

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

Borough Chambers

601 Water Street

Wrightsville, PA

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

Absent: Councilman Kirkessner

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:

Shawn House- Event Coordinator - Hempzels™Cannahemp Festival:

Mr. House introduced himself to those in attendance and highlighted his reason for attending meeting. Mr. House would like to host a Cannahemp Festival in Wrightsville Borough on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Mr. House would like to make this festival an annual event noting that his ideas for this event include the following: event competition to see who can make the best pretzel, food vendors who would sell an array of items including hemp seed, drinks, pretzels and other items, live music. Mr. House would like to set up a tent to provide education and create awareness focusing on the medicinal, industrial and other informational aspects of Hemp. Mr. House encouraged those in attendance to visit the following webpage for more information – <https://lancastertradinghouse/hempzelstm-homepage>.

Jeanne Cooper – President, Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce:

Ms. Cooper presented members of council with a request letter to remain solvent. Ms. Cooper announced that the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce is on the verge of bankruptcy due to the fact that events hosted by SVCC were unable to be held due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ms. Cooper stated that SVCC is seeking a total of \$45,000 to \$47, 000 as a “gift, as a donation or as a grant” to help keep the chamber afloat. Ms. Cooper stated that she will be visiting the different municipalities that the chamber represents, Wrightsville, York County, Marietta and Columbia County and asking each municipality for one third of money needed to avoid bankruptcy. She stated “I feel semi- ridiculous coming before you and putting this before you’. Council was very sympathetic but council’s feedback was not positive. Councilman Gromling noted ‘our borough struggles year to year without raising taxes and this is simply something Wrightsville Borough can not assist with”.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald relayed to members of council that she contacted an attorney and asked if Wrightsville Borough would be liable if injuries or even death occurs by someone because we have an open container resolution. Mrs. McDonald said that it is stupid and why is it being done in Wrightsville? Mrs. McDonald stated that the attorney she spoke to said that Wrightsville Borough would be liable for any incidents that occur. Mrs. McDonald continued to ask certain members of council questions at which time President White began 3 minute timer as Mrs. McDonald spoke. Mrs. McDonald told President White that he can not set time for just her and no reply was provided by any member of council.

Sandy Dosch:

Ms. Dosch asked her councilmen in her ward- VP Smith and Councilman Gromling why there is no handicap accessible ramps at 4th and Cherry Streets. Councilman Gromling replied to Ms. Dosch that no major street improvements have been completed in that area and by law, ramps are not needed unless a major street repair or construction project is completed. Ms. Dosch asked Mayor Albert why he does not represent the town and it is always Eric. Mayor Albert vehemently replied” I am sick of tired of Mel and others coming to every meeting and making false accusations towards him and other members of council for at least the past 4 years. Some other members who were in attendance also shouted no one knows who you (mayor) are stating that Eric always represents the town with everything.

ACTION ITEMS:

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-5, a resolution of Wrightsville Borough Council authorizing the Borough Council to grant limited exceptions to Section 6-502 of the Borough’s Ordinance prohibiting the possession of alcoholic beverages on streets and other public property. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-6, a resolution authorizing petition to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to substitute the Wrightsville Borough Noise Ordinance for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Statutory Section 47 P.S. §4-493(34). Councilman Bair seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald opposed the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit for Hempzels™ Cannahemp Festival on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9am to 6pm. Vice President Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Road closures were discussed with Mr. Shawn House – event organizer. Council was not in favor of road closures that were presented by Mr. House and other alternative road closures were discussed. Mr. House will discuss these alternatives with event staff and provide council with an update. Vice President Smith relayed to council that he would like to continue the road closure conversation at the June planning meeting.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit for Hope UMC/Hope United Methodist Church and John Wright Restaurant area for July 4th Celebration

on Monday, July 5, 2021 from 9am-10:30pm. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve closing the following streets on Monday, July 5, 2021 from 3pm-12am for July 4th Celebration:

- ◆ N. Front St. from Locust St. to Limekiln Alley
- ◆ Walnut St. from 4th St. to N. Front St.

Vice President Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit for Burning Bridge Tavern Street Fair events from 4pm-10pm on the following dates:

- ◆ June 12, 2021
- ◆ June 19, 2021
- ◆ June 26, 2021
- ◆ July 3, 2021

Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald was opposed to the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve closing the following streets on June 12, 2021, June 19, 2021, June 26, 2021 and July 3, 2021 from 4pm-10pm for Burning Bridge Tavern Street Fair events. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald opposed the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve MacMor Application for Payment #5 totaling \$97,519.89 for work completed for Riverfront Park Project – Green Infrastructure Plan. Vice President Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the May 3, 2021 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 May 17, 2021 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Zoning:

No report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Fire:

No report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Police:

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

Councilman Gromling asked Chief Pollock to start monitoring the large industrial truck traffic that is traveling on Locust St. due to the construction on Hellam St.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Ambulance:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Adam Marden relayed report highlights to those in attendance noting that 133 calls were received for May.

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 Smith made a motion to approve C.S. Davidson to proceed with design portion of Locust Street Project -5th St to 6th St. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Tax Collector:

No report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Treasurer:

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

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the check register for the month of May 2021. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the financial report for the motion of May 2021. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Mayor:

Mayor Albert relayed to council members that he would like to see American Legion Post 469 be formally designated as a Historic Site and be designated as a historical structure in Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Bair will inquire about request from mayor.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Nahass relayed to members of council that he provided 2 resolutions for council to consider during meeting. Both resolutions are listed as action items on meeting agenda.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

President White relayed to members of council that he has asked IT representative for borough to provide cost to upgrade firewall and security features on borough/authority computers used by employees. President White wants to assure that we have up-to-date measures in place on all computer equipment. A estimated cost to perform these recent upgrades would be approximately \$1300 for one year subscription noting that this expense would be equally split between borough and municipal authority. Vice President Smith made a motion to approve computer upgrades to be completed with costs not to exceed \$2500.00. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Gromling relayed to those in attendance that lights on the Veterans Memorial Bridge will be turned off for 2 weeks to help increase visibility for motorists due to mayflies.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No report

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilman Gromling noted that Riverfront Park is a mess and construction is ongoing. President White noted that security cameras will be a necessity once the park renovations are completed.

PERSONNEL:

Vice President Smith thanked Councilman Gromling for mowing cemetery in preparation of ceremony being held on Memorial Day. VP Smith noted that his work was appreciated.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

Councilman Gromling recommended that door hangers be placed on properties with property code violations to help expedite correction process required to eliminate violations being sent to Solanco Engineering. Members of council would like to continue discussion during the planning meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Smith made a motion to adjourn the June 7, 2021 Regular meeting at 9:44pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary