

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**  
Borough Chambers  
601 Water Street  
Wrightsville, PA

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*In attendance:* President White, Vice President Gromling, Councilwoman Barrett, Councilman Livelyberger, Councilwoman Ferrari, Councilman Lehman, Councilwoman Abel, Mayor Albert, Solicitor Ruth, Treasurer Sahd, Engineer McCoy, Borough Assistant Martin

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jesse North:

Pastor North reported to Council that he wanted to address the allegations that were made towards Councilwoman Ferrari by a resident at the last meeting. He stated the allegations against Councilwoman Ferrari were false. He stated that the church is delighted to have Councilwoman Ferrari on staff and is grateful for her integrity, thoughtfulness and creativity.

Councilwoman Ferrari then read a written statement she prepared addressing the false accusations against her made at the last meeting. Copy to be provided for meeting minutes. Councilwoman Ferrari reported the allegations made against her were not true, she is a mom and would not act like that. She also stated that personal attacks are not acceptable.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Ambulance:**

No report was provided with meeting materials.

**Fire:**

No report was provided with meeting materials. Deputy Fire Chief Ishman reported to those in attendance that the department responded to 73 calls in January. The department did not have any major incidents this month. Annual training is being done as well as quarterly training with Columbia. Ice rescue class recently took place on a local pond and went well.

**Police:**

No report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock reported he will provide a report at a later date.

**Emergency Management Coordinator:**

No report was provided with meeting materials.

**Zoning:**

Report was provided with meeting materials.

Updated Complaint report was provided by Complaint Committee. Councilwoman Ferrari provided an update on the properties the committee is working on and Shane Coolbaugh's current complaint properties.

**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.

Quotes have been received for the floating dock. Engineer McCoy reported that it would help if a pier for fishing was added. Hoping to bid in March or April. Based on lead time for piers, we may be looking at a fall installation. Dock will need to be removed for the winter.

Annual streets project was discussed. Engineer McCoy suggested that a 5-year plan is a good way to establish what streets need repaired first. It was decided that Vice President Gromling, Eliseo Cruz and Engineer McCoy will meet to begin a review of all streets in the Borough.

MS4 Permit waiver was discussed. Engineer McCoy will find out how long the waiver is good for.

**Treasurer:**

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

Councilman Livelsberger made a motion to approve the January check register as presented by the treasurer. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion to approve the January financial report as presented by the treasurer. Councilman Lehman seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Mayor:**

Mayor Albert read the proposed changes to the Wrightsville Borough Council Meeting Guidelines for Public Participation. It was agreed that the Guidelines should also include that all cell phones need to be silenced during Council Meetings.

Mayor Albert provided an extensive presentation concerning the dangers of Data Centers opening in the borough or in neighboring townships and boroughs. A report from the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeepers outlining facts and concerns, and a sample Ordinance to stop Data Centers opening in the Borough were provided.

**Solicitor:**

Report was provided with meeting materials. Solicitor Ruth had no action items but reported that an executive session will take place for a personnel matter.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

Councilman Livelsberger made a motion to approve the Entertainment Permit for ReMax Pinnacle – The Bridge Team, Fun on Front Street and Rocking on the River Community Event Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 9AM – 5PM. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve the changes to the Wrightsville Borough Council Meeting Guidelines for Public Participation. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

President White reported the Zoning Hearing Board needs a new member and an alternate member. One member no longer lives in the Borough and Mayor Albert was the Alternate member. President White relayed Zoning Hearing Board Chairman Switzenberg recommended Alan Nelson as the new member and Greg Moore as the Alternate member.

Vice President Gromling made a motion to approve Alan Nelson as the new member and Greg Moore as the alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve the Fire Department's request to close the 100 block of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Hellam Street to Chestnut Street, Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 12PM – 4PM for a funeral of a longtime member of the Fire Department. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Gromling questioned why the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority was requesting such a big monthly increase for refuse collection. He also asked when the last increase took place and why were smaller increases not made more frequently. Vice President Gromling is concerned that a \$5.75 per month increase could be difficult for older residents in town. Solicitor Ruth reported that the last increase was in 2018 and that the increase is needed for several reasons including increased dumping costs, to pay the trash employees and that there are advantages to not needing to hire an outside company to collect trash for the Borough.

Several residents spoke in support of the increase of \$5.75 per month for refuse collection and stated the service is cheaper than others. They reported they are thankful for the trash collectors that provide excellent service in the Borough.

Councilman Livelsberger made a motion to approve the refuse rate increase of \$5.75 per customer per month. Councilman Lehman seconded the motion. Vice President Gromling opposed the motion. The motion carried with a 6 to 1 vote.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve the January 5, 2026 Regular/Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

**BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

President White read the new members for each committee below.

***Administration & Finance:***

No report.

***Public Works:***

No report.

***Public Safety:***

No report.

***Community & Economic Development:***

No report.

***Parks & Recreation:***

No report.

***Personnel:***

No report.

***Complaint Committee:***

Report and update were provided during Zoning Departmental Reports.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

Statements of Financial Interest were provided to all members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Livelsberger made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:33pm to discuss a personnel matter. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne S. Martin  
Borough Assistant