' meetings.

MR. MELLON: Discussed Third St repair in front of the Church where there is water pushing up.

MR. EDWARDS: Discussed attendance at MS4 Steering Meeting and COG reorganization meeting. Police activity reported is attached for review.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Edwards will contact Mr. George regarding the approved employee handbook. Mrs. Hopple and Mr. Feliciano will serve as co-chairpersons of the pool committee.

Motion moved by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve Library Board Appointments as follows: Wendy Marshall 3-year term expires January 1, 2027, Bonnie Paparella 3-year term expires January 1, 2027, and Kelly Swanger 3-year term expires January 1, 2027. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Liptak will meet with CW Youth Baseball to discuss their request.

Motion moved by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mr. Craft to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Beck
Secretary