

The regular meeting of Wrightsville Borough Council was called to order by President Dixon, who led the salute to the American flag. N. Habecker, M. Lentz, S. Young, M. McDonald, and Mayor S. Rambler were also in attendance.

Mr. President announced that the meeting will be recorded.

Mr. Dixon also reminded the patrons that no negative comments will be tolerated towards anyone on Council. He also announced that after the patrons portion, there will be no talking or outbursts from the audience. If President Dixon feels that anyone is out of line, he will ask them to leave.

Sandy Waugh: Asked Council for approval for a 6' privacy fence. She has written permission from all neighbors butting their property. They are in proper setback from the alley. N. Habecker moved that the Council approve for the fence permit and S. Young seconded, with unanimous approval.

Don Lehman: Came on behalf of Historical Wrightsville with a complaint that the office is charging them and their vendors for selling permits for Heritage Day. He said that they are a non-profit organization, and that they did not learn of this charge until recently, and never had to pay it in the past. Mayor Steve Rambler recommended that since they did not know that there is a fee for each vendor and they already notified all their vendors of the date of Heritage Days, that they should be exonerated from the fee. M. Lentz made a motion to exonerate Historic Wrightsville and their vendors from having to pay the sellers permit fee for Heritage Day on September 23, 2006 and M. McDonald seconded, with unanimous approval.

Robin Geesey: Robin has a drainage problem with water backing up onto her property when there is a storm. She said that Brett Raver was supposed to have fixed the problem, but it was not a long term solution. Mr. Dixon asked that John Klinedinst schedule a date to look at the situation and give his recommendation to completely fix the problem. Mr. Dixon mentioned that the Street Dept. has fixed Garden Ave. which will help the problem. Mr. Dixon and J. Klinedinst will meet with Mr. Geesey on August 15, 2006 to inspect the problem.

Another problem is that they are experiencing vibration from Donsco's broken down dust collector. She can feel vibration inside her home. Mr. Dixon will set up a meeting with Donsco to find out when they will fix the problem.

She also asked if anyone has gotten a hold of the landlord next to them concerning a gas smell. Mayor Rambler said that we did contact them, and Columbia Gas had put red tags on all the appliances to warn that they could not be used, but the tenants took them off and are still using them. The Mayor will look more into the situation.

Mike Martin: He is the Chairman for the Hellam Township Board of Supervisors, and was there to express, on behalf of Hellam Township Police that they are very willing to work with Wrightsville to solve all problems that Wrightsville Borough is experiencing. He hopes that it is not too late for the problems to be solved. He wants to schedule a meeting with Wrightsville Borough and Hellam Township Board of Supervisors as soon as possible. He said that the township feels that we can do more working together than separate. Mr. Dixon mentioned that it is no secret that Wrightsville Borough is looking into having their own Police Department, but are certainly not close to that yet. Mr. Dixon feels that the problems are with the police staff, not the township, and said that it is imperative that the problems are solved as soon as possible by meeting with Mr. Martin, our Mayor and N. Habecker. Mr. Martin expressed that the history of the problems are not known to him, between the Wrightsville Borough and Chief Quickel. N. Habecker has comments but will wait until his Health and Safety section of the meeting. Mr. Dixon added that the meeting should only consist of Wrightsville Borough and Hellam Township Board of Supervisors and not Hellam Borough because the situation does not involve Hellam Borough, he added that the issue involves Chief Quickel and the Wrightsville Borough Council and the Mayor. Mr. Martin agreed with him.

Eric White: Brought concerns about zoning, and how it would affect his business being a landlord in the Borough.

Ben Smith and Rae Ann Ness: Came to get approval for a driveway and a shed. They have written approval from neighbors, and have a sketch of the dimensions. Council approved the variance on the setback with a motion from N. Habecker and seconded by M. McDonald. Unanimous approval was given.

Larry Kirkessner: Came to ask Council for approval for a variance of 6' to take out a trailer and erect a modular with a basement. They want approval before they agree to purchase the property. They brought a drawing and written approval from neighbors. A motion for a 6' variance was made by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young.

Robin Geesey asked about the meeting times being posted at the sign at the bridge and Post Office. The Mayor said that when we get to our new office location, we will have it posted at all times, but we will look into the other signs for now.

Charles Kelly: Came to thank the Councilmen who came to look at his property at 478 S Front St. He asked again if the Borough could help with fixing the storm water drainage problem and Mr. Dixon said that because it is private property, the Borough could not help financially.

President Dixon asked for approval of the July minutes. A motion for approval was given by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young, with unanimous approval.

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POLICE: The July report was given by the Mayor, and will be mounted in minutes book. Sgt. Sauers was here in place of Chief Quickel to answer any questions from any patrons or Council.

TREASURER: Keith Brenner did not attend the meeting. Borough Secretary, Carol Jud asked Council for approval for the check register and monthly reports. A motion for approval came from N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young, with unanimous approval.

FIRE: After Deputy Chief Smeltzer gave his July report, he reported that the fire department had to respond to a call at 338 S. Front Street; The Dutchman for very high carbon monoxide levels. It was very dangerous, and some patrons of the bar were very lethargic when they got there. Chief Smeltzer asked Council to review to make multi-family smoke alarms mandatory.

He brought with him two Junior Fire Fighters to announce that they were taking their test to be certified. N. Habecker said how proud he is to see how many young people are becoming very involved in the fire department, that there is a great future for Wrightsville to be a safe place to live.

ENGINEERING: Mr. Dixon reported that backhoe bids for lease/purchase were put out in early August because the existing backhoe has become very dangerous to use. If Council approves, Mr. Dixon will take to the Authority meeting on 8/15/06 to get approval for half of the payment. Mr. Klinedinst opened the only bid, which was from W. Craig Adams, for a Case 590 Backhoe and it was to lease for 6 months at the rate of \$791.66 per month, and at the end of the 6 month term pay a remaining balance of \$23,750.04, with the total balance owed on the backhoe being \$28,500.00. Council approved the purchase of the backhoe with pending approval Authority paying for half. The motion was made by M. McDonald and seconded by N. Habecker. Mr. Klinedinst presented change order # 4 for N. 3rd Street to adjust the quantities on the project. It is nothing more than "house keeping" money, which will save money for the block grant. N. Habecker moved to approve the change and M. McDonald seconded.

J. Klinedinst brought the completion report for N. 3rd Street project which has to do with the \$10,000 grant from York County. Penn dot must receive approval from Borough Council so that the check can be submitted. N. Habecker moved for approval and M. Lentz seconded, with unanimous approval.

J. Klinedinst looked at Lot #8 at the Hidden Valley Mobile Home Park and took pictures. He stated that the trailer meets the requirements of being a dangerous building and will submit a letter to that effect.

Mr. Klinedinst gave the Borough a list of grants that he is aware of that the Borough can take advantage of. He offered his services to meet with the Council and give information on zoning. He also looked at 111 Mulberry Street, and the Dutchman and their parking in the yard.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Tilly was present in place of Mr. Hovis and he brought a draft of the fencing ordinance, and pointed out a few things that the Borough may not be interested in. Council agreed that fences can be put up to but not on the property line. Fences will not be considered structures. N. Habecker mentioned that the fee for the permit needs to be looked at. Mayor Rambler said that all of the permit fees are being reviewed right now. A motion to approve for advertising of the fence ordinance was made by N. Habecker and seconded by M. Lentz.

After this meeting, Council will allow fences to be put in while the Ordinance is being finalized, and not have to wait until the next meeting.

Mr. Dixon mentioned that the new location is getting closer to being finished, and will be working with the Authority with a lease agreement, and would like to have that finished by the time the move takes place.

The stop signs that have been put in the Borough have to be written into the stop sign Ordinance.

PERSONNEL: S. Young mentioned that Carol Jud had a review and would like to have approval for a \$.50 increase per hour. This increase was for doing paperwork for Bud when he took that supervisor position for the Streets Dept. She is also doing more of the Treasurers duties. A motion was made by S. Young and seconded by M. McDonald. S. Young also mentioned that Council wants the Borough to move forward with purchasing software to process payroll and accounting checks. Mr. Dixon wants the personnel committee to meet and go over what accounting changes will be happening and then meet with Keith Brenner to inform him of those changes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Mr. Habecker started by mentioning that Susan Graybill will be taking the permanent place of Phil Smith as the primary EMA director, and Chad Livelsberger will be the assistant EMA director. A motion to approve Susan Graybill came from N. Habecker and seconded by M. McDonald. A motion to approve Chad Livelsberger came from N. Habecker and seconded by M. McDonald.

N. Habecker reported that he attended a police meeting with the following also in attendance: Mayor Rambler, Chief Quickel, Jim Baugh, Hellam Borough Mayor, Paul McCleary and Mike Martin, the Hellam Township Supervisor. Previously Mr. Martin and N. Habecker met, and Mr. Habecker made Mr. Martin aware of the actions of Chief Quickel towards Wrightsville Borough and its elected officials, and Council, which Mr. Martin was unaware of. Mr. Habecker spoke for the entire Council and discussed the present written agreement between Hellam Township and Wrightsville Borough, and the lack of service in the Borough. He made the statement that as long as Mr. Quickel is with Hellam Township, the Borough Council will be going the other way and seek other community protection. He feels that there is no level of trust. Mr. Martin discussed the

option of Hellam Borough, Hellam Township and Wrightsville Borough becoming regional. Mr. Martin expressed that Hellam Township wants to better the

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communication. N. Habecker talked about the advantages of having a Borough Police Force, and is willing to go any way the Council wants to proceed.

Mr. Habecker mentioned that he and the Mayor did not get any answers at the police meeting. Mr. Tilly commented that the lack of service was what broke the contract. Mr. Dixon mentioned that he wants the meeting to happen with Hellam Township to see if things can be worked out.

He reported that he has been hearing negative feedback from Wrightsville residents saying that the Hellam Township Police officers are spreading propaganda that he feels is coming from within Hellam Township.

The Mayor reported that he feels the same way as Mr. Habecker concerning the lack of service from Hellam Township. N. Habecker interjected with saying that with his figures from the police reports Hellam Township Police are in the Borough no more than 26% within a month's time.

N. Habecker reported that J. Klinedinst has provided information to get grant money to rewrite the Comprehension Plan and move forward towards zoning. Mr. Habecker is in favor of moving forward with this. Mr. Klinedinst said that it will take \$40,000 to \$50,000 to complete that task, which grants will help. Mr. Klinedinst offered his services to educate the Council on zoning.

STREETS: M. McDonald gave the monthly report. She reported that overlays were done on 6th, 7th, Garden Ave. and Lemon Streets. A company was in the Borough spraying curb weeds, and she talked to Josh about getting certified to be able to do that in the future.

Mr. Dixon brought pictures of a sink hole off of Maple Street. It was reported to the Street Dept 1 ½ years ago, and it was a storm sewer pipe that burst and was very dangerous. The Street Dept fixed it immediately.

RECREATION: The Mayor reported that the Family and Fun Day will be held on Friday August 18 and Saturday August 19, 2006 at Memorial Field. The proceeds will benefit the Wrightsville Recreation Commission, which will help youth sports and the senior center. Bingo will be held at 6 PM on Friday.

Mayor Rambler reported that the Dutchman has been closed. He asked J. Klinedinst to inspect the building and give his findings to the Mayor. Electric, gas and water and sewer have been turned off for close to a month. There are children upstairs, and Mr. Tilly suggested that Children Services be contacted. The Mayor said that Code Administrators has not been cooperative in scheduling a time to inspect the building. Mayor reported on Clean-up Day with final figures which were a total of \$1,524.57. Last month the Council gave the Mayor the task of getting information on policing and he hired M. A. Alberts Investigations. He was approved to pay a total of \$300.00. He is at

the amount now and needs to be approved for a higher limit. N. Habecker made a motion to approve \$1,500.00 more to pay for the assistance in information on policing. M. Lentz seconded, with unanimous approval.

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SENIOR CITIZENS/S.V. CHAMBER: Mr. Lentz met with the DCED and they said that they can help with block grants concerning the park at the river in the future. He attended a meeting about the bridge entrance.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Dixon reported that contractors started at the new location. He estimates moving day to be early October. The Borough and Authority will be trying to get a newsletter out by the end of September or early October. Bryan Rambler will be hired to create the newsletter. He will also be in charge of getting a web site up and running.

Mayor Rambler brought some information from Lorri Harmer concerning a new copier that the Authority is purchasing. He would like to have approval for the Borough to pay half of the cost. With the newsletter being started again, we will be able to print it in-house and save about \$2,000.00 per year. That was the amount that was paid for outside work for the newsletter. M. McDonald made the motion to pay for half of the copier and S. Young seconded.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM was made by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary