

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

In attendance: Council President White, Vice President Gromling, Councilman McDonald, Councilman Bair, Councilman Smith, Mayor Albert, Solicitor Nahass, Treasurer Brenner, Engineer Klinedinst, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Councilman Kirkessner - participated in meeting via phone

Members of Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority in attendance: Chairman, Phil Landis, Ben Cope, Eric Livelsberger, Matt Russ -----Fred Smith and Rick McDonald, Wrightsville Borough Council

Council President White called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:30pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

PATRONS:

Tanya Slenker:

Mrs. Slenker asked members of council why properties in borough are not being taken care of. Mrs. Slenker stated that there are some properties in borough whose conditions are deteriorating and nothing is being done. Council President White asked Mrs. Slenker to complete a complaint form and submit completed form to office for review.

Mrs. Slenker also asked council members why Wrightsville Borough doesn't require annual rental inspections from landlord who own rental properties in borough. No answer was provided from council.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald asked members of council why Mike is the only employee who drives equipment? No answer was provided from members of council.

***JOINT MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
AUTHORITY'S BORROWING FINANCES FOR WEBSTER LOAN:***

Councilman Kirkessner participated in conversation via phone.

Mr. Landis called the Municipal Authority portion of the meeting to order at 6:41pm and role call was taken. In attendance: Phil Landis, Ben Cope, Matt Russ, Eric Livelsberger, Fred Smith,

Rick McDonald, Solicitor Doyle, General Manager, Bryan Lyle, Recording Secretary, Lorri Harmer.

Mr. Landis relayed to those in attendance that the purpose of the joint meeting with members of Borough Council and Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority members is to discuss borrowing of \$3,000,000 to complete capital projects and the increasing mandates being implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide upgrades to waste water treatment sites along with daily operations. Mr. Landis indicated that Borough Council would need to guarantee the \$3,000,000 loan so that the Municipal Authority could receive a lower interest rate over 20 years. Mr. Landis stated that the Department of Transportation will be paving the entire length of Hellam Street and is requiring an old water main be replaced at a cost of \$1,000,000, Department of Environmental Protection is requiring the authority to replace pumps at the water treatment plant at a cost of more than \$850,000. Mr. Landis relayed to members of council and those in attendance that the Municipal Authority “sought a lot of grant money and received no aid from any source whatsoever. I did all but beg them to receive assistance”. Mr. Landis indicated that if an approval is obtained, residents monthly bill would increase approximately \$10 per month and also noted that if an approval is not granted a larger monthly increase would need to be assessed to residents. Mr. Landis noted to those in attendance that the last water rate increase was 5 years ago meanwhile daily increasing costs of daily operation were incurred with no impact to borough residents. Mr. Landis also noted that water tower was completely renovated in 1982. Municipal Authority paid \$400,000 for renovation project with no increase in bills to complete project.

Mayor Albert proposed the following question- “ How old is water main along Hellam Street”. Mr. Landis and General Manager Brian Lyle both agreed that water main is at least 130 years old. Mr. Landis relayed now is the time to complete the replacement project not after PennDOT is completed with paving project as more costs will incur to repair state roads after they are completed. Mayor Albert asked Mr. Landis if there is money in a capital reserve account to which Mr. Landis replied, “yes, but not enough to complete the projects that are estimated to cost over \$850,000.”

Vice President Gromling asked Mr. Landis if there are any pipe replacement plans scheduled or discussed in borough. Mr. Landis replied “no plan at this time”.

Mr. Landis stated the authority also provides trash pickup in Wrightsville and capital projects for water or trash services and any other unfunded mandates could threaten the existence of the authority.

Council President White stated that he wants to dissolve the authority, noting that he and Vice President Gromling met with representatives from York Water Co., much to the surprise of Mr. Landis and fellow authority and council members Fred Smith and Rick McDonald. Mr. Landis asked why he or any other member of the authority were invited to the meeting with York Water Co. and President White stated that an email was sent. Mr. Landis, Mr. Smith, Mr. McDonald all stated that they never received any communication from Mr. White. Mr. Landis also noted that “just looking at the appearance of this, I though we had a better relationship”.

