

## WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## PLANNING MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2018

Borough Chambers \* 601 Water Street \* Wrightsville

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The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018. 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 Kirkessner, Councilman Smith, Mayor Albert, Treasurer Brenner and Recording Secretary Harrison.

**PATRONS:**

Melodie McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald expressed her concern about the Facebook posts that were made on Wrightsville Rands and Raves page were inappropriate and unappreciated. She also stated that many residents have complained that they have been having trouble reaching the Borough office by phone.

Jim Markley:

Mr. Markely had question concerning the tax increase that will be taking place in 2019. Keith Brenner addressed the concerns and explained the desire to not access the Reserve Fund and that taxes will need to be raised in order to avoid a deficit. Mr. Brenner stated that the tax increase would equal \$6.50 per month per every \$100, 000 of property value.

Mr. Markley also asked why the Riverfront Park was ever constructed and that he feels that it is an unnecessary addition to the Borough. Mr. Brenner explained that the Riverfront Park has been mostly paid for and that grant money was used. Taxes are not being raised because of the park expenditures.

Fire Department:

Richard Livelsberger, President of the Wrightsville Fire Department, inquired about the status of the lease agreement for the building that the Fire Department occupies. Solicitor Fields stated that he had drafted a letter to the Fire Department's attorney. Solicitor Fields and their attorney spoke about 2 weeks ago, however their attorney has not sent a proposal for another lease agreement. President Richard Livelsberger will contact the Fire Department's attorney to get the process moving forward.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the 2019 Borough Budget. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. President White was not in favor of the 2019 Borough Budget. He is not in agreement with he reserves account and feels that raises should be given based on performance and reviews, instead of there being a cost of living increase. President White feels that raises should be taken out of the 2019 Borough Budget and health insurance should be altered to save the Borough money. Councilman Kirkessner challenged President White, as to why he is questioning the budget at this time. Councilman Kirkessner felt that these issues should have been presented to council when previous discussions took place. Councilman Smith questioned why \$3000 was added to the Streets Department if cuts were necessary. Councilman Kirkessner agreed with Councilman Smith.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the 2019 Borough Budget:

Votes for the 2019 Borough Budget:

Councilman Smith – aye

Councilman Bair – aye

Councilman McDonald – aye

VP Gromling – nay

President White – nay

Vote 3:2 for approval of the 2019 Borough Budget.

VP Gromling made a motion to enact and approve Ordinance 2018-3, a tax levy ordinance for fiscal year 2019 and beyond for Wrightsville Borough, York County, Pennsylvania. Councilman McDonald seconded. Councilman Smith brought to the attention of council that the cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation should be 6.0 and stated that document presented had a clerical error reading 0.6. VP Gromling made another motion to enact and approve the amended Ordinance 2018-3. Councilman McDonald seconded. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

VP Gromling made a motion to hire Denise Shoff as a part time crossing guard for the Borough of Wrightsville at \$18.00 per hour, effective January 2, 2019. Councilman Bair seconded. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:****ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Councilman Kirkessner spoke on ways that he feels the Borough can save money and believes the reorganization should take place every year instead of every other year. He agonizes over the length of the monthly meetings and feels that they could be run in a more efficient manner. Councilman Kirkessner questioned why the solicitor is present at every meeting and believes that it is not necessary unless there is an urgent matter to discuss. He asked how he is paid, and Solicitor Fields responded that he is paid in tenths of an hour. Council Kirkessner feels that the monthly meetings should be decreased by one hours, two times per month. He believes time equals money and that too much time is wasted at every meeting. Suggested that reorganization take place in January of 2019.

Councilman Kirkessner questioned the Police Department negotiations and asked the question, "How do we know we got the best deal?" "How much did we actually save by doing away with the Police Department?" "Where is the detailed list that shows all of the calculations?" No response was given to these questions.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve a "Good Faith" payment to York Excavating in the amount of \$31,000. When the \$14,000 reimbursement is received from DCNR, it will be immediately forwarded to York Excavating for another payment. Councilman McDonald seconded. All in favor. The motion carries with unanimous vote.

Keith Brenner presented the Amended 2018 Budget to reflect changes that were made (see report). There were mandated projects that needed to be completed that forced changes to the budget. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Amended 2018 Budget. VP Gromling seconded. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

***PUBLIC WORKS:***

Not in favor of the York County Stormwater Consortium Request for Funding of a Regional CBPRP Project.

***PUBLIC SAFETY:***

No report

***COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:***

Councilman Bair would still like to have the New Years Eve bonfire in the park.

***PARKS & RECREATION:***

The softball team is beginning to clean their things out of the shed. They are no longer in need of the facilities.

***PERSONNEL:***

Councilman Kirkessner requested to be removed from the Personnel Committee. He feels that it is not fair for him to be a part of this committee since he cannot attend all the meeting due to his work schedule.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

Councilman McDonald made a motion to adjourn the December 17, 2018 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Harrison,  
Recording Secretary