

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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:

Warren Taylor:

Mr. Taylor introduced himself to council members and those in attendance stating that he is the only active member of the association that owns the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Mr. Taylor stated to council "I was more or less handed the books in 2012". Mr. Taylor also relayed that he was personally paying for the upkeep of the cemetery until the costs exceeded more than \$3500.00 per year to maintain. Mr. Taylor stated he could no longer afford to continue the maintenance alone. Mr. Taylor said over the years he has solicited donations to help with the maintenance but no donations were received. Mr. Taylor noted that American Legion Post 469 has been caring for the cemetery with Borough Council's approval, and in May 2019 Borough Council discussed taking over the maintenance and potential ownership. Solicitor Nahass responded to Mr. Taylor that he is preparing a petition asking the court to allow Wrightsville Borough to take ownership of Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Solicitor Nahass indicated the borough could take ownership of the cemetery, but it would require a ballot referendum with a majority of all borough residents voting in favor. During the conversation, Councilman Smith and board member of the Cemetery Association, stated that "the association is interested in taking on maintenance of Mount Pisgah Cemetery and the board is of a mind that association should be responsible for the cemetery's in town". Councilman Smith invited Mr. Taylor to the upcoming Cemetery Association meeting on August 10, 2019 at 9:00 at Etzweiler Funeral Home, 700 Hellam St., Wrightsville.

Connie Radziewicz:

Mrs. Radziewicz asked council members for approval to place teal ribbons on poles along Hellam Street in September to promote Turn the Town Teals for ovarian cancer awareness. Miss Radziewicz stated that this is the same request that she asked for last year. Councilman Smith made a motion to allow placement of teal ribbons on poles along Hellam Street to promote ovarian cancer. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Bair made a motion to post yellow tanker truck which is owned and titled by Wrightsville Borough on municibid for possible sale of vehicle. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve animal control services contract from Klugh Animal Control Services, pending the correction to date on contract is changed, for services to be provided in 2020. Councilman Kirkessner seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve installation of handicap parking markers at 417 Walnut Street. VP Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman McDonald made a motion to approve the entertainment/recreation permit for Remax Pinnacle for event to be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm at Riverfront Park. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve payment for \$9553.30 to MacMor Construction for work completed on Locust Street Project and bill Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority \$1862.24 for work completed on Locust Street Project. 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 July 1, 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 July 15, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Zoning:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Fire:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Chief Livelsberger relayed that a total of 81 calls for service were received in July.

Ambulance:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Mr. Adam Marden relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Mr. Marden relayed that UMPC will be opening on August 18,2019.

Emergency Management:

Report provided with monthly meeting materials.

Police:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Chief Pollock relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Councilman McDonald asked VP Gromling why personal property was being treated for herbicides? Councilman McDonald stated that only borough property should be treated to ensure the town looks clean and not unkept. Councilman McDonald relayed to VP Gromling and other members of council that employee, Eliseo Cruz should be given ample time and assistance with test preparation to take his pesticide/ herbicide licensing test(s).

Engineer:

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

Treasurer:

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

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

Mayor:

Mayor Albert stated to those in attendance that enforcement procedures will be put in place for anyone who does not have an approved solicitation permit from borough office. VP Gromling indicated that new solicitation signs must be placed at all entrances into borough before enforcement actions can be taken. VP Gromling stated that 6 new signs would need placed within borough with a total cost not to exceed \$600. Mayor Albert agreed that the signs are of necessity and would like council's approval. Councilman Smith made a motion to purchase and install 6 new solicitation signs within borough contingent that total costs do not exceed \$600. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Nahass relayed to council as he did previously in meeting that he will file petition with court for ownership of Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

Councilman Smith indicated that he will be working with Solicitor Nahass to discuss the irregularities with Tax Levy Ordinance for per capita and occupational taxes that was brought to the attention of Councilman Smith from Borough Tax Collector, Randee Scritchfield.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Councilman Smith relayed to council members that he met with Randee Scritchfield, Wrightsville Borough Tax Collector concerning some discrepancies with tax levy ordinance and exonerations for borough residents. Councilman Smith noted that there are inconsistencies between school district and borough. Councilman Smith noted that possible amendment to tax levy may be imminent.

Councilman Smith noted that he will be working with Treasurer Brenner to gather preliminary budget figures for further discussion in the upcoming meetings.

President White asked council members to review new website content as new website will be active in the very near future.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councilman Bair relayed to members of council and those in attendance that Civil War Trail maps need updated and work is in progress to have this completed.

PARKS & RECREATION:

No report

PERSONNEL:

Councilman Smith relayed to members of council that Suzanne Martin, Wrightsville Borough Office Assistant started her employment today, June 3, 2019.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

No report

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the August 5, 2019 Regular meeting at 8:17pm. VP Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff

Borough Secretary

