

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

Borough Chambers  
601 Water Street  
Wrightsville, PA

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

*Absent:* Councilman Gromling

President Giandalia called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jake Hvazda and Bailey Obermeier:

Councilwoman Barrett relayed to those in attendance that Jake had reached out to her expressing his desire to set up a Farmer's Market in Wrightsville Borough. After a few conversations, they both agreed that Riverfront Park would be the best area for the market. Mr. Hvazda introduced himself to members of the community who were in attendance and council and presented his idea of having a Farmer's Market in Wrightsville Borough at Riverfront Park on Saturday's beginning in May and ending in November. The market would be available from 9:30am-1:30pm. Mr. Hvazda introduced Bailey Obermeier, owner of Commonly Overlooked (Nursery and Gardening business) who will assist Jake with the marketing side of implementing the Farmer's Market in Wrightsville.

Mr. Hvazda relayed that the market will operate as an outdoor, seasonal market where local farmers, gardeners and other producers can bring their products to the people of Wrightsville Borough. Mr. Hvazda and Ms. Obermeier will aim to partner with local businesses to focus on agriculture/food products first when selecting artists/makers to participate in the market. Members of council loved the idea and look forward to having the Farmer's Market in Wrightsville Borough.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald noted "all survey envelopes had the wrong name on them and some people got envelopes addressed to the wrong address".

Joseph Moore:

Mr. Moore relayed to members of council that good things are happening in the borough, ie: Farmer' Market idea, community events, etc. and asked why some members are focusing all their ambition on one person and his personal ambitions. No further comment/discussion was held.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:****Fire:**

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger reported to those in attendance that the department responded to 65 calls in December. Chief Livelsberger reported to council that he will have a year-end report by February's meeting. Chief reported that the department responded to 908 calls for the entire year (2024).

**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:**

No report was provided with meeting materials.

**Streets & Parks:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Councilwoman Ferrari thanked the streets department personnel for their hard work with snow removal and taking down the Christmas decorations in the cold weather.

**Engineer:**

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

**Treasurer:**

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

Councilman White made a motion to authorize Treasurer Sahd to reinvest the FDIC Insured CD through PLGIT for another 90 days at a net rate of \$4.75% with a maturity date of April 15, 2025. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

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

**Mayor:**

Mayor Slenker had no report.

Sheila O'Rourke, Partner with Gibbel Kraybill & Hess, Attorneys & Counselors at Law introduced herself to members of council and those in attendance. Ms. O'Rourke relayed to those in attendance that she has been retained by Mayor Slenker to assist her in exercising her authority to veto Ordinance 2024-5, An Ordinance of the Borough of Wrightsville, York County, Pennsylvania, abolishing all wards within the Borough in accordance with Section 601(A)(6) of the Pennsylvania Borough Code. Ms. O'Rourke noted that there is a provision in the Borough Code that permits the mayor to employ outside counsel in case of a legal dispute between the mayor and council which would/could create a conflict of interest for the borough solicitor. Ms. O'Rourke noted that Mayor Slenker submitted her veto and objections prior to the next regular scheduled meeting and noted that those objections are noted in the letter addressed to Stock & Leader dated January 6, 2025. Ms. O'Rourke relayed to those in attendance that Slenker is vetoing the Ordinance because she does not believe that the Ordinance is in the best interest of Borough residents citing numerous constituents have spoken out to oppose the abolition of the Ward system for multiple reasons, including that they wish to have dedicated Council members to hear and advocate concerns in their Ward. Ms. O'Rourke also went on to say that Mayor Slenker objects because the Borough has not meaningfully considered reapportioning the Wards to better equalize the number of voters in each Ward, which can be achieved in an efficient and low-cost manner.

Ms. O'Rourke then made the following statement:

"I also want to take this opportunity to address any sentiment or suggestion that it is somehow inappropriate for the mayor to object to an ordinance, or event that she could be subject to litigation or sued because of it. She is empowered by the Borough Code. This is part of the system of Borough government, that when Council passes an ordinance, the mayor reviews it, she can object to it, and if the council still wishes to pass the ordinance, they need a supermajority. The mayor is simply exercising the duties of her office in objecting when she thinks it is appropriate."

**Solicitor:**

Report was provided with meeting materials. Solicitor Ruth relayed to members of council to review the Shentel Cable Franchise Agreement that has been provided with their meeting materials. Solicitor Ruth advised members that no formal action is required at this meeting and further discussions will be held in the meetings to follow.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Vice President Lyle made a motion to appoint Keith Hunnings from South Penn Code Consultants as the SEO (Sewer Enforcement Officer) replacing John Klindedinst (C.S. Davidson) who has retired. Councilman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to accept the 2023 Borough audit as presented by Hamilton & Musser. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve special handicap or disabled parking application and installation of markers at 605 Locust St. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Barrett relayed to members of council that she met with Kevin Hertzog with Dependable Construction Code Servies along with Mayor Slenker and Councilwoman Ferrari to discuss implementing a program to aid in managing complaints received and permits issued in the borough. Councilwoman Barrett explained to council that Mr. Hertzog would not assist the borough without implementation of a reliable software program to manage complaints and permits and suggested the borough purchase the iWorQ software program. Mr. Hertzog noted to Councilwomen Barrett and Ferrari and Mayor Slenker that he currently has clients that use the program, and it has been very successful in managing data in their municipalities. Councilwoman Barrett relayed to members of council that the program is not cheap and was provided an estimate of \$7500 for first year. Councilwoman Ferrari relayed to members of council that she spoke with a representative from iWorQ and the representative would be willing to provide a demo presentation with members of council if requested. Council President Giandalia said he would like to see the presentation and become more familiar with how the program works. No additional action was taken and discussions about this matter will continue in upcoming meetings. Ms. Ferrari said that in her follow-up meeting with a sales representative iWorQ, they indicated that they would provide incentive-based discounts to lower the overall cost.

Ms. Barrett asked Mr. Sahd how much was allotted for code enforcement in the Borough budget for 2025. Mr. White stated that the amount was about \$15k. Mr. Sahd commented that the budgeted amount would more than cover the cost of the iWorQ software.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

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

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. VP Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the December 16, 2024 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

No report.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

No report.

##### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No report.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

No report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

No report.

**COMPLAINT:**

No report.

**PERSONNEL:**

No report.

**OUTREACH:**

No report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

President Giandalia announced that no January Planning Meeting will be held. Council will reconvene on Monday, February 3, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:12pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammie Hoff  
Borough Secretary

