

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
**PLANNING MEETING****JUNE 20, 2022**Borough Chambers \* 601 Water Street \* Wrightsville

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The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 20, 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 Landis, Councilman McDonald, Councilman White, Mayor Slenker, Administrative Assistant Martin

***Absent:*** Councilman Gromling, Secretary Hoff

**PATRONS:**

Dave Foulk:

Mr. Foulk expressed his continued concerns with regard to the outside entertainment at the Burning Bridge Tavern. The music is so loud he cannot enjoy outside activities in his own backyard. He questioned the PA Liquor Control Board allowing Hellam Township Police Department to enforce the Noise Ordinance. Discussion took place concerning the Noise Ordinance needing improved and that Council is currently working on a new Noise Ordinance that would give the Police Department something to enforce. It was discussed that the music will stop by 9:00 pm and the entertainment will be cleaned up by 10:00 pm. For July it is being proposed that Burning Bride Tavern will only be allowed to have two outside events. Council asked Steve Conti if the two dates could be picked at this meeting, but Steve asked if they could be picked closer to each Saturday since their decision is based on the weather. President Giandalia asked Mr. Foulk if he would be willing to give this arrangement in July a try and he agreed.

The first outside date will be Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, weather permitting. Councilman McDonald stated he was definitely opposed to that date due to it being the same night as the fireworks and he was concerned with so many people and children being in the same area. Vice President Lyle felt having the two events on the same night this year may be a good test to see if it will work in the future.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald questioned recent raises for certain Borough employees and why phones are not being answered at the Borough office. She felt the other candidate to fill the vacant Council position would be better than Matt Russ since Matt Russ is very busy. Lastly, she questioned Councilman Landis as to what was being done at 319 Vine Street as the property is still a mess. Mrs. McDonald was informed that Solanco Engineering has filed the proper paperwork with the Court concerning this property.

Sharon Stoner, Rotary President:

Mrs. Stoner asked Council if they have trash cans available for use at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> celebration. Unfortunately, the Borough no longer has trash cans available for use as they were in the past.

Mrs. Stoner also brought to Council the Rotary Club's feelings and concerns regarding a recent incident whereby their sign for their Chicken BBQ had been removed due to a few complaints on social media. The sign has been there annually for a long time with no previous problems. Mayor Slenker apologized to Mrs. Stoner and the Rotary Club for the sign being removed for a short time. Councilman Lyle expressed it is important for the Borough and Rotary to work together and it was decided Mayor Slenker would attend the Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Burning Bridge Tavern to also apologize to the Rotary Club members.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for Burning Bridge Tavern to have two outside events in July, dates to be picked by Steve Conti based on the weather. Councilman White seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald was opposed to the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve the Street Closures for the Burning Bridge Tavern Outdoor Entertainment for two Saturday nights in July, dates to be picked by Steve Conti based on the weather. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald was opposed to the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Councilman White asked that Resolution 2022-20 be amended to state that Councilman Gromling did not resign from his Council position but had moved which disqualified him from being a Council member. Councilman White made a motion to make the change and approve the Resolution. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President nominated Matt Russ to fill the vacant Council position. Councilman White addressed Matt Russ to explain while he felt Matt is qualified and a good choice to fill the Council position he would be voting against the nomination since Matt currently also serves as a member of the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority Board. A vote was taken. Councilman White voted no. All other Council members voted yes.

Mayor Slenker swore in Matt Russ and he was seated with the other Council members.

Councilman White made a motion to table the Street Closure request for the Wrightsville Fire Department Summer Bash on Saturday, September 10, 2022, until the next Council meeting. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***Administration & Finance:***

No report

#### ***Public Works:***

No report

***Public Safety:***

No report

***Community & Economic Development:***

No report

***Parks & Recreation:***

Councilman White is continuing to work on getting the cameras set up in the park. There has been recent damage to both bathrooms and the chess table as well as some graffiti in the park.

***Personnel:***

No report

***Complaint Committee:***

No report

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

President Giandalia requested Council members to review and be ready to discuss the proposed new Noise Ordinance prior to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice President Lyle made a motion to adjourn the June 20, 2022 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne S. Martin, Administrative Assistant