

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015
Borough Chambers
601 Water Street

The regular meeting of the governing body convened at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 6, 2015.

In attendance: President Scritchfield, Councilwoman Bolton, Councilman Sipes, Councilman Loercher, Councilwoman Abel, Secretary Wirls, Engineer Klinedinst, Treasurer Brenner, Chief Hege, Assistant Secretary Tammie Hoff, Public Works Director Brian Lyle, Mayor Habecker, *Councilwoman Stigelman*

Absent: None

Council President Scritchfield called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 7:00 pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

PATRONS:

Resident Joy Buchart:

- Explained that she is having an issue with her basement being flooded with sewer leakage from her neighbors home and asking the Borough to take care of it.
- Inquired as to the date the trees will be planted on Locust Street

Resident and School Crossing Guard Carl Merson:

- Explained that he was almost hit by a tractor trailer and a white station wagon traveling on Hellam Street.
 - Requesting additional signage.
 - Stated that there is not typically an issue when the police cruisers are posted on Hellam Street, with their flashing lights on.

Resident and School Crossing Guard Patrick Young:

- Reiterated what C. Merson had stated
 - Requested better signage

Discussion ensued regarding the crosswalk at Hellam Street.

Resident Mel McDonald:

- Expressed her displeasure with the fence put up at 138 Orange Street, seemingly without a permit.

It was stated that Zoning Officer Cunningham would look into it.

Matthew Leber:

- Stated that he was given permission to use the ball fields in Riverfront Park and his organization has been taking care of them. He wished to express gratitude to the governing body for the ability to use the fields.

Resident and Business Owner Michael Ennis:

- Referenced the letter he submitted, stating his interest in filling the open Ward 1 Council seat. M. Ennis expressed his desire to give back to the community.

Resident Mel McDonald:

- Inquired about the extra money now due on the water/sewer/refuse billing and asked if the extra money can be put towards a community cleanup day.

Resident Rachael Stigelman:

- Stated that she has interest in serving on Borough Council, filling the vacant Ward 1 seat and feels that she would like to give back to the community by serving.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Loercher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 5-0.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the March 16, 2015 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 5-0.

President Scritchfield asked for nominations for the vacant Ward 1 Council seat.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to appoint Rachael Stigelman to the vacant Ward 1 Borough Council seat.

Councilman Sipes seconded the motion

Roll Call vote:

Councilwoman Abel – aye

Councilman Loercher – nay

Councilman Sipes – aye

Councilwoman Bolton – aye

With 3 votes of aye, out of 5 votes, Rachael Stigelman was appointed to the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightsville, as one of the representatives of Ward 1.

President Scritchfield announced that due to some rearrangement, there would be a short recess.

Recess: 7:28 p.m. – 7:33 p.m.

After calling the meeting back into order, President Scritchfield thanked M. Ennis for his interest in serving on Borough Council.

Mayor Habecker officially swore in Rachael Stigelman as a Councilperson, representing Ward 1.

ZONING:

Zoning Officer Cunningham relayed the following to those in attendance:

- Very pleased with the professionalism and work of the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Answering resident questions and the number of permit application submission has begun to increase.

FIRE:

No report submitted.

Councilwoman Abel relayed to those in attendance that the Fire Department would be holding chicken barbeques on May 16, 2015, June 2015 and September 13, 2015.

President Scritchfield asked that the public be careful as there have been a decent amount of brush fires as of late.

AMBULANCE:

No report

POLICE:

A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief Hege relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

Police Chief Hege explained the current police car situation and requested the selling of the 2005 Crown Victoria, with the purchase of a new vehicle to compensate for the loss of one of the vehicles.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to place the 2005 Crown Victoria for sale on MuniBid.

Discussion ensued regarding the police vehicles. It was determined that the discussion would be forwarded to the Planning Meeting later in the month.

TREASURER:

The check register for the month of March 2015 was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Treasurer Brenner provided a financial report for the month of March 2015.

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to approve the check register for the month of March 2015.

Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to approve the financial report for March 2015.

Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

ENGINEER:

A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer Klinedinst relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

Engineer Klinedinst relayed that there would need to be a Stormwater / MS4 presentation given at the Planning Meeting in order to comply with the MS4 permit requirements.

Street Department employee, Michael Gromling relayed that the storm drains throughout town are in less than desirable condition.

PROJECT MANAGER:

A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

Project Manager Benjamin Craddock asked for Council action on the a few grant related items as listed on the agenda later in the evening. B. Craddock explained the purpose of the requests.

Councilman Loercher made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2015-2, a Resolution supporting the submission of a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of the Riverfront Park playground rehabilitation. Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to appoint Councilman Scott Loercher as the Wrightsville Borough representative, authorized to sign all grant documents between the York County Community Foundation and the Borough of Wrightsville on April 30, 2015. Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Project Manager Craddock explained to those in attendance that the Smith Foundation has graciously donated the money to the Borough for the trees to be planted in Riverfront Park on Saturday, May 2, 2015 and that there will be a need for shovels for the project.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Baranski explained:

- There is \$17,159 still outstanding for the 2014 portion of the Locust Street sidewalk agreements.
- To destroy any municipal documentation, the Borough Council must adopt a Resolution adopting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Record Retention manual.

MAYOR:

Mayor Habecker reported on the following:

- Around this time last year, the situation at Ms. Buchart's home was looked into and CAI determined that it was a ground water issue and not due to the neighboring home. Engineer Klinedinst stated that a sample of the water should be taken.
- Property Maintenance issues are beginning to pop in in the Borough. There are a lot of tenant complaints in regards to the interior conditions of rentals.

Discussion: Rental inspection program

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS -

Administration & Finance:

None

Public Works:

Discussion: Permitting for banners across a state highway

Public Safety:

Discussion: Crossing Guard safety

Community & Economic Development:

None

Parks & Recreation:

Councilman Sipes relayed the following:

- Habitat for Humanity meeting at the Wrightsville Presbyterian Church to announce the family and explain tot eh public about the project.
- Steeple House Café – 2nd Saturday 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Historic Wrightsville, Inc. is working with Scott Menges on a Historic Walking Tour.
- There have been inquiries as to why the light at the flag pole is not lit.
- The Diorama opens this Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- 7 ball teams in the Recreation Commission this year
- The Recreation Commission is very appreciative of the assistance given to them by the School Board for the ball fields at the school.

Personnel Committee:

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2015-3, a Resolution appointing Rachael Stigelman as a Ward 1 representative, filling the Ward 1 Council seat vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. Councilwoman Stigelman abstained. All remaining Councilpersons were in favor and the motion carried with a unanimous vote, 5-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

President Scritchfield relayed to Borough Council that they will need to appoint a member of Council as the Vice-President and there may need to be some committee rearrangement.

Engineer Klinedinst explained to the governing body that he was asked by H & H Casting to request a waiver, allowing C.S. Davidson to work with their company on a land development plan that will have Borough involvement.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to waive the conflict of interest, allowing C.S. Davidson, as the Borough Engineer, to work with H & H Casting on a land development plan that would require Borough involvement. The motion died for a lack of a second.

It was announced that street sweeping would be in full swing as of next week.

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to recess the April 6, 2015 Regular Borough Council Meeting to Monday, April 20, 2015. Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

The April 6, 2015 Regular Council Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body was officially recessed at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa B. Wirls

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Borough Secretary