

**Wrightsville Borough
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2007 \$ 7:00 PM
Borough Council Meeting Room, Wrightsville PA**

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, E. Pennell and Mayor S. Rambler were also in attendance. President Dixon also mentioned that the Solicitor, Secretary and Engineer were present. He announced that the Treasurer was not in attendance.

President Dixon announced that the meeting was being recorded.

He announced that the Fire report will be given before the patrons section.

FIRE: Deputy Chief Smeltzer gave the June fire report. Chief Smeltzer reported that the QRS crew responded to respiratory arrest victim from a fight. They brought an automatic defibulator which costs around \$3,500.

M. McDonald asked why the tax payers cannot rent the fire hall. Mr. Smeltzer and Mr. Urey explained that they do not want their equipment and apparatus to be ruined by weather. Mr. Smeltzer also stated that alcohol is no longer permitted in the fire hall.

M. Lentz thanked the fire department for being at an accident that involved his son.

PATRONS:

Bob Blymier – Mr. Blymier of 219 Orange Street came to complain about his neighbor at 223 Orange Street, Milly Nace. He stated that the appearance of the property is horrendous; that there are weeds and refuse all over the place. Another neighbor attended the meeting and agreed with Mr. Blymier. They reported that on several occasions they cut back the weeds themselves. He brought pictures. The Secretary reported that Milly Nace's son, Charles Creasy, came into the Borough office to report that they hired a couple of teenagers to clean up their property.

Ed Sipe – Mr. Sipe came to thank the President for checking the water drainage at the 400 block of Walnut Street.

William Smith – Mr. Smith of 505 Walnut Street came to ask for approval for a variance to erect a deck on his property. Mr. Habecker needed time to review the plans and the meeting moved forward.

Anna Weirich - Ms. Weirich brought a second request for President Dixon to ask for Bryan Rambler's resignation. She requested that all keys be taken from Bryan. M. McDonald also said that she feels that Bryan should not have keys to the Municipal Authority building.

Gaylen Shaud - Came to question how the investigation is going since the vandalism. He also wanted to question why the police gave his daughter a warning for making a "U" turn on the street that they live.

Dave Faulk – Mr. Faulk was also at the meeting concerning the car vandalism. He mentioned that the residents involved collected a reward for any information which collectively totals \$400. He talked to the Chief who said that an account would be opened at one of the banks in town.

Gaylan Shaud – Mr. Shaud mentioned that he feels that the Chief should not be able to take the police car out of the Borough. He asked if the money spent for gas was budgeted and if the Chief is presently taking the car home.

Robin Geesey – Mrs. Geesey questioned what the \$56.62 charge was for the Grand Rental Party invoice. She asked if it was for a late fee. She also questioned if the money for the cruise was paid back. Mr. Dixon told her that all of the money was paid back. Mrs. Geesey read a letter to her from the Chief concerning police personnel issues.

Nicole Groft – Mrs. Groft came to voice her opinion concerning the traffic issue on South 6th Street. She said that she met with the Borough Engineer when he was there working for the Borough. She told him that the line of sight coming off of 462 is clear. She also mentioned that Mr. Keller is going to have some large trees removed, which will increase the sight distance, and increase speeding.

She asked for police assistance to sit and watch speeding through the stop sign and has not seen any police vehicles.

She reported that there was a child hit on South 6th Street, and if the parking was reversed, it may not have happened. She said that if one her children gets hit, she will sue the Borough.

Linda Gotwalt – Ms. Gotwalt of 318 South Front St. reported that since Spring Alley has been worked on, she is still getting water in her basement, as is her neighbor at 316 South Front St. She wanted to know who the Streets supervisor is. She said that she saw 6 – 8 employees at the work site, but only 1 employee was actually working.

E. Pennell moved, M. Lentz seconded to accept the June 2007 minutes as prepared. The Borough unanimously approved.

POLICE: Chief Pearson was not present. Mayor Rambler gave the June report. Please see attached.

M. McDonald complained that there is not 24/7 police coverage, and she feels that there should not be two police officers on during the day. She said that if the police were on 24 hours per day, vandalism may not be happening in the Borough. She reported that Bryan Rambler sits outside the bars and calls the police when he sees people leave. She also reported that someone from Donsco reported to her that the police ride through the Donsco parking lot running license plates. She said that when the Chief went on vacation, the car was sitting at the Chief's home, and she feels that it should have been in the Borough. She feels that the police should be nicer to the public.

M. Lentz mentioned that he feels that the police should be 24/7 and that the schedule should possibly be reviewed and changed. Mr. Lentz feels that, concerning the recent vandalism, the community as a whole needs to get involved and keep eyes and ears open to help the police. E. Pennell suggested that the Chief give an example of the previous month to show what the schedule was for policing hours.

M. McDonald complained that John Christ had to pay \$15 for a police report after the vandalism to give to his insurance company.

TREASURER: K. Brenner was not present. President Dixon did his best to go over the 6 month budget figures. The President reported that the budget for the police is under budget for the first 6 months. He reported that the Street budget is a little over. E. Pennell mentioned that the Street Lighting was not taken out the Streets budget.

N. Habecker moved, E. Pennell seconded to approve the check register as presented, with unanimous approval. Mr. President mentioned that Mr. Brenner will go over the 6 month budget next month.

ENGINEER: J. Klinedinst started his report on Royal Farms, saying that he did not have any communication with anyone throughout the month of June. Jeff Bainbridge, of Royal Farms, handed out an updated plan to Council. E. Pennell stated that he is not in favor of reduced parking lot space sizes. He said that he has not seen a similar facility with gas pumps and fast food that has the total of 38 spaces and feels that it is excessive. E. Pennell also mentioned that he is not in favor of any variances, to South Alley.

J. Klinedinst mentioned that if the plan to York County Planning Commission was not submitted more than 30 days ago, action should not be taken. The Royal Farms representative is not sure if that happened.

M. Lentz asked if the neighbors that abut South Alley were contacted. Jeff Bainbridge said that the residents were contacted 2 years ago and 2 of them were in favor of a fence. S. Young asked to avoid having to approve a variance, can the alley be made one way. J. Klinedinst said that if the alley is 16', it could be considered one way or two.

N. Habecker stated that there would be nothing wrong with approving the 3' variance at this time and not interfere with anything else. E. Pennell felt that they may say they need 3 feet, but has a fear that they may take more considering the square feet of other stores that exist. President Dixon said that the variance may be granted, but the Borough cannot issue any permits until YCPC submits their answers.

S. Young moved M. McDonald seconded to grant Royal Farms a 7'. President Dixon asked for a roll call vote. E. Pennell wanted to make sure other Council members explain it to the residents who will be directly affected by the decision.

M. Lentz wanted to be reassured that Royal Farms contact the three residents on Locust Street.

Role call vote was as follows:

N. Habecker – yes
W. Dixon – no
E. Pennell – no
M. Lentz – yes
S. Young – yes
M. McDonald – yes
Motion passed.

J. Klindedinst updated on the Walnut Street project. He reported that a citizens meeting was held on June 28, 2007 at Walnut Street. He reported that E. Pennell and M. Lentz were present at the meeting. He said that a walk-through took place and a plan review of the project was given by B.J. Treglia. Mr. Treglia made some changes to the plan after the meeting and will have the revised plan for Council's review at the August meeting. Mr. Klindedinst mentioned that one of the changes was to install another storm sewer, which will incur more funds for the project. Mr. Dixon suggested that Liquid Fuels be used for that addition. E. Pennell mentioned that the curb and sidewalk be funded by block grant funds and the storm sewer funded by Liquid Fuels. Mr. Klindedinst reported that construction bids will be advertised on August 17th and August 20th, and open bids on August 30th. He added that construction will start on September 24th. President Dixon stated that the new business at 500 Hellam Street is in planning phase and he has plans at the office for anyone to review. He announced that the business will be Marcello's Italian Restaurant.

