

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015  
Borough Chambers  
601 Water Street

The advertised Special Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015.

*In attendance:* President Scritchfield, Vice-President Sipes, Vice-President Sipes, Councilman Loercher, Councilwoman Abel, Councilwoman Stigelman, Secretary Wirls, Public Works Director Brian Lyle, Mayor Habecker

*Absent:* Councilwoman Bolton

Council President Scritchfield called the Special Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the salute to the American Flag.

Attendees introduced themselves:

*Monica Billig – EFC of the University of Maryland*

*Eric Reed – EFC of the University of Maryland*

*Brian Lyle – Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority General Manager & Wrightsville Borough Public Works Director*

*Karen Wilson – C.S. Davidson*

*Alex Chiaruttini – Stock & Leader*

*Steve Hovis – Stock & Leader*

*Lorri Harmer – Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority*

*Michael Gromling – Wrightsville Borough Streets Department*

*Rick McDonald – Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority*

*John Cressler – Resident*

*Ed Sipes – Wrightsville Borough Council Vice-President*

*Scott Loercher – Wrightsville Borough Councilman*

*Neil Habecker – Wrightsville Borough Mayor*

*Phil Landis – Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority Chairman*

*Greg Scritchfield – Wrightsville Borough Council President*

*Eric White – Resident*

*John Baranski – Blakey, Yost*

*Kathy Abel – Wrightsville Borough Councilwoman*

*Rachael Stigelman – Wrightsville Borough Councilwoman*

*Melissa Wirls – Wrightsville Borough Secretary*

Monica Billig and Eric Reed presented the findings from the Stormwater Feasibility Study performed for the Borough of Wrightsville. They stated that the results are just findings from research and not for mandatory implementation unless it is the decision of Borough Council and the Municipal Authority Board.

The following were discussions during the meeting:

- The 6 Minimum Control Measures for storm water were reviewed:
  - Public Education and Outreach
  - Public Participation/Involvement
  - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
  - Construction Site Runoff Control
  - Post-Construction Runoff Control
  - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping
- The Borough is the MS4/NPDES permit holder
- Per parcel fees
- Capacity of the Municipal Authority in potentially reducing costs
- Potential yearly cost for the Borough to implement a storm water program
- Residential parcels could be charged a basic fee while the fee for commercial businesses could be based upon the amount of impervious service they possess.
- There are 3 main components to the pricing for a storm water program:
  - Staffing
    - Recommendation of 3 positions to oversee the entire system i.e. Maintenance and paperwork
  - Operations and management
  - Capital
- Estimated \$2.25 million to replace the already existing storm sewer system
- Potential funding options
  - Grants
  - General Fund
  - Inspection fees
  - Penn Vest
  - Stormwater Utility fees
- Fees versus taxes
  - Fees would be more feasible as opposed to taxes
  - With fees, there is the ability to assess on imperviousness
  - With a tax, there is more capability for enforcement of non-payment
  - With a tax, certain entities would be exempt
- The Federal and State government are increasing regulations with each new NPDES permit cycle.
- Should the Borough not comply with regulations, there is the potential for the denial of State and Federal grants.

Vice-President Sipes mad a motion to adjourn the June 15, 2015 Special Meeting. Councilman Loercher seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0 at 7:48 p.m.

*Reference: Attachment of presentation handout enclosed*