

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING

APRIL 15, 2019

Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:30PM on Monday, April 15, 2019. Council President White called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

In attendance: Council President White, Vice- President Gromling, Councilman Bair, Councilman McDonald, Councilman Smith, Mayor Albert, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Councilman Kirkessner, Treasurer Brenner, Engineer Klinedinst

President White announced at beginning of meeting that an Executive Session will be held after adjournment pending there are no objections from council. No objections noted from council members.

Councilman McDonald asked President White why 5 Hellam Township Police Officers were present at the meeting on April 1, 2019. Council President White indicated that he had a simple and brief conversation with Chief Pollock and relayed "there may be some problems at our next meeting". Council President indicated at no one time did he demand, order or request additional police presence during the meeting. President White indicated Chief Pollock made the decision and not him. Councilman McDonald stated "you had no right to put residents of Wrightsville Borough, Hellam Township and Hellam Borough in jeopardy due to the increased police presence at the meeting because you thought it may get out of hand from one person". President White once again replied to Councilman McDonald that it was not his decision. After a few moments, Councilman Smith responded that the meeting must continue and it was time to proceed.

PATRONS:

Ed Sipes:

Mr. Sipes provided all council members in attendance with Give Local York flyers. Mr. Sipes relayed event will be held on May 3, 2019. Mr. Sipes encourage council members and those in attendance to donate to Historic Wrightsville during this event. Culture Alliance Organization will match all credit card donations made to Historic Wrightsville

during this event, therefore, Mr. Sipes recommended, if possible, to donate by using a credit card.

Mr. Sipes relayed to those in attendance that Heritage Days will be held at Wrightsville Elementary School this year due to ongoing construction on Locust St.

Larry Heim:

Mr. Heim with American Legion Post 469 asked council members in attendance for permission to allow a local Boy Scout Troop to camp out and have a controlled burning campfire in Riverfront Park during Wrightsville Community Family Weekend Event.

Mr. Heim also asked council members for approval for a wine tasting station/vendor to participate in event. Vice President Gromling stated he had no issue with wine tasting as long as attraction was set up away from playground area.

Vice President Gromling made a motion to allow American Legion to coordinate camp out and controlled burning campfire with Boy Scout Troop and allow wine tasting station to be set up during Wrightsville Community Family Weekend Event. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald once again, repeatedly told Council President White that he is a liar and he does not care what the town looks like and never did. President White told Mrs. McDonald to stop calling him a liar as he will caution her that her choice of words are public slander and it will not be tolerated any further.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2, an Ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the Borough of Wrightsville, York County, Pennsylvania, by the issue of a general obligation note in the amount of \$400,000 for surety purposes: fixing the form, number, date, interest and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required document; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Councilman Smith: aye

Councilman Bair: aye

Councilman McDonald: aye

Vice President Gromling: aye

President White: aye

Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

President White relayed, pending no objections, he would like to add a Historian Committee to Wrightsville Borough Council Committees. President White asked Councilman Bair to be chairman of committee. Councilman Bair had no objections with President White's request. Councilman Smith and Mayor Albert indicated that they would graciously assist Councilman Bair, when needed.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve placement of handicap parking markings at 214 S. Front St. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Councilman Smith relayed to members of council that board members from Wrightsville Borough Municipality Authority are in agreement of placing an employment ad to hire a part time office assistant with shared payroll costs. Councilman Smith recommended that the chosen applicant be offered employment with a 3 month probation period to start and evaluation to be completed upon probation period to solidify on going employment. Councilman Smith made a motion to place employment ad for a part time office assistant. Councilman Smith, Bair, McDonald and President White were in favor of motion. VP Gromling opposed motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith announced to those in attendance that Treasurer Brenner has been absent for the past few meetings and he feels as though Treasurer Brenner should be at meetings especially when meeting dates are established year in advance and when financial matters are being discussed. VP Gromling stated that an ongoing discussion should be conducted in an executive session, if needed, and not in public meeting.

Public Works:

VP Gromling relayed to those in attendance that Derrick from York Excavating will be contacted to schedule and start repairs to damaged playground equipment and area.

Public Safety:

Members of Emergency Management Responders will be having an event planning meeting on April 24, 2019 at 5:00pm to discuss upcoming public events in Wrightsville Borough. Meeting will be held at 601 Water St., Wrightsville, PA.

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

President White relayed to those in attendance that a charcoal grill has been installed at Riverfront Park near pavilion and looks great. President White announced that grill was a purchase made by VP Gromling with no borough funds and installed on personal time.

Personnel:

No report

Complaint Committee:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Albert relayed to those in attendance that he is having large trees removed from his property, weather pending, on April 28, 2019 at 8:00am. He hope this will allow better maneuverability of borough equipment to navigate between his property and water tower.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the April 15, 2019 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Executive Session was held from 7:34pm to 8:15pm. No further pubic discussion was held after completion of executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary