

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

In attendance: President Giandalia, Vice President Lyle, Councilwoman Barrett, Councilman White, Councilwoman Ferrari, Councilman Gromling, Mayor Slenker, Solicitor Ruth, Treasurer Sahd, Engineer McCoy, Borough Assistant Martin

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:

Sam Kocher:

Mr. Kocher stated the action at the 3rd Street ball fields is good but he has concerns about so many trucks going in and out all the time. Vice President Lyle reported the fields are in Hellam Township and they are bringing in fill dirt.

Rick Penyak:

Mr. Penyak is concerned about the dump trucks going up and down his street and in and out of Blessing fields every day. It was established that Donsco has a permit and has been approved to dump sand and dirt at the ball fields.

Mr. Penyak also reported that 2 coyotes recently killed a cat in the alley by his home at 3:30 AM. Chief Pollock will look into what can be done by Mr. Penyak if the coyotes come back.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald presented that the weeds in the side bins on South Front Street look bad. It is possible they are native plants that resemble weeds. They may take 2-4 years to mature and are not weeds.

Mrs. McDonald asked where the concrete and debris came from on Lemon Street by the ballfields. This is clean fill that was accepted previously but is no longer accepted.

Mrs. McDonald asked Councilman White why he talks to the newspaper.

Cora Rowe

Ms. Rowe reported that the Rotary Club is selling chicken BBQ tickets again on July 4th. Ms. Rowe, Ms. Runkle and Councilwoman Barrett are joining Rotary.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Ambulance:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Fire:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger reported to those in attendance that the department responded to 49 calls in May. Chief Livelsberger advised that

the new vehicle should be in service in mid-August. They were also part of the major trench rescue this past Saturday where a trench collapsed on a person.

Police:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock reported that the department passed their accreditation, and it is good for 3 years. K-9 training continues and motorcycle training has begun. K-9 Fundraiser is this coming Saturday, June 7, 2025. The K-9 program is completely paid for by donations.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Councilman White recently met with the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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.

Engineer McCoy provided a handout concerning South 5th Street and what work is needed on that street. Engineer McCoy and head of the Street Department E. Cruz met recently to discuss street repairs on South 5th Street and Garden Avenue. Councilman Gromling noted that test holes should be dug since there could be concrete under Garden Avenue. C.S. Davidson assessed all roads in 2015 and it was established that only South 5th Street should be done now. North 4th Street (Locust Street to Walnut Street) can be done after funds are released from the County. Locust Street to Hellem Street has already been approved for stormwater, sewer and curb replacement.

Mayor Slenker asked about grant money to repair the Lime Kilns. Engineer McCoy reported the Borough did not get the \$20,000 grant for this project. He will look into why the Borough did not get the grant.

Engineer McCoy met with GloFiber. They are looking to supply a lot of overhead and underground lines in the Borough, possibly in February of 2026.

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 May 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 May financial report as presented by the treasurer. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Mayor Slenker reported that the Memorial Day parade went great and was a beautiful ceremony. She hopes that this parade will continue for many years to come. Mayor Slenker is still upset that a code enforcement officer was not hired. It was discussed that it became too involved and expense to hire someone and buy the complaint program.

Solicitor:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Solicitor Ruth advised he has no action items, but that an executive session will be required tonight.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the Recreation/Entertainment Permit for Pottery in the Park to the Agenda. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion to approve the Recreation/Entertainment Permit for Pottery in the Park to begin June 4th and end August 13th. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. A \$25 pavilion rental fee will be charged for each week.

Councilman White made a motion to amend the Agenda to allow the Lower Susquehanna River Keepers Summer events to include alcohol. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to allow the Lower Susquehanna River Keepers Summer events in the park to have alcohol in accordance with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board regulations. 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 and Road Closure request from the Burning the Bridge Tavern for the Police K-9 Fundraiser event on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10AM to 10PM, closing Front Street from Hellam Street to Locust Street. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve handicapped markers at 201 Chestnut Street. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to award the Waterfront Park concrete crushing project contract to E.K. Services, Inc., at the low-bid price of \$160,310. Councilwoman Ferrari asked how many bids were received. Five (5) bids were received. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White made a motion to advertise for bids to mill out 2” and replace 2” of asphalt on South 5th Street but not Garden Avenue. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman White explained the Kreutz Creek Climate Resiliency Watershed Based Action Plan project. Hellam Township needs a letter from the Borough like the one provided by Lower Windsor Township. Councilman White made a motion to for the Borough to provide a letter to Hellam Township in support of the project. Vice President Lyle seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Slenker asked that the May 5, 2025 Minutes be changed in the Complaint Committee section to reflect that she will also be meeting with Solanco Engineering biweekly concerning complaints. Vice President Lyle made a motion to approve the May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with this change. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

No report.

Public Works:

No report.

Public Safety:

Councilman White and Councilman Gromling attended the Fire Commission meeting recently regarding future funding needs. Long range planning for the future expensive equipment was also discussed.

Community & Economic Development:

No report.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Ferrari reported that the Little Free Library will be installed in the park this week. The locations of the free libraries are registered. There are other ones in the Borough and are all used a lot. Councilwoman Ferrari also advised that a small open house will take place soon for the Little Free Library.

Personnel:

No report.

Outreach:

No report. Councilwoman Ferrari reported that the Community Yard Sale went great with about 40 homes participating. They plan to do it again in the fall. Councilwoman Ferrari and Councilwoman Barrett would like to put Borough Ordinance reminders in the newsletter for the residents. Councilwoman Ferrari advised that the summer lunch program begins June 9th and they are accepting donations.

Complaint Committee:

Councilwoman Ferrari provided a complaint case list that was created by the committee and presented their report. It was mentioned that the Code of Ordinances needs updated. The committee is working on updating the complaint form on the Borough website to make it a form that can be filled out online. President Giandalia reinforced that copies of all Complaint forms need to be provided to the Borough office. A resident questioned why it seems like nothing gets done like it used to many years ago. Solicitor Ruth addressed her concerns and explained how the legal process is not as simple as it was 30 years ago. The Borough is doing what they can legally.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman White made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne S. Martin
Borough Assistant