

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
Borough Chambers
601 Water Street
Wrightsville, PA

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

Absent: Solicitor Ruth, Treasurer Sahd

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

President White announced that this meeting is currently being live streamed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Lutz:

Ms. Lutz had concerns and questions regarding how complaints like extremely tall grass and weeds are handled in the borough. 449 Hybla Street is a repeat offender every year. Mayor Albert explained the complaint process and that new complaints need filed annually to start the process again since the previous year's complaint would be closed.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald reported her concerns regarding the poor condition of many properties in the borough, especially on South Front Street.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Ambulance:

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 90 calls in August. The average response time was 2 minutes, 8 seconds and there were 10 overlapping incidents. Chief Livelsberger provided details concerning the golf tournament fundraiser that took place on September 12th. The tournament went good and raised \$25,000 for the fire department. 2027 will be the 10th year for this event. Chief Livelsberger reported that the LSA grant application is being worked on and the department is looking to replace the duty vehicle and the building needs a new roof.

Police:

Report was provided with meeting materials.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Search and Rescue 93 will be holding a training event in the park in October.

Zoning:

No report was provided with meeting materials. Councilwoman Ferrari reported that the Complaint Committee will be meeting with Solanco Engineering this week and will provide a complete update at the October 5th meeting.

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 Cost Estimate for the Waterfront Park Improvements Phase III project.

Engineer McCoy provided an update on the Kayak Launch/Dock. Contractor hit lots of rock while digging. The project will be \$66,000 short. Engineer McCoy is working on 2 grants to cover as much of the loss as possible. The contractor plans to pour concrete this week, and the dock is scheduled to be in the water in early October. Jon Doolittle from the Municipal Authority has been working on obtaining and installing the water fountain.

Engineer McCoy reported that 3rd Street was paved the first week of September. A soft spot was found. Kinsley Construction provides a 1 year warranty for this work. Kinsley will return in the spring and make all repairs at that time.

Engineer McCoy provided an update concerning CDBG grant applications. Possible street improvement projects were discussed including N. 2nd Street and finishing the N. 4th Street project.

Engineer McCoy reported that the Local Share Grant Application for Riverfront Park will be submitted before September 30th.

Treasurer:

In Treasurer Sahd's absence, President White reviewed the August check register. Vice President Gromling inquired if the M&T Bank \$5,015.61 payment was the last payment for the pickup truck.

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve the August check register as presented by President White. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

President White reviewed the August financial report and reported it looks even better than last month.

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to approve the August financial report as presented by President White. 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 reported he recently met with Derrick from Solanco Engineering to see what can be done about obtaining higher fines at the District Justice level for properties with repeat code compliance violations. Derrick informed Mayor Albert that at the time of the hearing the highest fine possible can be requested.

Mayor Albert provided an update concerning refurbishment and placement of the Historic Keystone signs.

Solicitor:

Report was provided with meeting materials.

Councilwoman Ferrari reported that previous Borough Secretary Tammie Hoff had recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed on her behalf.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Lehman made a motion to hire Gerald Schmidt Jr. and Robert Gotwols to fill the vacant crossing guard position at Hellam Street and 3rd Street. Councilwoman Ferrari seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion to approve Trick-or-Treat to take place on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Barrett made a motion to approve payment of \$175.00 for the refurbishment of 2 historic Keystone Signs in the borough. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Fire Company Grant Application was discussed and is being worked on. No motion was needed at this time. Deadline to file the LSA Grant Application is November 30th.

Councilwoman Abel made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 authorizing submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Local Share Account – Category 4. Councilman Livelsberger seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Lehman made a motion to approve the Dumpster and Portable Storage Unit Placement Ordinance. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

August 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes will be approved at the October 5, 2026 Regular meeting.

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

No report. Budget process will begin in early October.

Public Works:

No report.

Public Safety:

No report.

Community & Economic Development:

No report. Vice President Gromling reported that the new Christmas wreath for across Hellam Street has been ordered and will be delivered in about 8 weeks. There is approximately \$300.00 remaining from the American Legion donation and it was decided to use it to purchase additional lights. The Girls Scouts plan to support efforts to improve the Christmas decorations.

Parks & Recreation:

No report. Albatwitch Day will take place in the park on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Personnel:

No report. Councilwoman Abel reported that 3 good candidates were recently interviewed for the Treasurer position but that one has past municipal background. If all goes as planned a new Treasurer will start on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Complaint Committee:

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No Additional Business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Ferrari made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:23pm to discuss a legal matter. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne S. Martin
Borough Secretary