

**Wrightsville Borough
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 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, Engineer, and Treasurer were present.

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 April fire report. He reported that the siren change did not work, and for now the siren will ring 2 cycles for a fire and 1 for medical emergencies. They are still working on alerts so that in an emergency situation it will awake residents in the Borough.

Mr. Smeltzer thanked Borough Council for attending the funeral for Billy Stevens.

He brought with him a few firefighters. One person being Josh Groft showed Borough Council an imaging camera that is used on fire calls. Mr. Smeltzer explained that this camera cost the fire department \$15,000, and it helps them with rescues within a smoke filled room. The fire department wants to show Borough Council and tax payers what their money is providing for the department.

S. Young said that the funeral for Billy Stevens was the first of its kind that she ever attended, and she was proud to see how the fire department honored their fellow fire fighter, and how professional they handled everything.

Billy's sister-in-law wanted to thank the Borough Council for attending Billy's funeral, and thanked the fire department for what they did.

Chief Pearson thanked the fire department and fire police for how they handled the Memorial Day Parade.

PATRONS:

Scott Blymier – He came to inquire about the handicapped sign application that his mother submitted. Mr. Dixon said that the approval of it will take place later in the meeting, and that after approval; he will be able to finalize it with the Borough Secretary.

He also had a complaint about clean-up day. He said that one of the Borough Council members checked his license to make sure that he was a borough resident and that he didn't see him check others that weren't in the Borough. President Dixon apologized on behalf of Borough Council.

Charlie Robie - Mr. Robie wanted to know what the status of the police budget is. He stated that he is pleased with the police department. Another concern of his is truck traffic between 8th and 9th Streets on Locust Street. He said that there are more and more semi's using that street. He was instructed by President Dixon to contact the Chief of Police about that situation.

Denise Causwell – Came to express her appreciation for Borough Council attending her brother-in-law, Billy Steven's funeral. She did although have a complaint about a Council member trying to endorse a person for a Council seat outside and inside the funeral home. She stated that her family was very upset by that, and did not appreciate how the council person conducted themselves. President Dixon apologized on behalf of the Council member.

Ed Sipes - Mr. Sipes questioned why there isn't a left hand turn signal at the light at 9th and Hellam Streets. He complained about the macadam between 400 and 410 Walnut Street that it is not stopping water from staying on the street during a rain storm. He said that the vertical curb is not high enough.

Robin Geesey – Mrs. Geesey questioned why the Grand Events Party Rental invoice amount was different from the amount that was paid. She wanted to know which police officer was in Columbia on Memorial Day, and she wanted to know why he was out of the Borough. She also brought up the subject of the Chief's police cruiser. She was told that the police cruiser was seen at the Chief's house, when the issue was tabled from last months meeting. She announced that the public records that she receives from the office shows that the police budget is over budget.

Anna Weirich – Anna reported that since President Dixon sent her a letter stating that Bryan Rambler would not be seen in the police cruisers anymore, he has been riding in the police vehicles. She handed president Dixon a letter to be forwarded to the Civil Service Commission stating that she and some other residents want Bryan's resignation, because of his behavior, and for the best interest of the town.

Sara Thomas – Sara from 422 Maple Street came to ask Borough Council for a variance for a storage shed. She has her neighbor's permission to but had to talk to Mr. Habecker because she wanted an 8' variance and Council only approves variances up to 7'. The meeting went on while Mr. Habecker looked over her plan.

Ralph Dellinger – Mr. Dellinger asked when the Walnut Street project will be started. President Dixon said that there will be letters sent out informing residents of a citizens meeting scheduled in the near future.

Nicole Groft – Mrs. Groft wanted to know if Council would be voting on the "No Parking" signs on South 6th Street. She stated that one of the residents on South 6th Street emailed a letter to all Borough Council members and the York County Planning Commission sent a letter stating that their recommendation was to change the signs to the East side of the street. She requested that Council vote on changing the signs. Mrs. McDonald mentioned how dangerous it is now with no parking on the West side of the street. Mrs. Groft thanked the police department for responding to a complaint that she had concerning speeding on South 6th Street. She stated that speeding on that street is getting out of hand and something needs to be done. She asked if the signs cannot be changed, can it be reconsidered to at least change to be no parking during business hours.

Mr. Habecker moved to approve the handicapped sign at 610 Water Street. M. McDonald seconded with unanimous approval.

Jason Livelsberger – Jason asked for a 7' 4" variance for a 24 X 24 pole barn. Jason has his neighbor's permission. N. Habecker moved, and M. Lentz seconded with unanimous approval.

The meeting went back to the 422 Maple Street variance for a shed. N. Habecker moved to approve 2 variances to a 3' setback for both. Mrs. Thomas has her neighbor's permission. M. McDonald seconded with unanimous approval.

Denise Causwell - Asked for the Chief to look into speeding on Cherry Street. She also asked for a stop sign be put at 4th and Cherry Streets.

Anna Weirich – Anna requested that the no parking sign on Willow Street be put back up that was taken down.