Mr. Klindedinst reported that applications for the comprehensive plan were submitted on behalf of the Borough.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Tilley brought the prepared and advertised Ordinance number 2007-6 which will govern to protect and eliminate illicit discharge in the storm water system. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by E. Pennell and seconded by N. Habecker.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Mr. Habecker came back to the deck plans for Will Smith who asked for a 4' variance. N. Habecker moved, E. Pennell seconded to approve the 4' variance. Mr. Habecker told the homeowner that Code Administrators will need to be involved. Mr. Habecker reported that YCPC responded to a letter that he sent asking for another review of the South 6th Street parking issue. Mr. Habecker said that the answer from them said that they refer back to the original traffic study that was done, which told the Council to make their own decision on where to put the no parking. He said that they did acknowledge a hazard on both sides of the street. He reported that Council President formed a committee to meet and talk about the parking situation, in which the committee met on July 5th. The committee consisted of N. Habecker, E. Pennell, Chief Pearson and J. Klindedinst. He reported that after the meeting Mr. Klindedinst submitted a letter giving his recommendations.

Mr. Klinedinst then reported that he suggests that the signs stay where they are, a center line be painted down the center of South 6th Street, a stop sign be put at Orange Street and stop bars be painted at each stop sign (a total of three stop signs). He said that he feels that the changes he has recommended are simply "safety issues", and that these issues have changed due to the new school.

President Dixon said that a stop sign can be installed at Orange Street for 90 days without an Ordinance.

E. Pennell moved, M. Lentz seconded to accept the recommendation of the Engineer and approve a temporary stop sign west bound on Orange Street until a traffic study is returned from YCPC, and have Josh Groft to paint stop bars at three stop signs at the intersection of Orange and South 6th Streets. Mrs. McDonald questioned a few of the portions of the motion, and stated that she disagreed with some of the points. Mr. Dixon told her that she has to vote on the motion as it was presented. Mrs. McDonald said that she doesn't count so she doesn't vote. The Borough unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Habecker reported that a Mr. John Shannon has an interest in the Civil Service Commission. He also reported that there is another traffic study being done, which is to make a part of Willow Street one way. He received a letter from Janelle Hobbs who has a business on Willow Street and she is requesting to have a meeting with Mr. Habecker before any decisions are made.

Mr. Habecker reported that he attended a meeting with Hellam Township concerning grievances that they were having with Code Administrators. He said that Hellam Township was questioning Code Administrator's fees. He announced that Hellam Township discontinued their contract with Code Administrators.

Mr. Habecker suggested that the next clean up day that the town has there should be a limit as to how many truck loads a person can bring. He said that there should be better organization for next year as far as how much to budget the cost for. He questioned how much it cost for the pile of wood. Mr. Dixon said that he didn't know and that Donsco did the removal for the Borough. Mr. Habecker reported on the block building agreement. He said that he truly was not sure where the negotiations were at this point. He said that he will contact Tim Kopp and work with him.

PERSONELL: S. Young asked if Bud Livelsberger was back to work full-time. President Dixon gave permission for Mrs. Jud to answer. Mrs. Jud reported that Bud is back full-time, but is not supposed to be "working" in the field whatsoever. She also reported that he has been working in the field, but the Dr. has not released him to do so.

M. McDonald asked where the money from the soda machines is going.

She wanted to know how the money from the concession stand is being handled. Mr. Dixon again let Mrs. Jud answer. Mrs. Jud explained the routine of how the cash was deposited and how a bank ledger is used.

She reported that the flag at 4th and Hellam Streets is tattered and needs replaced.

She received a complaint that the Mayor went along with the police on a call, and wondered if he would have been covered by insurance if he was injured.