President White relayed that he is in favor of dissolving the authority because rates to Wrightsville residents could be cut by one-third if assets are sold and noted that if water assets are sold to a private company there would be more accountability because the Public Utility Commission would have to approve all future increases unlike now as the authority can raise rates at anytime for any reason.

Councilman McDonald made a motion for a straw poll vote to approve guarantee of payment of Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority to execute a loan agreement for capital projects. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Straw Poll Vote:

Councilman Smith- yes

Councilman McDonald - yes

Councilman Kirkessner - yes

Councilman Bair - no

Vice President Gromling - no

President White - no

Mayor Albert -yes

Municipal Authority continued

Solicitor Doyle asked for a motion to approve Municipal Authority Resolution to amend the Articles of Incorporation.

M. Russ made a motion to approve Municipal Authority Resolution 2019-3, a resolution of Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority , York County, Pennsylvania, to amend the Articles of Incorporation. E. Livelsberger seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-15, a resolution of Wrightsville Borough, York County, to adopt the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Vice President Gromling opposed the motion. Motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2, an Ordinance of the Borough of Wrightsville, York County, Pennsylvania, approving a guaranty agreement guaranteeing payment of the bond of the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority : Directing execution , acknowledgment and delivery of said guaranty agreement on behalf of Wrightsville Borough; approving the preparation of certain engineering reports and authorizing certain applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; making an irrevocable allocation under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code 1986; and directing the necessary and proper action to effectuate the purposes hereof. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Smith - Yes

Councilman McDonald - yes

Councilman Bair - yes

Councilman Kirkessner - yes

Vice President Gromling - no

Council President White - no

Motion was passed with a 4-2 vote

WBMA Resolution 2019-4 -----M. Russ made a motion to approve Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority Resolution 2019-4, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a guaranteed water revenue bond, series of 2019, in an original principal amount not to exceed \$3,065,000 for the purpose of providing funds to (1) fund a capital project of the authority; and (2) pay for costs and expenses incurred in connection of issuing the bond; accepting a proposal for the purchase of the bond; authorizing the execution and delivery of loan agreement to the bank; authorizing the execution of said bond and the disposition of the proceeds to be received from the sale thereof and appointing a consulting engineer, financial advisor and bond counsel. E. Livelsberger seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Landis - yes

Mr. Smith - yes

Mr. Russ - yes

Mr. Livelsberger - yes

Mr. McDonald - yes

All in favor.

Joint meeting adjournment:

Council President White indicated that he is signing documents at the will of council.

Mr. Russ made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting between Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority and Wrightsville Borough at 8:15pm. E. Livelsberger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Council President White called for a short recess : 8:15pm

Borough Council Meeting called back to order at 8:33pm by Council President White

ACTION ITEMS:

Vice President Gromling made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-16, a resolution of the Wrightsville Borough Council, York County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the borough to enter into the Section 00500 agreement with Herr Signal and Lighting Co., Inc. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve 2020 Animal Care and Housing Agreement presented from York County SPCA. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to waive zoning permit fee for EYSD Lacrosse Team for placement of pavilion used by team. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

No planning meeting was held in September 2019.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Zoning:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Fire:

No report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Ambulance:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Emergency Management:

Report provided with monthly meeting materials.

Police:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Councilman Bair relayed to those in attendance that Limekiln Alley looks great. Job well done.

Engineer:

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

Engineer Klinedinst relayed to council that the Penn DOT Hellam Street Agreement has decreased by roughly \$9K and agreement will need resigned. Councilman Bair made a motion to sign revised Hellam Street Agreement with PennDOT. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer:

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Treasurer Brenner relayed highlights of the report to those in attendance.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve the check register for the month of September 2019. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman McDonald made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of September 2019. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Mayor:

No report

Solicitor:

Solicitor Nahass presented council with a Legal Services Agreement for Stormwater Project. Councilman Smith made a motion to sign Legal Services Agreement as presented from Solicitor Nahass. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Councilman Smith and Treasurer Brenner relayed fixed cost budget calculations to members of council. Preliminary 2020 borough budget was presented to council for their review. Additional discussions will continue in meetings to follow.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No report

PARKS & RECREATION:

No report

PERSONNEL:

No report

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

No report

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the October 7, 2019 Regular Borough Council Meeting at 9:40pm. Council Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff

Borough Secretary