Linda Gotwalt- Came to thank the Borough for starting to work on Spring Alley. She stated that she is still getting water in her basement; that it is coming through the wall. She complained that some residents are putting their trash out as early as Sunday, when trash day is on Tuesdays. She said that she reported it to the office and emailed Bryan Rambler when he was still at the Borough office. She suggested that reminders be given out, and suggested that it be put in the newsletter.

N Habecker had a plan from Keith Koller of 127 Orange Street for a deck. Keith needs a 2' variance on the East side of his property and a 4' variance on the West side. He has neighbor's permission. Mr. Habecker moved to approve the variances and E. Pennell seconded, with unanimous approval.

POLICE: Chief Pearson gave the May report. He thanked the fire department and the fire police for their professionalism at the Memorial Day Parade. M. McDonald asked if there was police coverage on Saturday June 2nd, because she saw State Police in the Borough.

A motion was made by M. Lentz to approve the minutes from May 2007 as presented. S. Young seconded, with unanimous approval.

TREASURER: K. Brenner presented the May 2007 report. Mr. Brenner reported that after the Authority meeting and their approval, the accounting software project is now in motion. He stated that the implementation is tentatively scheduled for July 5th and 6th, 2007. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by E. Pennell and seconded by S. Young, with unanimous approval from the Borough.

ENGINEERING: Mr. Klinedinst presented the Wrights Crossing subdivision plan to reconfigure lot lines to make lot #10 completely in the Borough. He said that York County Planning Commission reviewed a letter and sent out their comments as did Mr. Klinedinst, and he recommends that Borough Council approve the lines to be moved on the plan. E. Pennell made a motion to approve and M. Lentz seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mike Scarborough with New Tech Design passed out plans for the new Royal Farms store that they would like to erect at 9th and Hellam Streets. He is here to ask for approval on the land development plan. He stated that his firm came about 2 years ago to ask for approval for a subdivision plan from a previous Council. He is asking this Council for a variance from a 10' setback to a 0' setback along the front, and will dedicate a 2' setback at South Alley. Mr. Dixon mentioned that the previous council promised the home owners to the rear of the property that they would not grant anything less than a 10' setback. Mr. Kemp, a representative of Royal Farms stated that they would build a fence along the home owner's properties. E. Pennell said that he is concerned with snow removal during winter months. Mr. Kemp said that Royal Farms would be responsible for snow removal.

Mr. Klinedinst stated that he feels that the plan is not ready for approval. He said that after his review, he had nine comments on issues that need attention.

S. Young is concerned with a door at the rear of the building that opens out into South Alley.

E. Pennell stated that he would like to wait because he doesn't like seeing the building so close to the alley and he wants to see what York County Planning Commission recommends.

N. Habecker mentioned the increase in tax value that would come into the Borough.

S. Young asked when they plan to start building, if approval is granted. Mr. Kemp said early 2008.

Borough Council decided to table the issue until YCPC responds.

Mr. Klinedinst reported that the Walnut Street Project is in the design status. He said that there are some test pits that need checked. He reported that the date for the citizens meeting will be June 13th at 5 pm at 3rd and Walnut Streets. Letters will be sent to all of the residents that will be affected by the project.

Mr. Klinedinst had planning grant applications for the Borough to apply for the Comprehensive Plan and the LUPTAP plan.

He also reported that the MS4 Storm Water reporting was completed. Chad from C. S. Davidson met with Mrs. Jud and explained the Borough's responsibility.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Tilley brought resolutions for the Borough to approve for the Comprehensive Plan and LUPTAP plan. A motion was made by M. Lentz for resolution #2007-2 and seconded by E. Pennell, with unanimous approval. Another motion was made by E. Pennell for resolution # 2007-3 and seconded by M. Lentz, with unanimous approval.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Mr. Habecker talked about reasons why the Chief should be permitted to take the unmarked cruiser to his residence. He mentioned that in the Borough Code Book, it states that the Mayor has sole authority over the police department. He expressed his feelings as to why the Chief should drive the vehicle home and that is so that the Chief can return to the Borough safely, in an emergency situation. N. Habecker made motion #1: For the Chief of Police to drive the police cruiser in traveling to and from the Borough, in the best interest of the Borough, to return as quickly as possible in case of an emergency. Council acknowledges that the Mayor has sole direction of the police department as outlined in the Borough Code. As such, Council finds that the Chief of Police and his vehicle are exempt from the Borough vehicle policy. Mr. Habecker read motion #2 being that it is the Council's desire that the Mayor and the Chief of Police be mindful of the Council's desire that there should be no appearance that the police dept. vehicles are being used for anything inappropriate or that does not benefit the Borough. As such, Council requests that the Chief of Police submit a report to the Mayor on a regular basis outlining the use of the police vehicle outside the Borough. Any questions pertaining to the use shall be directed to the Mayor.

President Dixon asked for a second to motion #1. S. Young mentioned that there was a motion that was tabled from the last meeting. She read the motion from the minutes, which said for the Council to allow the Chief to take the police cruiser out of the Borough. After much discussion, President Dixon asked for the motion to be tabled again so that the Solicitor could advise the Borough on the legalities of the motion. Solicitor Tilley explained that the reason for the research of this is that he needs to check whether or not this issue is a budgeting issue that would include the Council as a whole making this decision, or the Mayor being the sole decision maker.

Mr. Habecker made reference to a letter that he wrote to Donald Bubb with the York County Planning Commission regarding three issues: speed limit, one way on Willow St. and no parking on Garden Ave..

Mr. Habecker reported on South 6th St. saying that he has not only talked to the York County Planning Commission about the parking issue, but contacted the Wrightsville Elementary School concerning bus traffic. Mr. Habecker stated that the school has not returned his calls. Mr. Habecker reported that Mr. Bubb relayed to him that it doesn't matter which side the no parking is on. He is concerned about spending more money to reverse the Ordinance. Council's decision is to wait to hear from Donald Bubb from the York County Planning Commission.

PERSONELL: S. Young asked if Bud Livelsberger is back from Workers' Comp leave.

President Dixon reported that Bud was back on May 31st.

Mrs. Young reported a complaint that was given to her about truckers using their Jake Brakes. That the noise coming from the brake is very loud.

M. McDonald received a phone call from Bill Scantling and he wanted to know why the Borough has not resealed a section on Maple Street and when they plan to.

She also reported that, on Election Day, Bryan Rambler was seen driving very fast through the parking lot at Donsco. She reported that it was an unsafe act when there were a lot of older residents walking in to vote. She also wanted to know why the position he was hired for was not advertised.

She questioned why the dumpsters that are sitting on South Front Street don't have more safety cones or something making oncoming traffic aware that it is there.

She asked why the trash cans at 500 S. Front Street have not been removed and when a letter will be sent.

She questioned why the sign at the bridge does not have anything on it. She said that it should have something on it about July 4th or something.

STREETS: E. Pennell asked why we have a contract with American Rock Salt. He said that the Borough has to take 30 tons before July.

He reported that the line painting cost will be \$699.72. He mentioned that he instructed Josh to mark up a map with the placement of the lines that will need done so that when the company comes in to do the job, the Borough is prepared. Mr. Pennell moved to approve the cost of the line painting which is \$699.72, M. Lentz seconded, with unanimous approval. President Dixon recommended that the cost be taken out of the Liquid Fuels account. Mr. Pennell reported that Josh will be removing the concrete swale on Garden Ave behind the school, but will not be starting it until after the school year is over.

President Dixon reported that the Red Lion Borough has donated a recycle truck for free, and is willing to loan the Borough a spreader for blacktop, and all they want in exchange is to borrow the milling machine and skid loader.

Mr. Pennell brought to the attention of Council that he has heard that Municipal employee cell phones must have GPS capabilities.

RECREATION: Mayor Rambler reported that the next recreation meeting is on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7 pm. Their plans for this meeting are to talk about fall base ball. He publicly thanked the Peaks for planting all of the flowers in town. He reported that the funds that were paid out of the General Fund for games at the Fun Day event in Aug 2006 will be reimbursed. Mrs. Young mentioned that there is a husband and wife that would be interested in taking over the concession stand and their son was interested as well. Mayor Rambler said that they have not taken any teenager volunteers because liability reasons.

MAYOR: Mayor Rambler reported that Clean Up Day went well. President Dixon mentioned that the clean up cost for all of the wood that was gotten would be around \$1,300. A summary was passed out to all Council with the total costs, including payroll for the employees that worked that day. President Dixon asked Borough Council if they would approve payment. S. Young said that the Mayor told her that Clean Up Day was an Authority function. The Mayor said that he told her that it was a joint function. Mrs. Young stated that she felt that this was an Authority function, that the Authority should pay the complete amount. N. Habecker made a motion for the Borough to pay for the removal of wood of not more than \$1,300. The Mayor mentioned that money will be coming back to the Borough from the metals, from J & K Salvage. The motion died for a lack of a second.

AUTHORITY: President Dixon reported that the Authority approved a permit for the Sewer Treatment Plant.

N. Habecker reported that the committee that is handling the lease agreement for the concrete building is not satisfied with the newest draft. The committee wants to negotiate a joint ownership of the building, but S. Hovis felt that that is not the best option because the land would have to be subdivided. N. Habecker stated that the Council has a copy of the most recent draft and asked for everyone to review it and give their opinions to either Mr. Habecker or M. Lentz.

SENIOR CITIZEN/S.V.CHAMBER: Mr. Lentz reported that he met with Mr. Klinedinst about funding options to restore the Lime Kilns. He said that there are grants out there to be gotten. He wants to schedule a public meeting soon.

Mr. Lentz mentioned that anonymous complaints should not have any action taken. He thinks that residents who have a complaint should give contact information.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Dixon mentioned that the codification proposal is in Council's packets. He asked for a motion, but, Council decided to budget for it next year.

S. Young had a complaint concerning the trailers at North Third Street at George Scantling's house and why he is allowed to continue to keep them there.

Motion to adjourn was made by N. Habecker at 9:34 pm, and seconded by S. Young.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary