

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on January 3rd 2023

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Council Members: Connie Keller, Bruce Edwards, Mayor Jennifer Gettle, Cindy Hopple, David Craft, Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak, Solicitor- Kourtney Bernecker, Engineer- Jim McCarthy, Borough Manager- Michael Williams, Borough Secretary - Rachel Brown Absent: James Mellon Sr., Shannon Windley, Hector Feliciano

Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve the December 6th 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Craft, seconded by Mrs. Hopple approving the December 20th 2022 meeting minutes as presented. 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 Mr. Craft to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$57,353.91. Motion carried.

Payroll: Motion by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Craft to pay the current payroll. Motion carried. Motion by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to pay payroll between meetings. Motion carried.

Citizens to be heard: Larry Grybosky – C2C Designs. Wanted to discuss with Council their thoughts and expectations on the East High Subdivision before a new plan revision was completed and submitted in front of Planning Commission. Mr. McCarthy explained to him that Council would not be making any decision on the subdivision or any waivers without a recommendation from Planning Commission.

Carl Liptak – Items listed on MuniBid sold. Tactor sold for \$1,750.00 Roller sold for \$520.00 Leaf Vac sold for \$3,350.00. The old police cruiser is still an active listing. Discussion on plan for bucket truck, going to cost (D&R Autobody quote) \$2,900.00 to fix the rust. Berks County Department of Public Works Association for Carl to be a member its \$100.00 a year. Motion made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller for having Carl Liptak become a member of the Berks County Public Works Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager – Discussion on the 2023 payroll fees from Cory Peiffer. Discussion on the difference on AED cost that was quoted and the amount that Council pre authorized, annual maintenance fee per unit is \$1,500.00.

Solicitor- Discussion on current Wex card issues. Borough Council can authorize an ACH payment as soon as the bill comes in and just needs to be a ratified bill every month. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded Ms. Keller authorizing the treasurer to make an electronic payment and the bill will be ratified monthly. Motion carried.

Engineer – Mulberry Alley Bridge updates- will have the structural reports in a couple weeks, along with budget numbers.

Mrs. Keller- Nothing to report from the Library.

Mr. Craft – Nothing to report from Fire Company.

Mrs. Hopple – Summarized Mrs. Windley's report for Rec Board. Tiffany returned her keys the Borough. Amanda Craft is interested in filling a vacant position. Rec Boards meeting is tomorrow Mrs. Hopple is going to attend the first meeting to help them reorganize and coach them on how to run a meeting with an agenda and to stay on topic. Looking into

benches for the pool and see if the Rec Board will sponsor and if they would sponsor two splash parties at the pool. Mayor Gettle summarized Police Committee, need to set up a date to go over the Uniformed sectioned on the handbook. Brass Plaque that was found in town has been given to the historical society, was originally from a tree dedicated to the school. Voya 457B plan is available to all employees. Waiting for more information from Rob and material that can be given out.

Mayor Jennifer Gettle – Will be scheduling a Police Committee meeting to go over the Uniformed parts of the employee handbook. Chief Pontician gave Police Department report: December 123 calls were handled. Total assignments for the year 2,242.

Mr. Edwards – Discussion on LED street light poles. CELG Municipal Officials Dinner discussion, looking for topic ideas.

New Business-

BOARD RESIGNATIONS:

Zoning Hearing Board: **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft accepting Cody Snyder resignation with regret from Zoning Hearing Boards. Motion carried.

Library Board: **Motion** by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple accepting Trista Oxenrider resignation with regret from Library Board. Motion carried. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft accepting Danell Schoemaker resignation with regret from Library Board. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Craft to appoint the following:

Library Board - Aislinn Staaby 3- Year term Exp January 1, 2026

Planning Commission – Charles Meredith 4-Year term Exp January 1, 2027

Sewer Authority – Irv Tyson 5-Year term Exp January 1, 2028

Water Authority – Ralph Honigman 5-Year term Exp January 1, 2028

Zoning Hearing Board- James Petershiem 3- Year term Exp January 1, 2026

Recreation Board- Melissa Troutman 5-Year term Exp January 1, 2028 All were in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Craft, second by Mrs. Hopple to appoint the following to Western Berks Joint Planning Commission – 1 Year term Exp January 1, 2024, Connie Keller, Jim Mellon and Bruce Edwards (Alt). All were in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Mrs. Hopple to appoint the following:

Engineer- McCarthy Engineering – Jim McCarthy

Solicitor Kozloff Stoudt – Andrew George

Code Enforcement- Kraft Municipal Group

Auditors - RKL LLP

All were in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Craft, second by Mrs. Hopple to ratify the following:

Secretary Rachel Brown

Borough Manager Michael Williams

Treasurer Michael Williams

Open Records Officer Michael Williams All

were in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

