

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

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

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:

Gary Esher:

Mr. Esher asked members of council what can be done about property maintenance issues with 2 properties on 300 block of N. 4th Street. President Giandalia advised Mr. Esher that he will contact the property owners to discuss matter and work on a solution to correct the matters Mr. Esher brought before members of council.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald noted that no members of council are “doing anything”. President Giandalia advised Mrs. McDonald that her personal attacks will not be tolerated in a public meeting and her public comment must be to the whole board and not to one person individually.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire:

No written report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger relayed October department highlights with those in attendance. Chief Livelsberger reported the department responded to 78 calls in October.

Police:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Chief Pollock reported police department responded to 123 calls in borough.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Supervisor Marden relayed report highlights to those in attendance reporting that 121 calls were received and responded to in Wrightsville Borough in October.

Ambulance:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Zoning:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Councilman McDonald asked, “what is the status of the rental inspection program being implemented in the Borough”. President Giandalia noted that he didn’t want to implement program at the current time due to financial hardships that would be implemented with program being established.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Engineer:

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer Klinedinst relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

Treasurer:

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

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the October check register as presented by Treasurer Brenner. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Treasurer Brenner presented a preliminary 2023 Borough budget to members of council for them to review noting that no tax increase is necessary and borough reserve fund totals approximately 22% of expenditures. Treasurer Brenner relayed to members of council that he sent an email to the personnel committee outlining employee wage increases and received no negative feedback from committee; therefore, he outlined a 4.5% increase for full time employees, 4 % wage increase for part time employees and a 50-cent increase for crossing guards. Treasurer Brenner noted that the Fortune and Forbes survey articles that he has read have the bulk of wage increases from employers at 4.5% for 2023. Treasurer Brenner noted historically wage increases are based off cost-of-living increases and for 2023 the cost-of-living increase is 8.7%. Councilman Landis noted that the increase is fair. President Giandalia asked if the municipal authority employee increases are the same as borough employees. Treasurer Brenner replied, “yes”.

Mayor:

Mayor Slenker relayed to those in attendance that resident contacted her about numerous stray cats in area of 800 block of Hellam Street. Council advised her to relay resident to contact Klugh Animal Control Services to inquire if they can assist with stray cat matter.

Mayor Slenker also reported that some residents are upset that Wrightsville Assembly of God hosts their event on same day as Borough trick-or-treat. Some members of council pointed out

that the event held at the church is their annual fall festival and may individuals look forward to event every year.

Mayor Slenker asked Councilman White “why are you taking pictures of properties on 2nd Street?”. No response was provided. Mayor Slenker said what is she supposed to tell those inquiring. Solicitor Ruth advised Mayor Slenker to relay that no answer was provided. No further discussion was held.

Mayor Slenker asked about a desk for her office. President Giandalia asked her if she looked at what has already been provided for her? Mayor Slenker replied no, and she would look at what is already in her office.

Solicitor:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Report highlights were relayed to council by Solicitor Ruth.

ACTION ITEMS:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the 2023 Klugh Animal Control Services contract. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-24, a resolution approving the 2023 Borough Council Regular and Planning Meeting dates. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-25, a resolution appointing the 2023 holiday schedule for Wrightsville Borough, York County, Pennsylvania. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-26, a resolution of the Borough of Wrightsville establishing a policy for use by borough representatives. Councilman Russ seconded the motion. Councilman White opposed the motion. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit application for American Legion Post 469 Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 4pm-8m. Parade is being held in conjunction with Christmas Tree lighting. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve the following street closure request for American Legion Post 469 Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 4pm-8pm:

- N. Front Street from Locust Street to Limekilns – used for parade staging
- Locust Street from N. Front Street to 8th Street
- 4th Street from Hellam Street to Locust Street – Area will be used for Christmas Tree lighting

Councilman Landis seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The no parking on Locust Street for N. Front Street to 8th Street request was not approved by council.

President Giandalia and Councilman Landis held a brief discussion with other members of council about the overabundance of dog waste throughout the borough noting that owners are not cleaning up dog waste. Solicitor Ruth advised council that the Code of Ordinances outlines this matter as an enforceable offense for individuals in which they can be fined by police department. Another suggested idea from Solicitor Ruth was to place more dog clean-up receptacles throughout Borough.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the October 17, 2022 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Russ seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councilman White relayed to members of council that he attended a Veterans Memorial Ceremony hosted by Historic Wrightsville Inc. and noted that the ceremony was small but nice.

PARKS & RECREATION:

VP Lyle relayed to members of council that Eliseo reported damage to the men's restroom in park. Estimates to repair damage will be obtained.

PERSONNEL:

Councilman McDonald asked if anyone has been hired to help Eliseo in Street Department. VP Lyle noted that members of the Municipal Authority are assisting as needed.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Councilman Landis made a motion to adjourn the November 7, 2022 Regular meeting at 8:12pm. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary