

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

In attendance: President Giandalia, Vice President Lyle, Councilman Landis, Councilman Gromling, Councilwoman Barrett, Councilwoman Ferrari, Mayor Slenker, Treasurer Sahd, Solicitor Ruth, Engineer McCoy, Secretary Hoff

Absent: None

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:

Chris Eaton, Emergency Management Coordinator, Eastern York County Emergency Management Agency:

Mr. Eaton introduced himself to members of council and those in attendance. Mr. Eaton provided a brief presentation outlining the Emergency Operations Plan for 2024. Mr. Eaton noted that the plan is required to be reviewed and approved by municipal official's biennial per the requirements from PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Mr. Eaton noted the main changes are in many parts of the EOP the verbiage used was the County will be notified immediately upon activation of the EOC. This was changed to when available or when unmet resources are needed. This change aligns with the National Response Framework of all disasters start and end locally and the next level of government is contacted when needs of an incident are greater than those of the local government.

Faye Raffensberger:

Ms. Raffensberger expressed her dislike again for the bump-outs that were placed in front of her house during the construction of the S. Front St. project, and she also expressed her dislike of having to park so far away from her home because parking spaces were taken away. Ms. Raffensberger also informed council that during the most recent snow storm the sidewalks across from her home were not cleared and she fell on sidewalk that was covered with snow. Vice President Lyle stated that the sidewalks were cleared multiple time during the snowstorm.

Mary Ellen Siska:

Ms. Siska provided council members with a handout that outlined the Deck the Bikes contest that was held in 2023. Ms. Siska relayed to members of council and those in attendance that 12 entries were received, the event was a learning experience to expand on for 2024 and new ideas are welcomed for 2024 event.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald asked Councilman Landis “why can’t you just stay on borough and not authority? You disturbed everything.” No further discussion was held.

Mrs. McDonald asked members of council why Tayne (mayor) can’t do anything about property maintenance. No further discussion was held.

Mrs. McDonald asked President Giandalia, “why isn’t Mike being investigated?” President Giandalia told Mrs. McDonald, as he has in the past, that the matter is a personnel matter and will not be discussed. Mrs. McDonald asked Councilman Gromling why he told her that he had to work and that is why Mayor Slenker didn’t swear him in during the meeting in January, but she was told a different reason. Councilman Gromling replied that he thought he may have to work. No further discussion was held.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Chief Livelsberger reported 75 calls were received for service in January. Chief Livelsberger provided the fire department year-end report for 2023 to members of council.

Police:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Chief Pollock reported that 133 calls were received from Wrightsville Borough in January.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Ambulance:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Zoning:

Report was provided with monthly 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. Treasurer Sahd relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

Councilman Landis made a motion to approve the January check register as presented by Treasurer Sahd. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Mayor:

Mayor Slenker relayed to those in attendance that she and Councilwoman Ferrari attended a Municipal Leadership 101 event hosted by Stock & Leader noting she learned a lot and it was an event full of helpful information and food provided was excellent.

Councilwoman Ferrari also relayed to those in attendance that she felt the event was very informative and thanked Stock & Leader for hosting event.

Mayor Slenker informed council members that she received a call from a representative from the Susquehanna Senior Center requesting a donation to continue to provide Meals on Wheels to residents in Wrightsville Borough. Members asked Mayor Slenker to obtain more information about the number of residents served so that a decision can be made by council and any donations/funds released could be a budget item for 2025.

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 Recreation/Entertainment Permit application form for American Legion Post 469 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 8:30am to 1:00pm, pending an updated Certificate of Insurance is provided to the borough office. The event will begin at 11am. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit application for Spring Makers Market on Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 8:30am-5pm. Food trucks will be located along N. Front St. near John Wright Restaurant. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to appoint Councilman Gromling and Vice President Lyle as primary and alternate members as borough representatives for Eastern York County Emergency Management Agency members for Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Landis seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Landis made a motion to authorize Wrightsville Borough Treasurer Gregory Sahd and Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority Finance Office Victoria Giandalia as authorized signers for Trust Agreement with Wilmington Trust and to authorize any action related to pension matters for Wrightsville Borough. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Action needed due to resignation of former Treasurer Keith Brenner.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the 2024 Emergency Operations Plan and Concurrence Form as presented by Christopher Eaton, Emergency Management Coordinator

earlier in the meeting. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024, Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

President Giandalia relayed to members of council that a prior discussion was held between Treasurer Sahd and Secretary Hoff regarding current pay rate for Suzanne Martin, Borough Administrative Assistant and as a result of Suzi being the lowest paid employee in the Borough he would like to increase her pay to \$22.00/hour pending approval from the Municipal Authority as her pay is equally divided between the Borough and Municipal Authority. Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to increase pay rate for Suzanne Martin to \$22.00 per hour pending approval from Municipal Authority with payrate being retroactive to January 1, 2024. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

President Giandalia announced that the February 19, 2024 Planning Meeting will be held to fill the vacancy before the March Regular Meeting. President Giandalia asked Secretary Hoff to advertise vacancy and noted that all letters of interest should be submitted to the Borough office by February 15, 2025.

President Giandalia announced that Borough Committee assignments should be announced during the meeting on March 4, 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Councilman Landis announced to members of council and those in attendance that he was submitting a letter of resignation to resign from Borough Council immediately. Councilman Landis read his resignation to all meeting attendees outlining that during the January Municipal Authority meeting he had the honor of being elected to the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority Chairman, a position that he served for many years. Councilman Landis stated” I feel it is in my best interest of our town to vacate my Council seat to make way for a fellow citizen to participate in matters of local government. Councilman Landis thanked everyone for allowing him the privilege to serve in the council position and he is looking forward to devoting his attention to the Municipal Authority.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to accept resignation from Councilman Landis. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to adjourn the February 5, 2024, Regular meeting at 8:02pm. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary