

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

Borough Chambers

601 Water Street

Wrightsville, PA

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

Absent: Mayor Slenker

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:

Jason Cappello:

Mr. Cappello relayed to members of council and those in attendance his appreciation to Council President Giandalia, Councilman White, Suzi, and Tammie for their assistance in obtaining the permits needed for Half Nuts Popcorn. Mr. Cappello announced that the target date for opening business should be within 3 weeks.

Sharon Young:

Mrs. Young asked members of council to consider allowing Historic Wrightsville Inc. to post no parking signs for a 3-hour time period when HWAI is open to allow only patrons to park when visiting HWI on Sundays. Council President noted that the area around HWI is always full and would not like to take the parking spaces away from taxpayers. Councilwomen Barrett and Ferrari noted that they disagree that the area is always parked full as they have photos at different times of the day. Councilman Gromling noted that to install any regulatory sign a traffic study must be conducted at a cost of approximately \$400-\$800, amendment to Ordinance and police enforcement to ensure only HWI patrons are parking there. VP Lyle recommended having neighborly conversations with the homeowners in the area.

Mrs. Young expressed her thoughts to members of council noting the January meeting was out of control and that Councilwomen Barrett and Ferrari were disrespected when they were talking during any portion of the meeting, and she believes that they are due a public apology.

Mary Gable:

Ms. Gable requested a sidewalk at her property near 2nd and Walnut Streets. Ms. Gable noted that she has lived there for 20+ years and has no sidewalk. Council President stated that the matter will be looked at but no made promises that it would be done.

Scott McDonald, Dave Foulk, Alicia Spelfogel,

Mr. McDonald expressed his concern for the safety of residents in the 100,200 and 300 blocks of Locust St. due to increased speeding and asked that a 4 way stop sign be installed at 2nd and Locust Streets. Mr. McDonald relayed to members of council that in the last year and 1/2 there has been 9 vehicle accidents some with property damage. Mr. Foulk relayed to those in attendance that a petition was circulated in 2010, followed with complaint forms submitted in 2018 and 2019 to ask for stop signs to be installed and no action was taken. Councilwoman Barrett read a statement from Ms. Spelfogel outlining her concern for residents living in the area due to the increased speeding referring to this area as a “racetrack”. Council President Giandalia asked Engineer Klinedinst to obtain a cost to complete a traffic study in this area.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald relayed to members of council that she doesn't agree that council should allow properties to be converted into boarding rooms, noting “no other borough would allow it”.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger relayed report highlights to those in attendance noting 64 calls were received for service in March. Chief Livelsberger thanked members of the Council for approving street closures for the Celebration of Life Services for Michael Poole.

Police:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock relayed report highlights to those in attendance noting 125 calls were received for police services in March.

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. Vice President Lyle noted to members of council that the complaint committee will review the properties listed on monthly report and update council the following month on actions being taken by committee to remedy issues listed on report.

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.

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

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

Mayor:

No report.

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 Recreation/Entertainment Permit application form and street closure request for Burning Bridge Tavern fundraising events for the following events and times:

- Hellam Township K-9 Fundraiser – Saturday, June 29, 2024 – 12pm-10pm
- July 4th Festivities – Thursday, July 4, 2024 – 12pm-10pm
- Fire Department Golf Tournament – Friday, September 13, 2024 or Saturday, September 14, 2024 -12pm-10pm
- Street closure for all events: N. Front St. from Hellam St. to Locust St.

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

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve the Susquehanna 444 River Trip on May 23, 2024 through May 24, 2024 from 1pm-9am in Riverfront Park and usage of pavilion.

Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. If campfire(s) will occur, Councilman Gromling noted that a burn permit must be obtained, and all open burning must occur a minimum of 25 feet from any tree line(s).

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement establishing the Eastern York Multi-Municipal Fire Services Commission pending review from solicitor. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve C.S. Davidson to advertise for bids for 2024 Street Improvements bids for N. 6th St. from Hellam St. to Locust St. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16 and corresponding documents required to be submitted with DCNR Grant Application for Lemon St. ADA Kayak Launch Project. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the 2024 MMO (Municipal Minimum Obligation) with no financial obligation from Borough. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the Recreation/Entertainment Permit application submitted by the Downtown Merchants Association to host July 4th festivities in Wrightsville Borough on Thursday, July 4, 2024. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. Councilman abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Councilman White made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2024-2, an Ordinance of the Borough of Wrightsville, County of York, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Part 4, entitled "Police Department" and adopting a plan amendment to the Borough of Wrightsville Police Pension Plan to terminate the same. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

President Giandalia relayed to members of council that Code Administrators, Inc. has resigned from accepting PA UCC permit applications for Wrightsville Borough effective March 28, 2024. President Giandalia relayed to members of council that he and Councilman White met with representatives from Dependable Code Construction Services and would recommend approving DCCS to accept PA UCC permit applications for Wrightsville Borough. After a brief discussion, Councilman White made a motion to approve DCCS to accept and process PA UCC permit applications for the Borough. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Council President Giandalia announced that the Zoning Hearing Board has a vacancy due to a member's term expiring December 31, 2023. Council President announced that letters of interest are being accepted until Monday, April 29, 2024, and a new member will be voted upon at the Regular Meeting on May 6, 2024. Moving forward, starting in 2025, zoning hearings will be held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month as needed and will be advertised with Council meeting schedule for 2025.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the March 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the updated February 19, 2024, Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

President Giandalia relayed to members of council that he and Councilman White are working on updating the borough fee schedule and hope to have updates made by May meeting for council to review.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman White made motion to assist with fire police personnel for non-emergency events in the Borough of Red Lion for the following events: Memorial Day Parade, Red Lion Street Fair, Red Lion Halloween Parade and Red Lion New Years Eve Celebration. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councilwoman Barrett relayed to those in attendance that approximately 20 local businesses will be involved with the May 4th Event.

Citizen Mary Ellen Siksa relayed to those in attendance that a community yard sale will be held in Wrightsville on April 20, 2024 from 8am-1pm. Mary Ellen also noted that a community clean-up day will be held on June 8, 2024.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilwoman Barrett provided an update to members of council and those in attendance noting that good things are coming to Blessing Fields for the children of Wrightsville and the community. Councilwoman Barrett along with Ron Robbins, Chairperson for the Eastern York Recreation Authority approached the Municipal Authority Board Members at their meeting on March 14, 2024 to ask for financial help to improve the fields that are owned by the Municipal Authority and they agreed to start allocating funds to improve and maintain the fields. Councilwoman Barrett also announced that personnel will be exploring possible grant opportunities to support long-term sustainability.

COMPLAINT:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

OUTREACH:

Councilwoman Ferrari relayed to those in attendance that a Community Trivia night was hosted on March 20, 2024, Community Potluck Dinner will be held on April 10, 2024 at Wrightsville Presbyterian Church. Councilwoman Ferrari noted that she and Councilwoman Barrett are inquiring with residents to see what events the town people want.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

President Giandalia announced that no April Planning Meeting will be held.

President Giandalia announced that an Executive Session would be held following adjournment of meeting, and no further action will take place.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Council President Giandalia announced made an announcement that the meeting will adjourn to enter an Executive Session at 8:44pm.

Executive Session was held from 8:49pm-8:57pm. No action was taken following the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary