

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 101 W. High Street on February 7th 2023

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

Attendees: Council Members: Shannon Windley, James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Bruce Edwards, Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano, David Craft, Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak, Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Spencer Ericke (left at 8:10 pm), Borough Manager- Michael Williams, Borough Secretary - Rachel Brown
Absent: Mayor Jennifer Gettle

Minutes: **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to approve the January 3rd 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mr. Craft approving the January 17th 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to be Paid: Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid and the list of ratified bills. Mr. Mellon questioned the Comcast bill for the maintenance garage. The bill is doubled for two months. Mr. Edwards brought up the discussion on PPL billing mistakes and to double check the bills. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$52,940.38 Motion carried unanimously.

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

Communications: CELG Municipal Officials Dinner. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon to cover the cost of borough employees, elected officials and Chief Pontician. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on PSAB 2023 Conference in Hersey.

Citizens to be heard:

Eileen Zerbe – 106 S. Pine St – No comment

Jane Fultz- 209 E. High St- Questioned if there was any progress on the Mulberry Alley bridge project. Mr. Ericke explained to her that the structural Engineer has been out to look at the bridge and are producing a report for Borough Council to review.

Carl Liptak – Leaf Vac radiator is back at the shop to get repaired. Incident at park where a little girl got stuck in the swing down at the park, we ordered a replacement swing. Made a list of material it is going to cost to run the electrical from the pool office to the pavilion, its about \$1,700.00. Discussion on the park benches that need replacement at the park. Final decision was to remove the trex boards and replace with pressure treated lumber. **Motion** by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to replace the boards with pressure treated lumber. Motion carried unanimously. Pool: handicap lift needed repairs. Couple more big tree branches came down, along the fence line by the creek, called them to come out and look at trees, some need to be trimmed and other removed. They gave a quote full day 3 guys \$3,500.00. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano accepting the quote provided for removal of trees at the pool of \$3,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on the ballfield conversion; for the amount of diamond-tex need would cost around \$6,200.00. and renting machines and maintenance time. Just Carl's calculations would run around \$8,000.00 for the conversion. Discussion on how Rec board can raise money for the ball field with banners. Library parking lot light working now and the drain in the basement clogged again. Discussion on the bucket truck issue. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Ms. Keller approving the \$2,900.00 to have the repairs made on the bucket truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager – Kevin from RJ Hall recommends, due to poor pension performance, we discontinue the active assets allocation services that principal provides, it will save the Borough \$5,000.00 this year.

Solicitor- Finished up agreements CMH Homes and they were recorded. Still working on the Parking Ordinance and Employee Handbook.

Engineer – Dollar General started doing building slab work. East High Subdivision – had an informal sketch revision meeting; will be submitting plans again for the March meeting. Mr. Edwards questioned the swale on Mill Rd. Zimmerman- Martin subdivision property sold to a new developer. They will only be rehabbing the swale. McCarthy will provide Mr. Williams a template letter to send the homeowners at the corner of Mill Rd and 419 to they can extended sidewalk.

Mrs. Windley – Nothing to report for Police Committee. Discussion on Rec Board opening up Summer Playground program again. Requesting Councils' permission so that they can move forward on planning. Leaders will need to make sure they have their child clearance. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, second by Mr. Feliciano to move forward with Playground 2023 with all the cost coming out of Rec Board with a \$4,000.00 budget. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Williams will be looking into the insurance requirements for playground and to have Solicitor Andrew George design a release of waiver and liliabilty.

Mr. Mellon- Letter of resignation of Vince Balistreri for Sewer Authority. **Motion** by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Ms. Keller accepting letter of registration with regret. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on the cement corn holes that Josh Fidler was looking into for Rec Board. Finance Committee- Discussion on how ACH payments can be processed and streamline making payment.

Mrs. Keller- Nothing to report from the Library.

Mr. Craft – The Fire department is waiting on decant weather still before they can install the siren at the social quarters. Make a Splash vendor event at Bethany May 20th 2023. Discussion on current funding standings on the splash pad funding; there is a Municipal matching grant and I AM Able is requesting permission to write a grant on the Boroughs behalf. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano allowing the I Am Able foundation to write a grant on behalf of the Borough for funding of the Splash Pad. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Feliciano – Waiting on YMCA to do the contract.

Mrs. Hopple – War Memorial – Waiting on quotes, meeting with a couple more contractors with plans. Swim Team- meeting on February 23rd 2023. Discussion on putting a no outlet or dead-end street sign on Pine Street, on Sundays when church dismisses, they are driving down and turning around in a resident's yard and tearing up their front yard. Attaching a sign or perimeter around the bridge on Mulberry ally for safety.

Chief Pontician- provided January Monthly report. Discussion on Parking Ordinance fine rates.

Mr. Edwards – COG- yearly reorganization meeting and new district manager Don Isabella was present at the meeting. Discussion on why glass can not be recycled.

Council went into executive session for personnel matter at 9:10 pm and returned at 9:22 pm with one action to be made. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to advertise for Part-time Secretary position. The ad will run from 2/13/2023 to 3/10/2023. 30 hours or less a week \$18.00 - \$20.00 per hour depending on qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown, Borough Secretary