

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

Borough Chambers

601 Water Street

Wrightsville, PA

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

On phone: Councilman Gromling

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:

Sharon Young:

Mrs. Young relayed to members of council that an emergency repair was done to a PPL pole months ago and nothing has been done to fix the hole that remains around pole on Vine St.

Mrs. Young is concerned that someone will be injured in this area.

Mrs. Young asked members of council if anything can be done about the homeless individual that has been seen in the 200 block of Walnut St.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald thanked Councilwomen Barrett and Ferrari for doing a great job. Mrs.

McDonald stated, "town looks horrible, every block has something wrong with it". Mrs.

McDonald asked "who is shutting down roads so she can tell her friends and who is requesting it?"

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger reported to those in attendance that 83 calls were received for service in June.

Police:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Report was provided with meeting materials.

Ambulance:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Zoning:

Report was provided with meeting materials.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Councilwoman Ferrari would like July 4th Road closures posted on Savvy Citizen. Councilwoman Ferrari asked if meetings are being held without her knowledge. A “no” reply was provided by VP Lyle.

Engineer:

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer McCoy relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Engineer McCoy reported to members of council that ELA Group has completed the traffic study and results were just received on July 1 and asked secretary to share the email with council members. Engineer McCoy relayed to members of council that the consultant who conducted the traffic study at 2nd and Locust Streets is willing to come and speak with members of council and public patrons at an upcoming meeting if requested. Councilman Giandalia expressed the importance that all residents report all incidents to the police when they occur at the 2nd St. and Locust St. intersection or in the general area of the intersection.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sahd provided monthly reports with meeting materials and relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

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

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the June financial report as presented by the treasurer. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor:

Mayor Slenker asked if weeds growing on sidewalks are the property owner’s responsibility. A reply of “yes” was provided to Mayor Slenker’s question.

Mayor Slenker noted “I am confused about what I am to be doing with the complaints received, noting that some of the complaints have been on the complaint form for 3+ years” and that maybe we need to have a part- time code enforcement officer”. Councilwoman Barrett also noted that when she, Mayor Slenker and VP Lyle met with individuals from Solanco Engineering they also noted “that cannot predict when they come the borough, and they recommended that a part-time code enforcement officer may help”.

A short discussion was held amongst council members noted the following: (1) Councilwoman Barrett feels that improvements can be at the administrative level, (2) VP Lyle disagreed with a comment made that things are being left go and not addressed and (3) Councilwoman Ferrari

spoke with the Columbia Borough inspector noting that they would be willing to come and speak during an upcoming council meeting, and also noted that no rental inspections are being done.

Solicitor:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve installation of handicap markers at 527 Hellam St. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve the Recreation/Entertainment Permit Application for American Legion Post 469 cornhole tournament and yard sale at Riverfront Park on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8am-4pm. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-19, a resolution of Wrightsville Borough, York County, Pennsylvania, supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquicentennial America250PA. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2024 Street Improvements Project to approve Signal Service to repair the loop detection wiring on N. 6th Street in the amount of \$4,840. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to approve the following no parking request for July 4th festivities: Lemon Street from S. Front St. to 2nd Street and S. 2nd Street (both sides) from Willow Street to Lemon Street. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public patron in attendance asked about open containers in Riverfront Park for July 4th: Councilman White made a motion to not approve open containers in Riverfront Park for July 4th festivities. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A general discussion was held amongst members of council about abolishment of wards and approving Solicitor Ruth to draft an Ordinance to be publicly advertised, if approved. During the conversation Councilman White noted the following:

Registered voter counts:

<u>2022</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>%</u>
Ward 1 = 460 voters	400 voters	29.18%
Ward 2 = 425 voters	423 voters	30.85%
Ward 3 = 541 voters	548 voters	39.97%

Councilman White noted an option would be to hire a consultant to look at the effect on abolishment of wards would begin at a cost of \$25,000.

President Giandalia relayed that he is in favor to abolish wards especially since by doing so it would allow for a 7th council member. Public patron Mrs. McDonald “no one wants it”. VP Lyle likes the idea of dissolving the wards and thinks that it would unite the borough residents.

Councilwoman Ferrari is not in favor of abolishment of wards.

After the discussion, a roll call vote was taken to allow Solicitor to draft Ordinance to abolish wards. The roll call vote was as follows:

President Giandalia – yes

VP Lyle – yes

Councilwoman Barrett – no

Councilman White – yes

Councilwoman Ferrari -no

Mayor Tayne Slenker wanted to veto the roll call vote but was advised that she couldn't do so at the time as the roll call vote was not to approve the Ordinance only to draft Ordinance.

Vote passed with a 3-2 vote. Solicitor Ruth to draft an Ordinance to be voted on at the August 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the June 3, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

No June 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:

Councilwoman Barrett relayed to members of council and those in attendance that she had nothing to report on as no meetings have been held.

Councilwoman Ferrari relayed to those in attendance that a kickball tournament will be held at Blessing Fields on July 9, 2024.

Councilwoman Ferrari asked who is on Fireworks Committee noting that she would like to be on the committee in the future.

Ms. Christine Siksa provided those in attendance with an update on Long Range Planning efforts happening in Wrightsville Borough highlighted an upcoming Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan survey to set a vision for the future of the community. All residents are encouraged to complete the survey, noting that early survey results of 198 individuals indicate the following:

1. What is the main reason they chose to live in the region?
 - o 64.10% said that “I enjoy the rural character”
2. What do they like most about where they live?
 - o 66.16% said “parks, trails and recreation”
 - o 58.08 said “farming and agricultural lands”
3. Top priority for Wrightsville Borough?
 - o More occupied store fronts along Hellam St/Route 462

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilwoman Barrett relayed that she has no major announcements to report. She noted that she is continuing to work on scheduling events and activities in Riverfront Park. Events/activities will continue to be shared on social media and Savvy Citizen. VP Lyle asked if the secretary was being notified of all events being scheduled. A “yes” reply was given. Public patron Mrs. McDonald said “finally Wrightsville is coming alive”.

COMPLAINT:

Councilwoman Barrett relayed to members of council that she has contacted Albright Design Studio to inquire about implementing a web-based solution program that will aide with action taken for complaints received in the borough. She noted that she recently received a reply from Albright Design Studio on July 1, 2024 and will have more information to share at the next meeting.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

OUTREACH:

Councilwoman Ferrari relayed to those in attendance and members of council that Historic Wrightsville Inc. is hosting a trivia night on July 24th at 7pm. Councilwoman Ferrari announced that the Summer Lunch Program is doing well with 40+ kids being served each weekday. Councilwoman thanked John Wright Restaurant, Riverside Subs and Marcellos for their generous donations.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

President Giandalia announced that no July Planning Meeting will be held. Council will reconvene on Monday, August 5, 2024.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:16pm. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary