

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

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

Mayor Slenker was ill but was part of the meeting on Councilwoman Barrett's cell phone.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Miller:

Ms. Miller reported that she was made aware of complaints against her that there are lots of stray cats she is feeding at her house. She was wondering if there is anything the Borough can do to help. After it was established that the cats are residing in her yard and in a neighboring property that is part of Hellam Township, Vice President Lyle mentioned that the Borough can contact Hellam Township and see if they can help with this problem. Solicitor Ruth explained to her that feeding the cats is against the Borough Ordinance.

Ms. Miller also had questions concerning her neighbor's trees hanging over her property. Solicitor Ruth advised that she can trim the trees that hang over her property, but that there is no Ordinance violation so she would have to pay for the work.

President Giandalia took over running the meeting from Vice President Lyle, at 6:40 PM.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald is concerned that there are cats all over the Borough especially in the areas of Chestnut Street, Vine Street and Walnut Street. Solicitor Ruth mentioned that it is best to not feed the stray cats. It was discussed that possibly Hellam Township could take some of the cats to local farms to help reduce the cat population in the Borough.

Mrs. McDonald reported that the plants are too high and people cannot see when over them to make a lefthand turn from Orange Street onto Front Street.

Mrs. McDonald feels she recently had water in her basement because of the previous S. Front Street project. Engineer McCoy did not feel that it was from the project but was because of the excessive rain that happened.

Mrs. McDonald reported the Mayor is not making enough money. It was established that she is making what she is supposed to but there was confusion between her gross pay and net pay amounts.

Mrs. McDonald questioned the Mayor's responsibilities being taken away from her concerning Complaints for violations in the Borough. Complaint procedures were discussed and the Mayor has been part of the weekly meetings with Solanco Engineering regarding Ordinance violations.

Sharon Young:

Mrs. Young reported issues with a property on 4th Street that the grass is being cut the wrong way and is going into the storm drain, there are abandoned cars on the property and that the town did not look this bad 15 years ago.

A discussion took place concerning the weeds along the curbs on many streets. It was decided to talk to the street department and see that can be done to take care of this matter.

It was mentioned that homeowners have not been mowing the 12" grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk. President Giandalia reported that it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain this section.

Mayor Slenker had a traffic concern with the July 4th fireworks celebration and people sitting at the top of Maple Street. An ambulance came up Maple Street with only headlights on and she felt this was very unsafe. Councilman White explained that Maple Street was the designated emergency exit for the ambulances and all first responder vehicles, and that people should not have been sitting at the top of Maple Street.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Ambulance:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Fire:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Livelsberger reported to those in attendance that the department responded to 69 calls in June. Chief Livelsberger advised they recently used the banana boat to rescue flooding victims. They also had 7 rescues in East Hempfield Township between midnight and 4 AM, and assisted with rescues in Mount Joy Township, Mount Joy Borough and Manheim Borough during the recent extreme flooding.

Police:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

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.

Councilman White reported there have been problems with water running onto 2 yards from the alley that was recently paved. Engineer McCoy will have Kinsley look at it and will talk to the homeowners.

It was discussed that Garden Alley by the school is horrible and something needs done before school starts. Engineer McCoy will look at the alley and see what can be done. President Giandalia stated mill and chip is not an option.

Engineer McCoy reported that there is a \$160,000 bid for the Waterfront Park Concrete Crushing project and that there is over \$200,000 that can be used for this project.

Engineer McCoy met with E. Cruz concerning a possible spring under Howard Avenue and Willow Street that could cause an icing issue this winter. It was discussed that the water needs rerouted and the street may need an under drain to fix this problem. Vice President Lyle stated that there is not always a big flow and that sometimes it goes away. Engineer McCoy will look into this matter further.

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:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

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:

Councilman White made a motion to award the S. 5th Street improvement project contract to Kinsley Construction, at the low-bid price of \$24,900. Seven (7) bids were received. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The 400 Block of Vine Street Block Party on September 27, 2025, with street closures, was previously approved by Council and a Certificate of Insurance for the event has been received by the Borough. No further action is required.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:***Administration & Finance:***

No report.

Public Works:

No report.

Public Safety:

No report.

Community & Economic Development:

No report.

Parks & Recreation:

No report. Councilwoman Ferrari reported that there will be an open house July 12, 2025, for the Little Free Library. Lori from HalfNuts Popcorn and Nathan Krotzer will be providing story time as well as snacks and cupcakes provided by local vendors will be served.

Brock Bolton, Street Department employee, reported that three times in the last week big limbs have fallen onto the walking path by the river. A lady was walking her dog and a big branch almost fell on her and her dog. Mr. Bolton is extremely concerned that someone is going to get hurt. It was discussed that grant money may be used for forestry maintenance. Mr. Bolton will contact the York County Conservation District to see if they can assist the Borough with maintaining the large trees and forestry management.

Personnel:

No report.

Outreach:

No report.

Complaint Committee:

Councilwoman Barrett provided a current Complaint Case List to Council and an update. In June, Solanco Engineering provided a list of approximately five (5) complaints that they did not yet have complaint forms for and that the Borough office also does not have complaint forms for these addresses. Ms. Barrett explained that those forms were provided the month prior. At the June council meeting, President Giandalia voiced concerns that some complaints were not being processed with submitted forms. He stated that the Complaint Committee needs to provide copies of the complaints to Solanco Engineering and the Borough office, and that the Borough office will then forward the complaint form to Solanco.

In June, President Giandalia ordered Solanco Engineering to halt code enforcement after a resident on Cherry Street inquired about a complaint at the Borough Office, and the office staff did not have a record of the complaint. Apparently, the office staff and President Giandalia

believed a form was never submitted for the request, and this is what prompted the call to Solanco. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the resident had submitted a form at the Borough Office three weeks prior (based on a statement from the resident), and it had been inadvertently misplaced at the office. A new form was then issued and submitted on the resident's behalf. Since the beginning of June 2025, the Complaints Committee can confirm that all complaints forwarded to Solanco had complaint forms associated with them.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Vice President Lyle reported that Spring Clean Up went really well and that this year the Authority picked up a lot more items on the Friday pick up than last year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Lyle made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:29pm to discuss confidential matters. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne S. Martin
Borough Assistant