

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

Borough Chambers

601 Water Street

Wrightsville, PA

In attendance: Council President Giandalia, Vice President Lyle, Councilman Landis, Councilman Gromling, Councilman McDonald, Councilman White, Mayor Slenker, Solicitor Ruth, Treasurer Brenner, Engineer Klinedinst, Secretary Hoff

Council President Giandalia called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:30pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald relayed to those in attendance that a event flyer should be mailed to everyone similar to that of the newsletter to let them know of community clean up day and to advise residents that there permits issued by the borough need to be visible in their windows.

Mrs. McDonald told council and that she is starting her own social media page like that of “Wrightsville Rants& Raves” noting that her page will be called “Wrightsville Truth Be Told” and all content will be the truth. Mrs. McDonald relayed to council that she attended a Borough Association event with her husband and spoke to several people who stated, “turning houses into apartment buildings is a bad idea”. Mrs. McDonald agreed with them.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger reported the department responded to a total of 58 calls in March.

Police:

No report was provided at time of meeting. Chief Pollock relayed to members of council that he would email the report once completed.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Ambulance:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Zoning:

Report was provided with meeting materials.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Engineer:

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

Treasurer:

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve the March check register. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve the March financial reports. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman McDonald announced that he would does not want to be paid for his council duties bi-annually. Treasurer Brenner acknowledged Councilman McDonald's request and asked that Councilman McDonald submit his request in writing.

Mayor:

Mayor Slenker relayed to those in attendance that she feels that the complaint process for property maintenance complaints is a long process that takes too much time for action to take place. Councilman Gromling advised Mayor to review and become familiar with the Property Maintenance Code within the Borough.

Mayor Slenker relayed to members of council that she attended a emergency management services meeting with Hellam Township and Hellam Borough and a 10 year plan is needed to help with emergency services funding. Treasurer Brenner advised that a budgeted account for emergency services has already been established with presentation of 2022 budget.

Solicitor:

Report was provided with meeting materials.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman White made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-18, a resolution of the Borough of Wrightsville to support the Trail Towns Action Plan. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-1, an ordinance amending Chapter 26, Part 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Wrightsville Borough, York County, Pennsylvania, Ordinance 2012-2, pertaining to stormwater management. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve MacMor application for payment no. 9 totaling \$8,010.40 for work completed on Green Infrastructure Plan at Riverfront Park. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for Wrightsville American Legion Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Riverfront Park. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for Memorial Day Parade hosted by Wrightsville American Legion on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 11:45am-1:30pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve the following street closure request on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 11:45am-1:30pm for Memorial Day Parade. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- ◆ Hellam Street from Front Street to 7th Street, pending PennDOT approval
- ◆ S. 2nd Street from Hellam Street to Orange Street
- ◆ Chestnut Street from 3rd Street to Front Street
- ◆ Howard Avenue from Chestnut Street to Hellam Street

Community Clean Up Day – Additional details were discussed about clean up day on Saturday, May 14 from 8am-12pm. Refuse trucks will pick up large items placed at curbside on Friday, May 13, 2022. Event will be advertised on water bills, bridge sign, flyers, two SWIF reach calls will be scheduled, and flyers posted at local businesses in borough. Final details will be discussed during the council meeting on May 2, 2022.

Treasurer Brenner presented council with budget amendments for 2022 budget based on positive and negative operational costs incurred since 2022 budget was approved. Treasurer Brenner provided data for his proposed/recommended changes to reflect the following: positive changes = \$47,260, negative changes + -\$35,139 (net changes = \$12,121), adopted surplus \$29,366, amended surplus = \$41,487. After a brief discussion, VP Lyle made a motion to approve the budget amendments presented by Treasurer Brenner. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. Councilman White was opposed to the motion. Motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

Discussion continued about rental inspections being done within the Borough. Councilman White suggested that all rental property owners be invited to a meeting with council before moving forward. Council President Giandalia agreed and noted that all property owners will be given the opportunity to attend a meeting noting that he will be open for discussion but will not debate with them about program. Solicitor Ruth noted to council members that they should be prepared for resistance from owners about rental inspection program. Councilman Landis stated “there are issues with rental properties in town”. Discussion continued and became argumentative at times between council members. Councilman Landis noted that Councilman White had single handedly made direct inaccurate accusations towards other council members several times at meetings and if it continues he would like Councilman White censored. VP Lyle agreed with Councilman Landis. Councilman White replied “you can’t do that”.

Limekilns – Council President Giandalia stated that the Limekilns is a very important historical structure in the borough and saving them from deteriorating further is something that needs dealt with immediately. Steve Conti relayed to council that the Smith Foundation can not own property but is willing to help the borough in any way they can to maintain Limekilns. Councilman Gromling recommended a possible 100-year lease similar to the one the Borough has with the American Legion. VP Lyle agreed with President Giandalia noting that the Limekilns are very unsafe, and they need stabilized as soon as possible. Councilman White made a motion to have Solicitor Ruth communicate with Smith Foundation solicitor to propose a plan on how to move forward. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve C.S. Davidson to apply for Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant Program. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The mini-grant program provides funding opportunities ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 towards projects that advance the mission of the Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Landscape.

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman McDonald made a motion to approve the March 21, 2022 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. Councilman Gromling abstained from voting due to his absence at the planning meeting. The motion carried with a total of 5 members in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

No report

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No report

PARKS & RECREATION:

Wrightsville American Legion Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Riverfront Park on Saturday, April 9th starting at 11:00am.

PERSONNEL:

VP Lyle reported that employee job descriptions are still being worked on with the assistance of Solicitor Ruth.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman White made a motion to adjourn the April 4, 2022 Regular meeting at 9:21pm. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary