

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2019
Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:30PM on Monday, October 21, 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 McDonald, Councilman Smith, Councilman Bair, Mayor Albert, Treasurer Brenner, Engineer Klinedinst, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Councilman Kirkessner

PATRONS:

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald asked Council President White how long he is going to allow the chair on Hellam Street by Burnign Bridge to sit out on sidewalk. She stated it is located close to his home and asked why he hasn't done something about it. Mrs. McDonald also asked VP Gromling what he is doing about as she is sure he has seen it. VP Gromling replied "I have seen it once". Mrs McDonald expressed her opinion about getting rid of the water company. She replied "its crazy and eliminates workers".

Randee Scritchfield, Wrightsville Borough Tax Collector:

Mrs. Scritchfield stated she is asking for approval from borough council to implement a program that would allow tax payers to pay with credit/debit cards when paying tax bills. Mrs. Scritchfield stated the service would charge the tax payer 2.65% to use the service if they choose this method of payment. No additional costs would be passed along to the borough. The merchant agreement presented to council for approval is operated by GovPayNet. Councilman Smith made a contingent approval, pending solicitor review, to authorize and sign agreement to implement service allowing tax payers to pay with credit/debit cards through GovPayNet. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JT Hand, COO, York Water Co.:

Mr. Hand introduced himself to members of council and public patrons in attendance as the COO of York Water Co. and has been employed with York Water Co. for over 12 years. York Water Co. is the oldest operating business in York County, operating for over 203 years. Mr. Hand provided some additional history of company stating that York Water Co. started with 16 customers and now provides service to 71,000 customers in 48 municipalities. York Water Co. provides water and waste water services and is regulated by the Public Utility Commission not an authority therefore all increases in rates must be approved by the PUC and not by resolution approved by an authority. Mr. Hand also stated that public comment period must be conducted before rates can be increased. Mr. Hand stated that York Water Co. employees 107 employees with 106 employees living in York County. Councilman Smith asked Mr. Hand about authority employees IF York Water would acquire services within Wrightsville Borough. Mr. Hand stated” we are always looking for qualified, good employees”.

Mr. Hand stated that if York Water Co. would acquire services to Wrightsville Borough an offer would be made to pay book value for assets. Mr. Hand also stated that rate payers would not see in an increase in bill unless approved by the PUC. Mr. Hand stated that York Water Co. has not increased fees in 3 years and the last increase was an average of \$1.08/month for each rate payer and generally take at least 1 year for increase process to be approved by the PUC. Mr. Hand relayed to those in attendance that the average rate payer pays \$41.00/month for water services and \$39.00/month for sewer services, no one is offered free services. Mr. Hand stated to those in attendance he could “guarantee” higher water pressure if the borough was to sell its public water system to York Water.

Mr. Hand stated that York Water Co. currently budgets \$26,000,000 annually for capital projects. Currently, York Water has 5 million feet of water main in ground throughout York County and averages roughly 20million gallons of water used each day. Customer services representatives are available Monday- Friday from 8:30am - 5pm and all complaints receive a phone call within 30 minutes during business hours.

Engineer Klinedinst stated that any process will take at least a year or more to finalize. Engineer Klinedinst stated that solicitor involvement will be vital and proposals from other suppliers are most likely required.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve handicap parking application and placement of markings at 215 Walnut Street. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

Treasurer Brenner presented 2020 borough budget to council members. Treasurer Brenner will continue to accept input from members of council on budget calculations.

A yearly profit and loss statement was presented to council for their review to help with preparation of 2020 budget.

Treasurer Brenner stated that an audit will be conducted on 2018 liquid fuels expenditures on October 23, 2018.

Public Works:

Vice President Gromling stated that he would like an inquiry made if remaining payments on backhoe can be payed from liquid fuels account.

Public Safety:

No report

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

No report

Personnel:

No report

Complaint Committee:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the October 21, 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 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary