

## **WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Held at 101 W. High Street on December 6th 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 7:14 pm), Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano, David Craft, Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak, Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Jim McCarthy (left at 9:25 pm), Borough Manager- Michael Williams, Borough Secretary - Rachel Brown and Paul Jansen via Zoom

#### **Minutes:**

**Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller to approve the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve the November 15<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 Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$54,510.54. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to approve the list of bills to be ratified in the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried.

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

**Communications** – L J Fitness was nominated as Best in Berks for the second year in a row. They are having a celebration on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 2:00 – 7:00 pm and would like to invite everyone.

**Citizens to be heard:** Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St – no comment

Tiffany Dixon – 529 W High St- no comment

Jane and Quentin Fultz – 209 E High St- Discussed concerns about the current conditions of the bridges, mainly the one on Mulberry Ally. As well as the current citation from Kraft Codes about the chickens that are on her property. Expressed concerns about the pool appearance during the 2022 season.

Harvey Marshall – Robesonia – Wanted to express his concern about a rumor that was circulating that Robesonia was not happy with their police coverage. He explained that Robesonia is very happy with their current coverage and has signed a 5- year contract with South Heidelberg Township.

David Randler – 138 W. High St- Questioned what is the current outcome with the property next door to the Stouch Tavern. Mr. McCarthy explained to him that the NOV was issued and they have been addressing the items on the list and are cooperating, since it is a matter of pending litigation, we are unable to discuss anything further. Mr. Randler also expressed his concerns about a car that was parked in front of his driveway and it took 18 minutes for a police officer to respond. It was decided that there will be a do not block the driveway sign put up and the Borough will purchase it and Mr. Randler will reimburse the Borough. Carl will install the sign in the right-a-way.

Cheryl Cavacini – 4 N Pine St – No comment

Wynn Herbine - 117 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St - discussed organization where he thinks the Borough can receive funding for the bridge repairs.

Larry Hollahan – 138 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St – no comment

Thomas Morrissey – Discussed the current private/public parking lot that Mr. Morrissey acquired when he purchased the property on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> St and High St.

**Carl Liptak** – the new Library bench that was donated from the Womelsdorf Area Community Association was installed out front of the library. Need to reach out to Charlie about the concrete work for the front of the building. Preparing the old police car for Municibid, is taking letters off and radios out. Need to have Chief take a look over and make sure everything is off. Training Tiffany on plowing. Next big project is painting Mike's office. Next week will be the last week for leaves.

**Borough Manager** – Informed Council that Kraft Codes is merging into Kraft Municipal Group. MRM recommendations were discussed. RJ Hall quarterly price increase went up \$250.00 per quarter. Mr. Williams would like to transfer money to the PLGIT account and invest the balance of PLGIT monies into a PLGIT term investment for 180 days; **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller to move \$74,000.00 into the PLGIT account for 180 days. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor**- Discussion on the changes made to the employee handbook. Chief and Carl need to get together to review the Parking Ordinance.

**Engineer** – Discussion of Report. Given direction to inspect all three bridges. **Motion** by Mr. Feliciano, second by Mr. Craft designating Michael Williams, Borough Manager and Borough Secretary Rachel Brown, as an alternate to sign Act 537 Sewage Planning Module Exemptions on behalf of the Borough. Motion carried unanimously. Dirt and Gravel Alley grants starting January 10<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**Mrs. Windley** – Tree lightening ceremony went well. There was a great turn out. Tiffany Reichardt is moving out of town and will be resigning as President. There will be new members appointed in the New Year. There is nothing to report for the Police Committee.

**Mr. Mellon**- Nothing to report for the Sewer Authority. Paul Jansen via Zoom to discuss the 2023 Budget with a 5-year projection. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to advertise the 2023 Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on Refuse services and cost for the upcoming years.

**Mrs. Keller**- Nothing to report. Library invited council to the open house Christmas Celebration on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm. Discussion of a dog issue noise complaint by Penn Hill Park.

**Mr. Feliciano**- YMCA meeting on 12/7/2022. Having a Toy Drive here at Borough Hall on 12/10/2022 from 3:00-5:00 pm

**Mr. Craft** – CPR Class on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:30 at Borough Hall. Siren parts are in for repairing the siren on top of the social quarters.

**Mrs. Hopple** – Still trying to locate the original spot for the brass plaque that was found, there are a couple leads on where it came from. Christmas Party on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 – the meeting will be at 6:30 pm. Mr. George office will advertise it. 457B Plan deferred comp will start at the beginning of the year.

**Mayor Jennifer Gettle** – Chief Pontician presented the call report for the month of November. Total of 160 assignments. A local State Police officer wanted to recognize working with Officer Futchko, he was professional and very helpful on a case.

**Mr. Edwards** – Nothing to report from the COG.

**New Business**- Resolution 2022-04 Act 57 2022- **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mrs. Hopple adopting Resolution 2022-04. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown, Borough Secretary