

**WOMELSDORF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at 101 W. High Street on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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 (arrived at 7:26 pm), Bruce Edwards, Cindy Hopple, Hector Feliciano, David Craft (left at 8:40 pm), Mayor Jennifer Gettle, Police Chief John Pontician, Maintenance Manager - Carl Liptak, Solicitor- Andrew George, Engineer- Spencer Ericke (left at 8:26 pm), Borough Manager- Michael Williams, Borough Secretary - Rachel Brown

**Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon approving the February 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bills to be Paid:** Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$43,556.59. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Communications** Fire Police Request. Motion by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mr. Craft approving the request for fire police assistance with traffic control at the following events WACA Car Show in Town Park on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, WACA Carnival in Town Park on July 19<sup>th</sup>-July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 and WACA Car Show in Town Park on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be heard:**

Maureen Kehler – 300 Mill Rd. Received a certified letter from the Borough to continue the sidewalk on 419 to connect to the Dollar General location. Per Borough Ordinance and Borough Code the Borough can require them to put sidewalk in. Discussion on a solution for Ms. Kehler.

Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St – no comments.

**Carl Liptak** – New projector screen hung up in meeting room. Fixed the trim on the front of the Borough building. The signs for Mulberry alley are up. Tree work was completed at the pool. Working on ballfield when the weather is nice. Discussion on light usage rate to make sure the price is covering the cost with the new electric rates. Discussion on the railing on Mulberry bridge

**Borough Manager** – Applied for the wellness grant. Ordered the 4 AED's that were allotted with the amount approved, two-three month turn around. Discussion on where the AEDS are currently placed. Discussion on the Berks County Tax Collection committee. Keagan Worley offered to be the Conrad Weiser Primary Delegate and Robesonia Borough Manager Gloria Grimm as the alternate delegate. Resolution 2023-01 Berks County Tax Collection Committee. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller approving Resolution 2023-01. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor-** Spoke more in depth about the Sewer Authority and Bethany agreement. Parking Ordinance 2023-01 Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon approving Ordinance 2023-01. Motion carried unanimously.

**Engineer** – March 20<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting is cancelled; East High Subdivision needs to withdraw current application and resubmit with a new application with the new plans.

**Mrs. Windley** – Spring yard sale/flea market May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023; reserving a spot at the park will be \$25.00 a space. Make a Splash with Davey on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Bethany they will have games set up. Rec Board is planning 8 to 10 movie nights in the park. Still working on playground details, insurance and cap of how many youths they are going to accept into the

program. Discussion on advertising for part-time police on indeed. Discussion on additions to the Employee Handbook for the Uniforms sections of the handbook.

**Mr. Mellon-** Still has an open position on the Sewer Authority board.

**Mrs. Keller-** The library is getting rid of Friends of the Library, due to inactivity. They are donating the funds to the Library.

**Mr. Craft** – Nothing to report from the Fire Department

**Mr. Feliciano** – Pool website is up and running for purchasing membership online. Contract for the YMCA was received, need to review the contract is the same as previous years rate is the same as last year

**Mrs. Hopple** – War Memorial – Meeting someone on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Little People's Nursey requested sign placement for 30 days. Chief okayed it.

**Mayor Gettle/Chief Pontician-** nothing to report.

**Mr. Edwards** – Discussion on MS4 waiver status.

Council moved into executive session for personnel matters at 8:55 pm and returned at 9:18 pm with three actions to be taken. **Motion** made by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon hiring Beth A. Sattizahn as part-time Secretary position at \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** made by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Mr. Feliciano hiring Paul Hopple for part-time Maintenance at \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried. Cindy Hopple abstained. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded Mr. Feliciano to advertise part-time maintenance on indeed at \$15.00 per hour. 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 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown, Borough Secretary