

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 101 W. High Street on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendees:** Council Members: Shannon Windley, James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:27 pm), Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano (arrived at 7:17 pm), David Craft, Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak, Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Spencer Ericke, and Borough Manager- Michael Williams

Absent: Borough Secretary - Rachel Brown

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mrs. Windley to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft, to approve the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes Motion carried.

**Bills to be Paid:** Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid and the list of ratified bills. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mrs. Windley to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$54,145.33. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the list of bills to be ratified in the amount of \$560.82. Motion carried.

**Payroll:** **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Craft to pay the current payroll. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mr. Craft, seconded by Mrs. Windley to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

**Communications** – Nothing to report.

**Citizens to be heard:** Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St – Questioned how much the Borough received in Covid fund money. Total over two years the Borough received \$300,000.00

Jane Fultz – 209 E High St – wondering what happened to the LED sign at the end of town. Mr. Edwards informed her that it was no longer working and to fix the sign was over thirty thousand dollars and it was decided not to fix it.

Cindy Schaeffer – 26 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St - submitted a handicap parking spot request for her husband, and the spot was denied. He recently lost his legs and would like an exception made for them to have a parking spot closer to their house. Mr. Mellon will look into it and see if one of the other spots can be moved closer to their residence.

**Carl Liptak** – Both parks and bathrooms are winterized. Soccer field bathrooms are not, they are still being used. Hometown hero banners are up. Leaf vac broke but got it fixed. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to put the old leaf vac, international tractor and bucket truck on Municibid. Motion carried.

**Borough Manager** – Budget to actual from Jan-Sept 2022 to show correct allocation in accounts.

**Solicitor-** Pay off of a lien and grass cuttings, 106 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St \$527.00. Employee handbook changes are in the temporary copy.

**Engineer** – Discussion on the sidewalk proposals in front of Dollar General. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano accepting CMS bid of \$21,861.00 to complete the sidewalk work in front of Dollar General, but not to start until Dollar General construction is completed. Motion carried. Discussion on the structural investigation of Borough Hall and Town Park. **Motion** made by Mr. Feliciano, second by Mr. Craft to get proposal for the work recommended by McCarthy for the fire escape, park bridge and cement work in the front of Borough Hall to expedite before winter starts. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Windley** – **Motion** by Mrs. Windley, second by Mr. Craft, accepting Mrs. Tiffany Dixon resignation with regret from Recreation board. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mrs. Windley, second by Mr. Feliciano accepting Melissa Troutman to

Recreation board. Motion carried. No new applications for Police Department new hires. Chief is reaching out to the Reading Police Academy.

**Mr. Mellon-** Sewer Authority is going on their own for insurance and disabilities policies. Looking to present the budget at the first meeting in December. Mr. Mellon requested the MRM list of recommendation be reviewed to see what can be implemented in the Borough.

**Mrs. Keller-** Nothing to report from the Library

**Mr. Feliciano-** Nothing to report for the Pool.

**Mr. Craft** – Fire Company need dates for CPR class. Will find out if the AEDs will be in by the time of the CPR class so we can train on them.

**Mrs. Hopple** – Meeting will begin on Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:30 pm for the Christmas Party at 7:00 pm. There are currently two hometown heroes for banners for Earl Ibach one is currently up and the other we are going to give to the family.

**Mayor Jennifer Gettle** – Need to figure out in the budget where we can put the 5- year \$6,500.00 CAD Computer system maintenance for the Police Department. Chief discussed with Council of a driver that has been harassing one of the crossing guards. New signs have been ordered waiting to hear from AAA how many they will cover.

**Mr. Edwards** – Discussion on the COG 2021 Financial Review. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano approving the 2021 financial review from the COG. Discussion on new 2023 Refuse rate. Discussion on the new Trash Contract with Waste Management and what the new quarterly rate will be per resident for the Borough. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft for the new 2023 Refuse rate of \$96.00 per quarter. Motion carried.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Williams, Borough Manager