

**WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 2011**

The regular meeting of the governing body convened at 7:00pm on Monday, November 7, 2011.

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

Council President Groft called the regular meeting of the governing body to order at 7:00pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

Patrons:

Jim Markley:

- Informed Council about the water runoff on his property that he felt was a result of the micro surfacing on Locust Street. *Councilman Nelson stated that it was not possible that the micro surfacing impacted the water runoff on his property.*
- Thanked the Fire Department for taking care of the fire at his neighbor's home.

Albert Weisser:

- Stated that he helped to begin the ambulance service in Wrightsville and would like to know the reason why Eastern York Ambulance is not in operation any longer.
- Inquired as to the cost to the Borough if payment is required up front for a new ambulance service.

Mel McDonald:

- Explained that at the Mount Wolf Council meetings, questions are answered at the meetings unlike at the Wrightsville Borough meetings.
- Relayed that she had heard that it was Fire Chief Smeltzer that "got rid" of the Eastern York Ambulance.
- Stated that she had nothing against the Fire Department but there is a tax involved and asked Borough Council why the records from the Fire Department have not been looked at.
- Suggested the Fire Department rent out the Fire Hall rather than increase the Fire Tax.
- Asked why the Borough would consider buying a 4 wheel drive for the Police Department as it is a waste of money.
- Stated that Mayor Habecker was wrong in his recollection of a conversation with a resident on Front Street in which he said that she (Mrs. McDonald) continually interrupted.
- Recollected a recent meeting in which she heard Mayor Habecker state that if the Fire Department does not receive an increase in the Fire Tax, coverage would suffer.

Ed Peashey (CVAC):

- Presented Borough Council with information about Canodochly Ambulance. Stated that the ambulance organization was encouraged to believe that if they performed their duties and met the needs of the Borough, they would remain the providers of ambulance service in the Borough of Wrightsville. He further explained that the ambulance has responded to every call and the citizens have received professional service. There is no payment required of the Borough unlike the financial hardship for residents if the Borough chose to sign an agreement with White Rose ambulance. He asked why Borough Council would want to change something that does not need to be fixed and implored the Borough to look at all details involved and not change the service currently in place.

Corinna Mann (Hellam Township Manager):

- Stated that when Eastern York Ambulance was in service, Hellam Township had several meetings with them when they were having issues. The Township asked Andrew Stern (Hellam Township Emergency Management Coordinator), Wrightsville Fire Chief Smeltzer and Hellam Fire Chief Dube to do a study in regard to eh ambulance service in order to find the best options. Mr. Stern has since then provided a completed study and Hellam Township has decided to receive ambulance service from White Rose Ambulance.

Discussion ensued in regards to the ambulance service.

Eric White:

- Said that there was not a public comment period provided at the budget finance meeting.
- Conveyed that he did not want to seem non supportive of the Fire Department, but when taxes are involved, he has issues about increasing any tax. He feels that most calls responded to by the Fire Department are not in the Borough of Wrightsville and wondered why we are then paying more money for the coverage. He asked why the other municipalities contribute more monies towards the Fire Department costs.
- Indicated that if the citizens had more information and details in regards to how the money is spent, perhaps it would be a different situation. It is irresponsible to increase taxes during these times.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the October 2011 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Bolton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the October 2011 Planning Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Bolton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

POLICE -

Borough Council read the police report which consisted of:

50 Calls for service

21 Traffic Citations

11 Non Traffic Citations for Public Drunkenness, Curfew or Underage Drinking

5 DUI Arrests

3 Motor Vehicle Accidents

2 Warrant Services

TREASURER -

Treasurer Brenner informed those in attendance of the following:

- Municipal Authority reimbursements to the Borough for the insurance and for the fuel oil.

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the financial report.

Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Councilman Sipes made a motion to approve the check register.

Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

ENGINEER -

1. Royal Farms –Construction initiated 9/23. Spot inspection of site improvements through C.S.Davidson, Inc.
2. Comprehensive Plan Update (KDG) – Total project cost is \$80,195 (Comp Plan Update \$40,970 and Riverfront Park Master Plan \$39,225). Funding makeup is YCPC \$15,000, DCED \$20,485, DCNR \$26,732 (pending), and Borough \$17,978. Council adopted Comprehensive Plan at October 3 meeting. Preliminary Waterfront Master Plan presented 4/11, working on Implementation strategies. Meeting held 9/26 to discuss.
3. Safe Routes to School (BRB) – Grant awarded the amount of \$239,900.00. YAMPO approved additional \$90,000 funding. Ready to bid subject to one R/W. Carney right of way acquired, under Penn DOT review. Penn DOT to reschedule bid, probably January, with spring 2012 construction.

4. MS4 (DJR) –Derek plans to meet with the Borough in late fall to discuss potential improvements to the Borough’s program and the application process.
- 5 Act 167 Storm water Management Ordinance (BRB) – Solicitor and Engineer prepared for adoption. Recommend revision of Ordinance based on October 20th meeting. Utilize implementation tool for small, single lot projects. Request to present at next Planning Meeting.
6. Cherry Street/4th Street Storm water – surveyed site for proposed pipe. Consulted with Jason regarding need for PA One Call and test pits for water, gas. Discussed schedule with property owner. Waiting for Gas Company and SW pipe construction, then will stake curb.
7. Miscellaneous – none

SOLICITOR -

Council President Groft inquired about the Borough paying unemployment for the Crossing Guards when they are still employed by the Borough and it was the school that laid them off.

Councilman Scritchfield asked the Solicitor about the property that the Borough owns and she stated that she is currently looking into it.

