

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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:

Jan Renga:

Ms. Renga provided members of council with information that outlined Hellam Township Zoom meeting platform instructions outlining how an individual can participate in their meetings virtually and they also post their meeting agendas on Savvy Citizen. Ms. Renga would like to see more people involved with monthly meetings and maybe Wrightsville Borough can utilize the same ideas/platforms being used by Hellam Township.

Lori Cappello:

Mrs. Cappello introduced herself and her husband Jason as the new owners of Half Nuts Popcorn.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald commented on President Giandalia, questioned the office space allocation between the staff and elected officials, and the presence of the police department at the meetings.

Mary Ellen Siksa:

Ms. Siksa provided council with information that Wright on the River Committee (Eric J. White, Christine Siksa and Mary Ellen Siksa are working on.

Wrightsville Community Activities:

- Currently building an annual calendar of reoccurring activities to avoid conflicts
- Community Yard Sale – April 20, 2024
- Other ideas: local craft show, potluck picnics in the park, dances, chili or baking contests

Wrightsville Long term Planning:

- Joined with Hellam Township & Borough to create a 10- year Regional Plan
- Consultant – Michael Baker International facilitating

- About 20 members from the region
- Taking a formal SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound) approach to creating the plan
- Wanted: Creative solutions, funds(grants) to implement

Wrightsville Long Term Planning:

- Issues & Challenges – Industrial vs. outdoor recreation vs. farming- balance
- Lack of storefronts and parking
- Connect the 3 communities

Assets & Opportunities

- Trail Towns, River towns
- State and local parks
- Preservation and historical areas
- 10-20 Year vision: coming soon

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger was not in attendance to relay report highlights.

Police:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Chief Pollock reported that 136 calls were received for Wrightsville Borough in February.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Ambulance:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Zoning:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

Engineer:

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

Treasurer:

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Treasurer Sahd relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Treasurer Sahd relayed to members of council that donations are still being received for decorations noting that recent donations total \$255.52 and total balance to date equals \$3065.67.

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

Councilman White made a motion to approve the February financial reports. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor:

Mayor Slenker relayed to those in attendance that she, Councilwoman Barrett, Councilman Gromling and Councilman White attended a emergency management training event over the weekend. Mayor Slenker informed those in attendance that after the training event, she showed Councilwoman Barrett the properties in town that never get cleaned up and stated something needs to be done.

Mayor Slenker told members of council that she was very upset at the last meeting when Councilman White was selected to replace Phil, stating that he (Eric) was voted out for a reason. No further discussion was held.

Solicitor:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Vice President Lyle made a motion, contingent on engineer and solicitor review, to approve revised PennDOT Roundabout Agreement. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. Councilman White opposed the motion. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion, contingent on engineer and solicitor review, to approve PennDOT Roundabout Agreement Resolution. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. Councilman White opposed the motion. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion to approve letter of support for Lancaster Conservancy DCNR Grant Application – Roundtop Addition Requisition Project. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for RE/MAX Pinnacle Team Fun Friday events in Riverfront Park on Friday, June 21, 2024 and Friday, August 16, 2024 from 4pm-8:3pm. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve C.S. Davidson to begin preliminary design for ADA Kayak Launch Project. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a contingent motion, pending recreation/entertainment permit application and Certificate of Liability Insurance is submitted before event, to approve the May

the 4th event to be held in Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Gronling seconded the motion. All in favor. Councilwoman Barrett relayed to those in attendance meetings are still be held with event organizers. Preliminary ideas for event are to have a costume contest, child friendly events/ activities, scavenger hunt with the assistance of local businesses, possibility of food truck(s) and bounce house and raffle prizes.

Councilwoman Barrett relayed to members of council that she was contacted by a member of Historic Wrightsville Inc. to ask permission to post parking signs in front of Historic Wrightsville Inc. on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm that limit parking to one hour. After a brief discussion, VP Lyle doesn't believe the increased parking is a result of the individuals attending the Slavic Church. It was noted that parking on any day in the area where Historic Wrightsville Inc. is located is full. Council agreed to keep the conversation going and maybe a "good neighbor" conversation with residents and church personnel would be beneficial.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve Wrightsville Fire Department to close S. 2nd Street from Hellam Street to Chestnut Street on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 11:30am until 3:00pm for a celebration of life service for Mike Poole. Councilman Gronling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the February 5, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gronling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The February Planning Meeting Minutes were not approved. Councilwoman Barrett requested that additional information be added to note the 3 applicants' responses to questions asked during the Q&A session of the planning meeting. Updates will be made and presented to council for approve at the April 1, 2024 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Giandalia assigned Borough Committees to council members. President Giandalia outlined some ideas that he has for some of the committees that he would like to see implemented. Some ideas include the following: Parks & Recreation – food trucks on Saturdays in Riverfront Park, open air market vendors. Councilwoman Barrett would like community engagement in the park. Community & Economic Development: Ideas on what to do with vacant business spaces in town.

Councilwoman Ferrari asked if committee meetings can be held at the Borough Administrative Office, President Giandalia responded, "yes". Committee meetings do not need to be advertised. Councilwoman Barrett asked what members of council have keys to access the administrative building.

Councilwoman Ferrari relayed to members of council and those in attendance that she would

like to use funds collected and used for Christmas decorations this year to purchase seasonal decorations to display throughout town.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mayor Slenker asked if a community clean-up Day will be held this year. After a brief discussion and pending approval from Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority Board, a clean-up day for Wrightsville Borough will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 8am-noon.

Council President Giandalia announced that no planning meeting will be held in March.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Councilman Gromling made a motion to adjourn the March 4, 2024, Regular meeting at 8:13pm. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary

