

WOMELSDORF BOROUGH WORKSHOP MEETING

Held at 101 W. High Street on
March 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: Shannon Windley, James Mellon Sr., Connie Keller, Cindy Hopple, Bruce Edwards Mayor Jennifer Gettle (arrived at 7:28 pm), David Craft (arrived at 7:10 pm, left at 8:30 pm), Hector Feliciano, Kraft Codes- Jeff Fiant (arrived at 7:07 pm, left at 7:45 pm), Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak, Borough Manager Michael Williams and Borough Secretary Rachel Brown

Absent: Police Chief John Pontician

Bills to be Paid: Council members reviewed and discussed the list of bills to be paid. Motion by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Ms. Keller to approve the list of bills to be paid as listed in the amount of \$20,355.90. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Citizen to be heard: Jane Fultz 209 W High St - Discussion on Mulberry Ally bridge. Expressed concerns about the park stream walls. Removed her chickens that she received an NOV. Brought information to Council on how other municipalities incorporate chickens with the size of property and applying for a permit, Mr. Williams will look into it. Questioned if Sewer rates went up, expressed her daughters high sewer bill that she received, was directed to talk to Sewer Authority.

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

Maintenance Manager Carl Liptak: Berks County Church Softball league is renting the baseball field for the summer and are requesting multiple sets of keys for each team. Council expressed their must be a deposit made for the key and an agreement drawn up if any keys are misplaced everything will be need to rekeyed.

Borough Manager: Discussion on current investments and current financial standings. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Craft to move \$500,000.00 into PLEGIT Prime investment account. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano entering into Sewage Service agreement with Bethany Children's Home. Motion carried unanimously. Developer that owns the property next to Tower Health reached out to see if the Borough was interested in buying it.

Mrs. Windley: Nothing to report.

Mr. Mellon: Doug Hoover is interested in joining the Sewer Authority. He resides in Marion Twp and John Mair the Sewer Authority attorney said it was fine. Motion by Mr. Mellon, seconded by Ms. Keller appointing Doug Hoover to the Sewer Authority finishing the term of the vacant position, expiring January 1st 2025. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on 2023 Roads list for paving. Discussion on Mulberry Ally guardrails and barricades redesign.

Ms. Keller: Questioned why the Borough didn't apply for a grant that all the surrounding municipalities applied for and what funds were distributed. Pass the idea to Rec Board for adult fitness equipment. Ms. Keller spoke with Ginger from Barry Jozwiak office, and Ginger is going to help Ms. Keller with grant writing.

Mr. Craft- Fire Co. siren should be installed sometime in April if the weather holds on Saturday's, Council should decide if they would like a different sound for a National Emergency to alert Borough Residents. Ordered 25 new sets of gear for the firefighters. Grants for Davey Splash pad are almost completed and will be applying for the Green Ways Grant.

Mr. Feliciano: Punch list for the pool is getting completed.

Mrs. Hopple: War Memorial- met with another contractor. Discussion on his design. Waiting for the bid from that contractor. The same contractor also took a look at the park walls while they were down at the memorial. Waiting for a bid on what fixing the walls would cost. Swim Team will have morning and evening hours for practices. Pool needs a new diving board. **Motion** by Mrs. Hopple, seconded by Mr. Feliciano to order a new diving board for the pool in the amount of \$5,400.00. Motion carried unanimously. There is a section of grass on the pool grounds that does not grow grass, looking into putting sod down before the start of the season. **Motion** by Mr. Feliciano, seconded by Mr. Craft accepting a quote in the amount of \$4,125.50 for new sod application. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gettle: Possible candidate for PD Employment. Discussion on National Night Out.

Mr. Edwards: Nothing to report from the COG. Questioned if residents were having an issue with bulk pick-up scheduling. Waste Management recently changed their automated phone system, the prompts must be followed before they reach a representative to be able to schedule.

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 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel C. Brown, Secretary