M. McDonald asked if the Streets Dept. could go to Scantling's property on Maple Street and seal the street so he could see where it is being done. E. Pennell said that since the Streets Dept. sealed twice that they shouldn't have to go back and do it a third time, because he and the Borough Engineer both felt that the water problem is not a Borough problem. Her next complaint was about weeds being all over town.

STREETS: E. Pennell moved, M. Lentz seconded to agree to purchase 22 tons at \$51.50 per ton with American Rock Salt.

Mr. Pennell reported that Josh has marked up the line painting map and is ready for the line painting company to come in. He reported that the pot holes were fixed in some of the alleys throughout the Borough. He reported that Spring Alley was done but still needs to be resealed. He said that the storm sewer and stones at Front and Maple at the Southeast side was excavated. He said that the Streets Dept. finished the storm water drainage at Lockwood Hollow.

S. Young moved, M. McDonald seconded to spend up to \$500 for spraying weeds throughout the Borough.

N. Habecker reported that there is a storm sewer inlet in the alley between Locust and Hellam Streets in the 400 block that has cracks and the concrete box is starting to deteriorate.

RECREATION: Mayor Rambler reported that there is a meeting on July 31st. at 6:30 pm., which will be held in the Wrightsville Borough Chambers.

MAYOR: Mayor Rambler reported that he talked to Mayor McCleary about the Boroughs Association meeting being held in September at the Wrightsville Borough Administrative Center. President Dixon asked if Mrs. Young and Mrs. McDonald would handle the planning of the Borough Association meeting in September.

M. McDonald asked why she doesn't get the same mail that all the other Borough Council Members get, and why the letter from Anna Weirich concerning Bryan Rambler's resignation was not in her mail box. Mrs. Jud said that that particular letter had a note on it that said "give to Sharon".

The Mayor reported next that Mr. Tilley sent a letter concerning the police car being taken out of the Borough. Mr. Tilley mentioned that the Borough Council has the authority to set policies when it comes to ordinances. In the absence of an ordinance, the Mayor has authority to make decisions.

President Dixon opened up the floor for comments:

- M. McDonald seemed to think that the police budget is over budget. She said that other municipalities do not take police vehicles out of their Boroughs. N. Habecker said that the police budget is under budget.
- Mr. Habecker explained how long it takes to get a police department started and said that he thinks that the progress that has been made is astonishing.
- S. Young said that the car should stay in the Borough.
- M. Lentz said that he has mixed feelings, but for the time being he said that the car should stay in the Borough.
- E. Pennell said that he has mixed feelings as well, and said that for the most part the vehicle should stay in the Borough, except for when the Chief has to go home and is planning on coming back, and when he has to go to court.
- N. Habecker felt that due to the number of hours that the Chief works, that he doesn't have a set schedule, that he comes in to work at various hours throughout the day, the Chief should be able to take the car out of the Borough when needed.
- President Dixon said that he does not agree with the police car being out of the Borough when the Chief is on vacation, but has mixed feelings on the other issues. He felt that the chief should have pay for mileage to and from his home.
- The Mayor said that he feels that since the Chief works so many hours, upwards of 120 hours per pay period. He said that he is here at all hours of the night. He said that for the safety of the community and for the safety of the Chief, he should be able to take to car home.

S. Young asked if there was a motion that no Borough vehicles go out of the Borough.

A motion was made for the Mayor and Police Chief to look into the vehicle matter, to make sure it is not abused, and that a log should be kept. Motion made by N. Habecker and seconded by E. Pennell. A role call vote was as follows:

M. McDonald – no
S. Young – no
M. Lentz – yes
E. Pennell – yes
H. Habecker – yes
W. Dixon – yes

AUTHORITY: Nothing to report

SENIOR CITIZEN/S.V.CHAMBER: Mr. Lentz reported that there is a meeting at the Lime Kilns on Monday, July 30th at 7 pm.

President Dixon announced that there will be an executive session

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Lentz and seconded by N. Habecker at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary