

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH WORKSHOP MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on
February 21, 2023

Council President Bruce Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Council Members: James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Bruce Edwards, David Craft, Kraft Codes-Jeff Fiant (left at 7:35 pm), Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak, Police Chief John Pontician (arrive at 8:25 pm), Borough Manager Michael Williams and Borough Secretary Rachel Brown

Absent: Shannon Windley, Hector Feliciano, Mayor Jennifer Gettle

Bills to be Paid: Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$58,548.21. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Communications: CELG Municipal Dinner 2023 Nomination- Council does not have anyone they would like to nominate.

Citizen to be heard: Eileen Zerbe – 106 S Pine St. – no comments

Kraft Codes: Discussion of monthly report and properties that have needed immediate attention.

Old Business: Discussion on Mulberry Alley bridge and structural report. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Mellon to get bids for the Mulberry Alley bridge repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak: Rebuilt handicap lift at the pool. Discussion on Library matters and spring cleaning of the building. Looking into pricing of a new diving board for the pool.

Borough Manager: Gave report. Discussion on pension percentages that is down on the Borough plan. Waiting for VOYA to send over the paperwork for the 457B plan. Waiting for information from Justine our representative at the insurance agency to see if our plan covers playground or what additional insurance we will need. Wellness grant is only \$1,000.00. Discussion on AED's units. Amount budgeted will only get us 4 units. Mr. Williams will purchase the 4 units. Postage machine is needed to be upgraded they discontinued the ink for our current machine. Current cost is \$36.99 a month. New cost is \$39.99 a month. Solicitor George sent over a release of liability and waiver if we move forward with playground.

Mr. Mellon: Sewer Authority – Bethany potential lawsuit with the Sewer Authority has been dismissed. Mr. Williams and Mr. Mellon had a discussion with Paul Jansen about fiscal policy and procedures and handling receivables. Discussion on Dollar General site and utility poles.

Ms. Keller: Aislinn Stabby accepted her position for the library board.

Mr. Craft- Fire Company is meeting during our meeting. Mr. Edwards questioned if we are collecting the correct funds for our Fire Company responding to calls. Mr. Craft is going to check if they are receiving funds.

Mrs. Hopple: Pool – Discussion on the 2023 rates that will be advertised for membership purchases and the new guest pass offer. The YMCA was able to keep the contract rate the same as last year rate of \$80,000.00. The YMCA will be using the pool before it opens on select days for an exclusive exercise program. Discussion on Swim Team for the 2023 year. Discussion on condition of the benches at the pool. Total cost would be \$3,000.00. There is a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Womelsdorf Area Community Association for the benches at the pool. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple,

seconded by Mr. Mellon on purchasing the new benches for the pool. The Borough cost would be \$2,000.00 plus the donation from the Womelsdorf Area Community Association of \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Need a new grant number for the Make A Splash Grant to a CAGE number from a DUNS number. War Memorial – still waiting on quotes. Discussion on part-time help for maintenance for the summer. Fire Police needed for Make a Splash with Davey vendor event needed on May 20th 2023. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller approving fire police assistance at Bethany for Make a Splash with Davey vendor show on May 20th 2023. Motion carried unanimously. Bethany days are returning in August of this year.

Chief Pontician: Mrs. Hopple wanted to recognize Borough employee and Chief Pontician on going above and beyond about an incident with a student at the elementary school.

Mr. Edwards: Nothing to report.

New Business: Discussion on the changes made to the Parking Ordinance. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Ms. Keller for advertisement of the updated parking ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to be brought before Council, **Motion** moved by Ms. Keller, seconded by Mrs. Hopple to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary