

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

In attendance: President Scritchfield, Vice-President Sipes, Councilwoman Bolton, Councilman Loercher, Councilwoman Abel, Councilwoman Stigelman Secretary Wiris, Engineer Klinedinst, Treasurer Brenner, Chief Hege, Public Works Director Brian Lyle, Mayor Habecker

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 Linda Whitehead:

- Issues with people parking in front of the steps leading to her home at 213 Orange Street.
- Because there is no sidewalk located in that block on Orange Street, there is no easy access for her to reach her home. *(NOTE: the information will be passed onto the Streets Department and the Borough Engineer)*

Mel McDonald:

- Signs stuck to telephone poles throughout town look trashy.
- Along South Front Street, numerous residents leave their trash out all of the time making the town look trashy. *(NOTE: the Zoning Officer will follow up)*
- Inquired as to the reasoning for the Fire Department leaving before everyone leaves the John Wright area on the 4th of July. Stated that they should be waiting until the crowd has dispersed.

Eric White:

- Referenced Orange Street, where Ms. Whitehead resides and he is a property owner, having been removed as part of the Safe Routes to School project due to low funds.
- Inquired as to the status of the Borough's receipt of the annual Comcast franchise payment and if the Borough has audited Comcast to date. *(NOTE: the Borough has received the franchise fee payment. The Borough of Wrightsville has not yet audited Comcast)*

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to approve the 2014 audit findings report as presented by the appointed auditors, Sager Swisher. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor.
The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Vice-President Sipes made a motion to approve the June 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Loercher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Vice-President Sipes made a motion to approve the June 4, 2015 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Loercher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

ZONING:

Zoning Officer Cunningham relayed to those in attendance that permit activity has been picking up; with 7 permits having been issued in June.

FIRE:

Councilwoman Abel relayed the contents of the Fire Department report for June 2015 to those in attendance.

AMBULANCE:

Jim Arvin, President of White Rose, provided those in attendance with details from his report for the month of June.

POLICE:

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

Chief Hege publicly thanked the various departments and people that assisted with public safety during the 4th of July activities and fireworks.

STREETS & PARKS:

A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

Street Department employee Mike Gromling explained to those present that the Streets Department was in need of new equipment such as a portable compactor, costing approximately \$3,000.

Discussion: Current equipment and replacement of said equipment.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to purchase a portable compactor, conditionally approved providing that the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority pays for half of the costs. Councilwoman Stigelman seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Discussion: Placement of the old sweeper and the air compressor on Municibid.

ENGINEER:

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

It was explained to those present that if the Borough advertises once more for the 2015 Street work to be performed and once again receives 0 bids, then by law, the Borough is legally able to forgo additional advertising and may hire someone to perform the work.

PROJECT MANAGER:

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

It was relayed to those present that the Geomorphology study resulted in zero findings which means the Borough does not have to have a Phase 1 study done which will in turn save the Borough hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Councilman Loercher made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2015-5, a Resolution committing to the submission of a grant application for the DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant for the green infrastructure in the Riverfront Park. Vice-President Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilman Loercher made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2015-6, a Resolution committing to the submission of a grant application for the DCED Watershed Restoration Protection Grant application for green infrastructure in the Riverfront Park. Vice-President Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilman Loercher made a motion to allow for Council President Scritchfield to sign the landowner letter of commitment on behalf of the Borough of Wrightsville. Vice-President Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

TREASURER:

The check register for the month of June 2015 was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

Treasurer Brenner provided a financial report for the month of June 2015, highlighting the following:

- The Borough is running a little behind the budgeted revenue for the year.
- Anticipated larger EIT payment later this month.

Discussion: Collective Bargaining attorney and dissatisfaction of performance. Instructions to withhold any future invoices.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve the check register for the month of June 2015.

Councilwoman Bolton seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Vice-President Sipes made a motion to approve the financial report for June 2015.

Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

SOLICITOR:

No report

MAYOR:

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS -

Administration & Finance:

No report

Public Works:

Vice-President Sipes made a motion to approve the application for a special handicap parking space installation at 313 Walnut Street. Councilman Loercher seconded the motion.

Discussion: Proof of residency.

None in favor. The motion did not carry with a unanimous vote, 0-6.

Item tabled until the August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: Constitution Square

- Landscaping class at the school and the potential of their assistance.
- Everyone meeting at the square to discuss possibilities.
- Suggestion of residents given the opportunity to perhaps "adopt" a small portion of the square.

Public Safety:

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Borough is in need of community participants, sponsors and volunteers.

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

Vice-President Sipes replayed the following to those in attendance:

- 10U baseball team is a champion team for the second year.
- 10u softball came in 2nd place in the tournament.
- A special thank you to the Municipal Authority for all of their assistance with the ball fields.
- July 22nd – trip to Conestoga Museum with a departure time of 9am.
- Historic Wrightsville will be hosting a bus trip to Frederick, MD in October.
- The Senior Center is getting ready for a flu clinic in September.

Personnel Committee:

None

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Resident Mel McDonald:

- Inquired as to the feasibility of resident Linda Whitehead obtaining a special handicap parking space.
- Hellam Street looks terrible, particularly where Fakey's is located.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8:04 p.m. – 8:38 p.m.

Personnel purposes

Contract negotiations

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Sipes made a motion to adjourn the July 6, 2015 Regular Borough Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Stigelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

The July 6, 2015 Regular Council Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body was officially adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa B. Wirls

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Borough Secretary