

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026
Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

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

An Executive Session took place at 6:15 pm for a personnel matter.

President White called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:34 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Annie Weirich:

Ms. Weirich reported to Council she had parking and safety concerns when bigger events take place in the Borough. She had issues with people parking on her property during the July 4th celebration in that park last year and she is very concerned about having the same parking issues when the carnival is in the park at the end of the month.

Sharon Young:

Mrs. Young inquired if Life Lion will be done providing EMS service in the Borough in June or July. She asked about renewing Life Lion subscriptions and if they will be honored by UPMC. Councilman Livelsberger will contact UPMC to confirm if they will honor the subscriptions.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Ambulance:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Fire:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Deputy Fire Chief Ishman was unable to attend the meeting so Fire Chief Livelsberger reported to those in attendance that the department responded to 82 calls in April. The average response time was 1 minute, 34 seconds and there were no serious calls in the Borough this month.

Police:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Chief Pollock reported all officers completed their online accreditation training. K9 Officer Carpenter and K9 Cerberus attended their bi-monthly K9 Academy training. Speed signs and the speed trailer were placed on South Front Street.

Chief Pollock reported that the K9 Gun Bingo went very well and raised approximately \$15,000. There are currently three annual fundraising events, a golf tournament, car show and now the gun bingo. All proceeds from the three events support the K9 and motorcycle programs for the department. The department currently has 2 officers treating for cancer and has hired a part time officer from Lancaster City Police Department and a full-time officer who is currently undergoing his background check.

Vice President Gromling inquired if he could receive an accident map showing accident spots in the Borough from Chief Pollock.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with meeting materials.

Zoning:

Report from the Complaint Committee was provided with meeting materials. Councilwoman Ferrari provided an update on complaints in the borough. The committee did not get to meet with Solanco today. They continue to work with Shane Coolbaugh and will provide more of an update next month.

Streets & Parks:

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. There has been damage to the park bathrooms several times recently by teenagers in town. They were arrested and charged. Councilwoman Abel talked to one of the teenager's moms. Having the teenagers do community service projects in the park or at the fire house, to make up for the damage, was discussed.

Engineer:

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

Engineer McCoy reported the EZ Dock is now Costars eligible. DCNR needs to approve the quote and is being worked with to complete this approval. Engineer McCoy will advertise this project next week and will have bids for the June Council meeting.

Engineer McCoy provided a 2026 Street Improvements Preliminary Cost Estimate. The Cost Estimate was reviewed by street sections and discussed in detail. Various types of street repair options were discussed as well. Engineer McCoy would like to have street repair bids received in June to award in July.

Engineer McCoy reported the Hart Family Fund for Small Towns Grant Application for the Lime Kilns was submitted last week.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Sahd provided monthly reports with meeting materials and relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Vice President Gromling asked Treasurer Sahd if mulch is a recreation line item and what does money set aside for recreation cover. Councilwoman Barrett asked that the last 5 years of recreation costs be provided to the Council members for review. Treasurer Sahd will email this information to everyone.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion to approve the April check register as presented by the treasurer. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve the April financial report as presented by the treasurer. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Mayor Albert was contacted by a lady who sets up halfway houses for disabled people. He and his wife visited one of the homes. The homes are fully funded by the state not the Borough.

Mayor Albert, Councilwoman Barrett and Councilwoman Ferrari met with Paula Diffenderfer, Columbia Borough Code Compliance Manager, on April 23rd to discuss how Columbia Borough handles code enforcement. The Complaint Committee will be meeting with Solanco Engineering May 5th concerning Code Violations.

Mayor Albert will be meeting with the railroad people soon and will also be attending the Fallen Officer Remembrance on May 8th.

Solicitor:

Report was provided with meeting materials. Solicitor Ruth reported that 120 Locust Street was sold April 13th at Sheriff Sale. The new owner will be contacted concerning the Ordinance violations.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Lehman made a motion to approve the Recreation/Entertainment Permit for Pottery in the Park every Wednesday from June 3 through August 26, 2026 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve the Recreation/Entertainment Permit Applications & Street Closure Requests – Burning Bridge Tavern for the following events, dates and times:

- a. Hellam Police K-9 Fundraiser – Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 10AM-10PM
- b. Block Parties on Saturday, June 20; July 4; July 18; August 8; August 29; and September 26, 2026 from 10AM to 10PM
- c. Wrightsville Borough Fire Department Fundraiser – Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 10am-10pm

Street Closure for all Events:

N. Front Street from Hellam Street to Locust Street.

Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous voted.

Vice President Gromling made a motion to approve advertising for bids to pave 3rd Street from Locust Street to Walnut Street using Liquid Fuels money. Councilman Livelsberger seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Lehman made a motion to approve Suzanne S. Martin as Borough Secretary. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A quote was received to repair the bucket truck transmission for approximately \$7,000. The truck has been owned for 5 years and has not required any expensive repairs. Councilman Livelsberger made a motion to repair the transmission in the bucket truck for no more than \$10,000. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve the April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Livelsberger seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Lehman made a motion to approve the April 20, 2026 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

No report.

Public Works:

No report. There may no longer be prisoners to help with ongoing projects in the park. Vice President Gromling reported in the past high school kids were hired to work part time over the summer on these projects. Perhaps this could be done again if needed.

Public Safety:

No report.

Community & Economic Development:

No report. Councilwoman Barrett reported that the Wrightsville Carnival is taking place the end of the month and that things are going well. Councilwoman Abel inquired if the money raised covers the rides. What rides and activities will be at the carnival were further discussed. AACA has been doing these carnivals for 12 years.

Parks & Recreation:

No report. Councilwoman Barrett reported Pottery in the Park will begin in June. Music in the Park is being considered and may take place on Tuesdays over the summer.

Councilwoman Ferrari discussed possible fundraising for new Christmas decorations. She also reported that the American Legion may donate \$1,000 to replace the wreath in the square.

Personnel:

No report.

Complaint Committee:

Report and update was provided in the Zoning Departmental Reports section.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Borough Facebook page is active and Councilman Lehman continues to add information to the page.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:22 pm. Councilman Livelsberger seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne S. Martin
Borough Secretary