WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING APRIL 18, 2022

Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 18, 2022. Council President Giandalia called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

In attendance: Council President Giandalia, Vice President Lyle, Councilman McDonald, Councilman White, Administrative Assistant Martin

Absent: Councilman Landis, Councilman Gromling, Mayor Slenker, Secretary Hoff

PATRONS:

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald inquired about details for the Spring Cleanup Day on May 14, 2022. She stated the residents are looking for more information. She asked if it could be posted on the website (it is currently on the Borough website) or possibly send a mailing soon to the residents with the details. It was decided that the website will be kept up-to-date with the details. Water bills will be mailed soon and will have details on them. Lastly, Swift Reach calls will be made closer to the time with details about the event once they are decided.

John Klinedinst, Borough Engineer:

Engineer Klinedinst presented updated facts to Council concerning the South Front Street project funding as well as the status of grants and other funding he is working on for this project. He has obtained a 30-day extension from the Contractor until the end of June, but there will be no further extensions after that time. He has several requests pending to secure additional funding for the project. He has been working with PennDOT regarding providing the milling and paving; Columbia Gas regarding the sidewalks; and the WBMA has agreed to pay for the stormwater part of the project. There are grants from DCNR, ARPA, possibly the Chesapeake Bay and a grant for the needed signage.

It is his feeling that most of the money for the project can be obtained through grants and the balance of the project could be passed along to the residents (although he stated this is not the best choice) or obtaining a loan should be considered. It is his opinion that to not use the current large amount of grant money will hurt the Borough in obtaining any grant money in the future. He will keep Council advised as to the status of the pending project funding.

ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion on wards: Councilman White presented statistics regarding the current number of registered voters in each ward. Wards need to have balance and are currently unbalanced. Ward 1 and Ward 2 have less registered voters than Ward 3. It is Councilman White's feeling the Borough is in violation of State laws and needs to be in compliance by the end of May. He proposed 2 options to resolve this problem: 1) change the voting maps or 2) abolish the Ward

system. Councilman McDonald inquired as to what happens if we don't do anything? What are they going to do? Councilman White stated, nothing unless an aggrieved voter is going to complain. President Giandalia said to Councilman White, I think I know who that aggrieved voter is. Councilman White said I am an aggrieved voter. After further discussion, it was decided that President Giandalia will contact the Borough Solicitor about whether there are compliance issues and a possible compliance deadline at the end of May, 2022.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Administration & Finance:
No report
Public Works:
No report
Public Safety:
No report
Community & Economic Development:
Councilman White reported that the Community Easter egg hunt took place and was a success. There was a good crowd at the Community egg hunt as well as the church egg hunt.
Parks & Recreation:
No report
Personnel:
No report
Complaint Committee:
No report
ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

It was discussed that PennDOT was sweeping the bridge today and no one knew why.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman White made a motion to adjourn the April 18, 2022 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne S. Martin, Administrative Assistant