

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011
Borough Chambers
601 Water Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368

The regular meeting of the governing body convened at 7:01pm on Monday, August 1, 2011.

In attendance: Borough Council President Groft, Council Vice- President Hobbs, Councilman Scritchfield, Councilman Nelson, Councilwoman Bolton, Councilman Sipes, Mayor Habecker, Secretary Wirls, Engineer Klindedinst, Solicitor Ehrhart and Police Chief Pearson.

Council President Groft called the regular meeting of the governing body to order at 7:01pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

Patrons:

Mel McDonald:

- The weeds at the curb lines throughout town look “trashy”.
- The Royal Farms property looks bad because of weeds.
- Thankful for the new home being put in on South Front Street as it “dresses up” the town.

Damian Wissler:

- Susquehanna Dodge is running out of parking space and requesting a temporary waiver to the Storm water Ordinance for a temporary (2-3 years) parking lot.

Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Solicitor would dialogue with Damian Wissler in order to come up with an agreement between Wrightsville Borough and Susquehanna Dodge in relation to the waiver of the storm water requirements for a temporary parking lot. Susquehanna Dodge must sign waiver before Borough Council agrees to waive any of the requirements.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the July 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.
Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

POLICE -

Borough Council read the police report for July 2011 which consisted of:

64	Calls for service
12	Traffic Citations
9	Non Traffic Citations for Public Drunkenness, Disorderly Conduct or Curfew
8	DUI Arrests
7	Criminal Arrests for Drug Violations
2	Motor Vehicle Accidents
9	Warrant Services

TREASURER -

Borough Council reviewed the check register and financial report for July 2011.
Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to approve the check register for the month of July 2011.
Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of July 2011. Council Vice-President Hobbs seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

ENGINEER -

Engineer Klinedinst gave the engineering report for August 2011, which consisted of:

- Royal Farms: Meeting held with Royal Farms representative July 13; permit applications scheduled for August, construction following. No action.
- Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Meeting by Committee scheduled for 8/15; Public Hearing by Council tentatively 9/12.
- Safe Routes to School: Working with solicitor to acquire Carney right of way.
- 2011 Street Maintenance Program: Investigated complaint at last Council meeting; separate report. Construction complete, Change Order #1, Application for Payment, and Completion Report forwarded to Secretary.
- CDBG (BRB) – Applications filed; no update.
- MS4: Report submitted for the year.
- Miscellaneous –
 - Act 167 Storm water Management Ordinance – Adoption required by October 13. Recommend Solicitor and Engineer to be authorized to prepare for adoption. Meeting to be held August 12 at noon at CSD to review, explain.
- Storm water – 120 Maple Street – reviewed proposal, recommendation to Borough Secretary

Council Vice-President Hobbs made a motion for Engineer Klinedinst and Solicitor Ehrhart to create an indemnification addressing the waiver for Susquehanna Dodge as requested earlier in the meeting.

Councilwoman Bolton seconded the meeting. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve and sign the change of order for the 2011 Street Maintenance Program work that was done.

Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

SOLICITOR -

Borough Council reviewed the Solicitor's report.

MAYOR -

Borough Council reviewed the Mayor's report.

Troy Snyder, Captain of the Eastern York EMS (arrived late) asked to speak to Borough Council. Mr. Snyder stated that there were a lot of rumors floating around and wanted to dispel them. He explained to those in attendance the status of the ambulance station and that whatever ambulance service Hellam Township decides to go with, the Borough of Wrightsville will have to as well. Mr. Snyder expressed his displeasure in the decision making process that had transpired thus far in relation to the ambulance service.

Discussion ensued. Both Councilwoman Bolton and Councilman Sipes expressed their concern regarding the effect the entire EMS situation has had and could potentially have on the residents of the Borough. Borough Council agreed that the Borough Secretary should send a letter to Hellam Township expressing the willingness and need to be involved in all communications involving the EMS discussions.

Borough Council broke for an Executive Session at 8:05pm.
Borough Council reconvened at 8:37pm. It was stated that no decisions were made during Executive Session and the session was held for personnel reasons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Administration & Finance:

No report

Public Works:

Councilman Nelson made a motion to hire a temporary Part Time person at \$10 per hour with a maximum of 30 hours per week to assist in the mowing until the Borough hires a Full Time employee. Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to advertise for a Full Time Streets Department employee. Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued regarding the advantages of hiring 2 Part Time employees as opposed to 1 Full Time employee.
After the discussion, the motion did not carry, with 5 nays (Scritchfield, Bolton, Groft, Hobbs, Sipes) and 1 aye (Nelson).

Councilman Nelson gave the Street Department report, which consisted of:

- Mowing and weed whacking
- Weed whacking along curb lines
- Refuse removal from parks, river area and school
- Cleaning inlets
- Final walkthrough for the recent micro surfacing on Lemon Street and Locust Street
- Working with the Inmate Program along the river in efforts to clean up the trail
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance

Public Safety:

Councilman Scritchfield gave the July 2011 Fire Department report, which consisted of:

Wrightsville Borough: 19
Hellam Township: 30
Hellam Borough: 2
Lower Windsor Township: 1
East Donegal Township: 4
Springettsbury Township: 1
West Hempfield Township: 3
Marietta: 2

Medical Assist: 22
Auto Accidents: 8
Structure Fires: 6
4 of the 6 Working Fires
Automatic Fire Alarms: 9
Standby Transfers: 4
Outside Investigations: 3
Controlled Burns: 1
Environmental Rescue: 2
Industrial Rescue: 1
Wires Down: 1
Debris Removal: 2
Gas Leak: 1
Water Rescue: 2

Average Crew Size: 13 PERSONNEL
Average Fire/Rescue Response Time: 1 Min 05Sec
QRS Response Time: 1 Min 25sec

Councilman Scritchfield relayed the following:

- Fire Chief Fred Smeltzer would be attending the Borough Council Planning Meeting in order to give a presentation, showing those in attendance the equipment used and needed for the operations of the Fire Department. This presentation will be able to provide residents and Borough Council a better understanding of how the Fire Taxes are spent.
- Received one quote on the furnace at the Police / Fire Station.

Community & Economic Development:

Vice President Hobbs made a motion to approve and implement Ordinance 2011-5. Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Roll Call vote:

Sipes – aye
Scritchfield – aye
Bolton – aye
Nelson – aye
Hobbs – aye
Groft – aye

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Vice President Hobbs made a motion to approve and implement Resolution 2011-20. Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Vice President Hobbs made a motion to advertise the Comprehensive plan Committee Public Meeting on 8/15/2011 and the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing on 9/12/2011. Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Vice President Hobbs made a motion to approve the SALDO update. Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Bolton relayed the following:

- Upcoming Isaac's fundraiser.
- There are 3 tickets available for the bus trip on August 20th to see the Phillies game. Contact a Recreation Board member for details.

Councilman Sipes relayed the following:

- Historic Wrightsville will be hosting "Artists of the Susquehanna Valley" at the home (on the porch) located at Fourth and Hellam Street on August 20th.
- Historic Wrightsville is currently working on 2013 Civil War, 150th Celebration.
- August 12th is the Olde Town Picnic at the pavilion in Riverfront Park.

Personnel Committee: No report

Councilman Sipes made a motion to adjourn the August 1, 2011 Borough Council regular meeting.

Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

The Wrightsville Borough, Monday, August 1, 2011 regular Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa B. Wirls

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Borough Secretary