

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

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

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