

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

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

Absent: Councilman Kirkessner

Participating by phone conference line: Councilman McDonald

Council President White called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:31pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

PATRONS:

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald relayed to members of council her dislike of Trump merchandise being sold in Riverfront Park and noted that vehicles were double parked in the street causing a safety concern for pedestrians walking across the street. Mrs. McDonald asked members of council what was being done about the trailer that was parked on sidewalk by the Burning Bridge. Council asked Mr. Conti who was present for the meeting to take the trailer off the sidewalk. Mr. Conti complied and noted the trailer would be removed.

Robin Geesey:

Mrs. Geesey expressed her dislike to council about how the entire town looks trashy and nothing is being done about it from council. Mrs. Geesey also asked what was going to be done about unhitched trailers on 4th, 5th and 6th Street. Chief Pollock relayed he would take care of the matter and thanked her for bringing it to his attention.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve entertainment permit for Burning Bridge Tavern Event: Wrightsville Borough Alliance Street Fair from 4pm-9pm on Friday and Saturday's beginning on 9/18/20 and ending on Saturday, 10/31/20. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald opposed the motion. Motion carried with a vote, 4-1.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve closing N. Front Street from Hellam Street to Locust Street from 4pm-9pm for Burning Bridge Tavern Event on Friday and Saturday's

beginning on 9/18/20 and ending on Saturday, 10/31/20. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald opposed the motion. Motion carried with a vote, 4-1.

MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the August 17, 2020 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:

No report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Chief reported to council and those in attendance that 59 calls were received for the month of August.

Chief Livelsberger thanked members of council and Mr. Steve Conti from the Burning Bridge for their assistance after the golf tournament. Chief was unable to provide a grand total of money raised during the event but noted he would share the final amount once all expenses are paid for. Chief Livelsberger thanked Councilman Gromling for his assistance with Ed Keller's funeral service and parade procession.

Police:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Councilman Gromling suggested that all new council members or any member that has not received their NIMS certification should contact Chris Eaton, EMA Coordinator to register for any upcoming training.

Ambulance:

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.

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 August 2020. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of August 2020. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Treasurer Brenner relayed to members of council that the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Borough of Wrightsville Police Pension Plan was submitted to Conrad Seigel. Treasurer Brenner that no payment is due to the pension plan and the 2021 MMO reflected a zero payment being due by 12-31-21. No formal motion was made. Council agreed with the MMO presented.

Outstanding Locust Street sidewalks payments were discussed amongst council members. VP Smith made a motion to advise property owners that they must make a payment within 30 days in 1/2 of the amount they owe or a lien will be initiated for the entire amount owed to the borough for replacement of their sidewalk. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor:

Mayor Albert asked members of council if the issue with residents not receiving their water bills in a timely manner has been resolved. VP Smith indicated that he was fairly confident that the matter has been resolved with the post office.

Mayor Albert presented members of council and award from Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill congratulating the mayor, members of council and borough residents on being recognized at the 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania 2019 Commonwealth Awards Ceremony highlighting the Riverfront Revitalization Project.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Nahass advised council members that a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board noise exemption hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 11am at John Wright

Restaurant, 234 North Front Street, Wrightsville. The meeting will be a public meeting and the PLCB will advertise the meeting. The borough is not responsible for advertisement requirements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Vice President Smith relayed to members of council that insurance coverage for the borough and authority has been finalized with Glatfelter Agency and that he requested earthquake coverage be added to the policy for an annual premium of \$750 for earthquake coverage.

VP Smith indicated that 2021 budget preparations will begin soon.

VP Smith relayed to members of council that Resolution 2020-2 was passed at the most recent Municipal Authority meeting to initiate a stormwater fee to be assessed to the residents. Solicitor Nahass is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Solicitor Ruth (WBMA solicitor) is in the process of completing a stormwater subsidiary agreement.

VP Smith made a motion to approve the supplement estimate from General Code to codify new legislation. Estimate received from General Code provides a range of payment between \$1090 and \$1365. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. Councilman Gromling opposed motion. Motion carried with a vote, 4-1.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Gromling noted that all utility companies including Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority must obtain a street cut permit to complete any street cuts in the borough.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No report

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilman Bair made a motion to host trick or treat in Wrightsville Borough on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6pm-8pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Gromling relayed to members of council that he has marked trees in Riverfront Park with a pink "X" indicating trees that will be cut down due to infestation or potential hazard.

Councilman Gromling noted that there are 12 trees that have been identified already and would like obtain estimates from tree removal companies to remove the trees. Councilman Gromling also proposed that equipment could be rented to allow borough employees to complete project. Council agreed for safety reasons that estimates should be received from tree removal companies.

PERSONNEL:

No report

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Council decided that no Planning Meeting for September would be held. Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2020.

Note: Planning meeting was held on September 21, 2020 due to action items presented since regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Smith made a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2020 Regular meeting at 8:57pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary

