WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

Borough Chambers 601 Water Street Wrightsville, PA

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

Absent: None

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:

Robin Geesey:

Mrs. Geesey relayed to members of council that she was appreciative of President White, VP Gromling and Councilman McDonald for checking out noise complaint that she brought to the attention of council last month. VP Gromling stated that he spoke with members of Donsco and was told that installation of sound absorbent was being considered but no other information was provided on actions being taken.

Mrs. Geesey asked members of council if there was an Ordinance within the borough stating how many dogs can be at one property, especially those that are aggressive. VP Gromling advised Mrs. Geesey to contact the police department with her concern and stated that the borough does not have an Ordinance that limits the amount of dogs at a property.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Smith made a motion to re-appoint Rick McDonald to a 5 year term board member for Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt and approve Resolution 2019-19, a resolution of Wrightsville Borough re-enacting and re-imposing for the fiscal year 2020 the general tax rate for fire-related protection services established for fiscal year 2019 in Ordinance 2018-03. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve and adopt the advertised 2020 Borough budget as presented following the mandatory public inspection period noting that surplus will be adjusted to \$16,249. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve hiring Barbara Whitsel as a part time crossing guard for Wrightsville Borough at a pay rate of \$18.50 per hour. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Zoning:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Fire:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Ambulance:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Mr. Marden relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

Emergency Management:

No report provided with monthly meeting materials.

Police:

No report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Engineer:

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

Vice President Gromling made a motion to approve the updated PennDOT Hellam Street Resurfacing Project Agreement dated November 12, 2019. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. Council President opposed the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Engineer Klinedinst added that he thought the agreement was the best thing PennDOT has proposed to improve the 2nd St/ Hellam St. intersection since 1972.

Treasurer:

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

VP Gromling made a motion to approve the check register for the month of November 2019. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VP Gromling made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of November. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer Brenner asked members of council for their permission to fund the employee pension fund noting that the funds have already been placed in the budget for the current year. Treasurer Brenner stated the pension fund is for full time employees with a funding of \$1000 per employee. Councilman Smith made a motion to allow pension accounts to be funding for full time employees for a total of \$3000, \$1000 for each full time employee. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. VP Gromling abstained from voting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor:

Mayor Albert relayed to those in attendance that the police department is working on a drug overdose fatality on 600 block of S. Front Street.

Mayor Albert relayed to members of council that an administrative warrant was served and posted at 306 Walnut Street and progress is being made with cleaning out the property. Mayor Albert stated that he will continue to monitor the situation along with Code Administrators and that a reassessment will be done in 90 days to note progress.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Nahass relayed to members of council that he is ready to begin working on stormwater fee implementation when council is ready to move forward with process. Councilman Smith stated that he will work closely with Solicitor Nahass and his team to move forward with implementation of stormwater fee and look closely at procedures followed by Delta Borough, per the recommendation from Engineer Klinedinst. Councilman Smith asked Engineer Klinedinst for an approximate cost to complete a survey of impervious area in Wrightsville Borough. Engineer Klinedinst stated that a survey would cost approximately \$6000-\$7000. Councilman Smith made a motion to Engineer Klinedinst to complete a survey of impervious area in preparation of a stormwater fee for Wrightsville Borough with a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

No report

PUBLIC WORKS:

VP Gromling made a motion to close N. 4th Street from Locust Street to Hellam Street on Sunday, November 8, 2019 from 5pm-7pm for annual Christmas Tree lighting. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councilman Bair relayed to those in attendance that he is working with Mayor Albert on Civil War markers rebranding. Councilman Bair relayed congratulation to President White on his election day win and stated that he is looking forward to working with him for 4 more years.

PARKS & RECREATION:

President White would like to see a dog park placed at Riverfront Park in the near future.

PERSONNEL:

No report

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Councilman Smith made a motion to cancel the December Planning Meeting pending no matters are presented that would need discussed before January 6, 2020. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the December 2, 2019 Regular Borough Council Meeting at 8:36pm. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff

Borough Secretary