

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

Borough Chambers

601 Water Street

Wrightsville, PA

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*In attendance:* President Giandalia, Vice President Lyle, Councilman Landis, Councilman McDonald, Councilman White, Councilman Russ, Mayor Slenker, Treasurer Brenner, Solicitor Ahlbrandt, 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:**

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald relayed to members of council and those in attendance that she spoke with several property owners along S. Front St., and they are upset about losing parking due to the bump outs that are being put in.

Mrs. McDonald asked Councilman White “why do you make such a big deal about certain individuals giving donations?” No further discussion was held.

President Giandalia relayed to those in attendance that before moving forward with the meeting that he would like to read a statement to dispute “misinformation, inaccuracies or misconceptions” that is circulating in the community. President Giandalia noted that he appointed Mayor Slenker to the complaint committee to work on minor infractions of the borough ordinances in October, along with VP Lyle, Councilman McDonald and Roadmaster Cruz. In 3 months, Mayor Slenker did not hold any committee meetings. “Our mayor demonstrates that she does not want to work within this system even after an explanation of her enforcement limits as mayor was provided to her by our solicitor.” Mayor Slenker replied, “I am my own entity”.

For three months, the mayor argued to have an office in a building that the borough does not own. Council worked with the building owner, the Municipal Authority, to secure a space and provided the mayor with a desk, locking file storage and a cell phone. These were all in place months ago. To this day, and to council's knowledge, the mayor has not set up hours or even used the space. Mayor Slenker replied, “I needed to purchase a few items for the space before I use it.”

The cell phone number for people to reach the mayor was placed on the website. An option to reach the mayor was placed on the on the borough phone menu. As of last week, the mayor has not set up her voicemail for the cell phone that was provided to her months ago. Mayor Slenker replied, “it is set up now.”

This council is operating in a manner to serve our town and be fiscally responsible while also addressing immediate needs and getting major projects completed. We have spent many hours outside these meetings meeting with our constituents and securing funding for projects present

and future. We have addressed blighted properties, noise ordinances, stormwater projects, emergency service needs, a town cleanup, a major bridge reconstruction project, moved our Riverfront Project forward, all without a tax increase.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **Fire:**

No report was provided with meeting materials. Mayor Slenker relayed to those in attendance that she received a call from the mayor in Yorkana about the excessive speed of the fire trucks through the town. Mayor Slenker sent an email to Chief Livelsberger about the matter but has received no response from the chief. Councilman McDonald also mentioned to those in attendance that trucks are also driven at an excessive speed along S. Front Street.

##### **Police:**

No report was provided with meeting materials.

##### **Emergency Management Coordinator:**

No report was provided with meeting materials.

##### **Ambulance:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Supervisor Marden relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

##### **Zoning:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Vice President Lyle announced that he has a meeting with Councilman McDonald and Mayor Slenker on Friday, March 3, 2023 to discuss recent complaints submitted to Borough. Action plans were discussed and acted upon during their meeting.

Vice President Lyle relayed to members of council that a youth committee led by Mr. J. Baughman would be available to assist with small clean-up projects at properties within borough for those property owners who would like assistance with their projects. Councilman Landis asked VP Lyle what the insurance liability risk would be in having the youth committee work on an individual's property. VP Lyle noted that he would check with Mr. J. Baughman, Youth Committee Coordinator.

##### **Streets & Parks:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. A discussion was held about purchasing mats for the playgrounds to put underneath swings to assist in mulch being dug out and for safety reasons. After the discussion, Councilman White made a motion to allow 2 rubber mats to be purchased from Rubber Flooring Inc. Councilman Russ seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Councilman McDonald noted "make sure the whole is fixed before placing the new mats under swings."

##### **Engineer:**

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

**Treasurer:**

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

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve the February check register as presented by Treasurer Brenner. Councilman Russ seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

**Mayor:**

Mayor Slenker asked why meetings are, referring to meeting held by VP Lyle on Friday, March 3, 2023, being held during work hours. No further discussion was held.

**Solicitor:**

No report.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Councilman White made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for Burning Bridge Tavern street entertainment for 2-3 days per month for the following months: May, June, July, August and September from 5pm-10pm. Dates chosen for each month will be determined later. VP Lyle seconded the motion. Councilman McDonald opposed the motion. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for Burning Bridge Tavern to host street event for Hellam Township Police fundraiser on Saturday, June 10, 2023, and Fire Department fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, 2023. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White approved street closure request for a demo permit submitted by Donsco to remove overpass structure on N. Front St. on April 17, 2023, (raindate- April 24, 2023). VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Landis made a motion for Borough Spring Clean-up Event to be held. Date will be determined after discussion with Municipal Authority. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

No February Planning Meeting was held. No minutes to approve.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No report.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Councilman White relayed to those in attendance that Hometown Hero's Project is still being worked on with Wrightsville American Legion.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Councilman White announced to those in attendance that the community Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Wrightsville American Legion will be held at 10am and not 11am at Riverfront Park.

**PERSONNEL:**

No report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

President Giandalia announced that no Planning Meeting will be held on March 20, 2023.

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

Councilman Landis made a motion to adjourn the March 6, 2023 Regular meeting at 7:38pm. Councilman Russ seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammie Hoff  
Borough Secretary