MAYOR -

Borough Council reviewed the written report provided by Mayor Habecker which consisted of the following:

Previous month’s activities;

- Attended Municipal Authority meeting.
- Attended budget meeting.
- Attended fundraiser for Keith Gillespie.
- Attended Act 167 (storm water) meeting at York County.
- Worked on ambulance service for 2012.

Community Concerns Received;

- Continue to receive comments that public comment participants reflect poorly on larger community.

Comments;

- I had an opportunity to speak with Senator Mike Waugh and share my thoughts and experiences regarding the PAUCC. Senator Waugh states that he is also not happy with the path this legislation has taken.

- Welcome Officer Michael Eavenson. Thank you, Borough Council!
- Office and Public Works staffing continue to be high priorities for budgeting.
- Continuing to watch the evolution of emergency services in our area.
- WBMA snowplowing policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Administration & Finance:

- **Adoption of Ordinance 2011-6, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24, PART 1, ENTITLED “EARNED INCOME TAX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING THE EXISTING TEXT OF CHAPTER 24, PART 1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND, IN LIEU THEREOF, ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION TO LEVY AND IMPOSE A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF RESIDENTS AS WELL AS NON-RESIDENTS DERIVING INCOME FROM WITHIN WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH; REQUIRING THE FILING OF TAX RETURNS; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO REGISTER, WITHHOLD AND REMIT TAXES AND FILE TAX RETURNS, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE, INCLUDING COLLECTION OF AND PROSECUTION OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND COSTS THEREOF; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUCH ORDINANCE.**

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-6. Councilman Scritchfield seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.

- Councilman Sipes – aye
- Councilman Scritchfield – aye
- Councilwoman Bolton – aye
- Councilman Nelson – aye
- Council Vice President Hobbs – aye
- Council President Groft – aye

All in favor. Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

- 2012 Budget – updated budget was inspected.

Discussion ensued in regards to recessing the meeting.

Public Works:

- Street Department Report:

- Clean inlets as needed
- Refuse removal at parks, river and school
- Dead tree removal at the school/Garden Avenue
- Mower shop fuel
- Mowing
- Assist the Municipal Authority with the water leak at North 4th Street and Vine Street
- Removal of animals on roadway
- Resolution of sink hole on North 3rd Street
- Installed eye wash station & new first aid box
- Light installation at shop
- Plow and cinder roads due to snow storm
- Adjustment of school crossing lights
- Leaf pick up
- Curb Painting
- Picked up brick and block donation
- Vehicle / Equipment Maintenance

Public Safety:

Councilman Scritchfield provided those in attendance with the Fire Department report which consisted of the following:

92 Total responses

Hellam Township: 45

Wrightsville Borough: 24

Hallam Borough: 2

Columbia Borough: 2

Lower Windsor Township: 2

Manchester Borough: 0

Springettsbury: 1

East Donegal Township: 15

York Township: 0

East Manchester Township: 0

Spring Garden Township: 0

Marietta Borough: 1

Medical Assists: 23

Vehicle Accidents: 20

Structure Fires: 10 (5 were working fires)

Brush Fires: 1

Automatic Fire Alarms: 8

Standby Transfers: 6

Fire Police: 2

Co Alarms: 1

Vehicle Fires: 2

Investigations: 5

Wires Down: 3
Co/Gas Leaks: 3
Pedestrian Struck: 0
Public Service: 7
Debris Removal: 2
Water Rescues: 1
Average Crew Size: 12 PERSONNEL
Average Fire/Rescue Response Time: 25 seconds
Average QRS Response Time: 20 Seconds

Fire Department member Chad Livelsberger relayed the following:

- Publicly thanked Hellam Township for providing fuel on the day of the snow storm.
- On the day of the snow storm, there were 36 Fire Department calls.
- Appreciation for the assistance of Susquehanna Dodge in allowing the Fire Department to use the old Dr. Jensen office for training.

Councilman Scritchfield informed everyone in attendance that the Traffic Study was complete. Borough Council asked the Solicitor to create an Ordinance pertaining to the Traffic Study.

Council President addressed the questions posed by Mr. Weisser by stating that Borough Council was still in the fact finding process but during the process, the public will be made aware.

Borough Council agreed to look at and entertain the proposed contract from White Rose. Additionally, Council made it known that they would also like to meet with Hallam Borough and Hellam Township in order to discuss the ambulance services before any contracts are signed.

Community & Economic Development:

Council Vice President Hobbs made a motion to approve a variance for a garage to be built at 128 Orange Street in the exact spot in which a barn now stands.

Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

Parks & Recreation:

- Basketball has begun.

Council President Groft took a moment to dispel any rumors that the Council is intending on dissolving the Recreation program.

- Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Hall on February 18, 2012.
- Car Wash on April 21, 2012
- Civil War 150th Celebration will be hosted by Historic Wrightsville, Inc on June 28th, June 29th and June 30th of 2013.
- Senior Center is only averaging about 3 people per day due to a lot of seniors experiencing falls and health issues.

- Historic Wrightsville will hold its annual banquet on the 18th at 6pm at the Locust Street Church.
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Constitution Square on November 27th. Taking donations for the Tree of Remembrance.
- Councilwoman Bolton to look at Christmas light replacements.

Personnel Committee: No report

Additional Business: none

Councilwoman Bolton made a motion to recess the November 7, 2011 Regular Borough Council meeting until 6pm on November 14, 2011.

Councilman Sipes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote, 6-0.

The Wrightsville Borough Council Regular Meeting was recessed until November 14, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa B Wirls
Borough Secretary