

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

Mr. President announced that the meeting will be recorded.

He also announced that on May 24, 2006, there was an executive session and official action was taken. There will be no public comment on personnel issues and reminded the patrons that there will be no personal attacks on the Council or the Mayor, or they will be asked to leave.

VISITORS: Lisa Hamilton complained about the living conditions of neighbors on either side of her business. There is one person living in a garage, unregistered vehicles, boat, van and a lot of trash all over the property. Mr. Dixon said that letters have been going out and that we have no zoning. The Mayor also stopped by and checked on the property, but there was a person mowing the yard.

Doug Mumaugh brought concerns to the Council about having problems with trespassing on the property that the Borough gave to him on the east side of his property at 501 Cherry Street. He would like to do some landscaping on that area. Borough Council did not agree, so he will just go to the property line on his land.

Anna Weirich wants to replace an old shed with a 10 X 14 metal shed. She needs her neighbor's permission for an approval on a variance. She needs permission from the neighbor on the north side and the property is in the process of being sold. She knows that Mr. Poff, the neighbor on the south side will not give permission at all, so the Mayor volunteered to assist Anna in getting the permission for her. N. Habecker moved to approve the building permit if it works out with the neighbors. M. Lentz seconded.

Ruthy Harrison had a question about Wrightsville's Ordinances, and if they are being enforced. Mr. Dixon said that when Hellam Township Police was contracted, it was understood that the Borough Secretary and the Mayor would be in charge of Ordinance violations. She wants residents to be aware of what happens at the meetings. Mr. Dixon said that the news letter will be started again.

Tammy Musser is concerned with her neighbor, Dean Characher, putting up a fence on her property, and has her stipulations on paper and gave it to the Mayor. Mr. Dixon wanted to let her know that the building permit Ordinance may be changed pertaining to fences.

Paul Murphy wanted to know how he could be informed of any upcoming meetings concerning the future of the Lime Kilns. Mr. Dixon said that one of the Council members will be put in charge of scheduling a meeting to go over the next step.

Missy Eberly brought a list of abandoned vehicles and gave to the Mayor. She said that the truck her husband was working on was a work in progress. She said that the vehicles on the list have been sitting around for a while and nothing is still being done about it.

Dean Characher still wants to put up a fence. He got a survey done. Mr. Dixon said that he may want to wait, because the Council will be reviewing the building permit Ordinance, and there may be a change.

Shelly Nordseek, Kathy Abel and Greg Fahringer came to address the fire siren issue. Fred Smeltzer stepped in to assure the residents that the fire siren was not going to be turned off. They just did a trial run for 24 hours and the wrong idea got out to the residents. He said that nothing will be done until the issues concerning the old system, sirens and the radio communications are very bad, and to upgrade all of it will cost approx. \$20,000 to \$30,000. That will be taking place over the next few years. The last thing Fred said was that the decision to turn off the siren did not come from anyone on Council. Shelly asked the Mayor if he was aware of the drug problem on Locust Street. The Mayor said that he was made aware at the neighborhood meeting on Sunday June 4, 2006. Shelly said that there are drug deals being done right out in the open, and there are a lot of children in that area, and they are afraid that something is going to happen and someone innocent is going to get hurt. The residents said that when they call the HT Police, they either don't come at all or it takes them about a ½ hour to respond. Council told them to continue to call 911 so that it is recorded, and to call as often as they have to until they get a response.

Rebecca Wagner from the Hidden Valley Mobile Home Park wants to get a building permit to replace lot # 8 with a larger home. N. Habecker said that they need to be in compliance, and they need to replace the trailer with the same size or no larger than 10% larger than the one that is replaced. She brought a drawing for the Council and C.S. Davidson to review. N. Habecker wanted to relay that as long as the replacement is no larger than 10%, and a cement slab is installed, they will be in compliance.

Anna Weirich mentioned a safety issue concerning the trailer park, which the South end of the drive through is blocked off and emergency vehicles cannot get in and turn around. Robin Geesy brought up a concern about the extension of Mulberry Street not being opened. Mr. Dixon said that it is being worked on to the effect that it may have to be opened for utility company's to be able to get in.

Motion to approve May 2005 minutes was made by N. Habecker and seconded by M. McDonald.

POLICE: Chief Quickel gave the police report. He reported that two arrests were made. One was in the area of the Turkey Hill with possession of cocaine and the other was made behind the Hometown with the possession of the intent to deliver cocaine and marijuana. Both cases were in a joint effort with the Drug Task Force and the State Police. He reported that when arrests are made and vehicles are involved, the police department will apply for forfeiture of that vehicle according to the forfeiture laws.

FIRE: Chief Fred Smeltzer passed around a picture of a girl that hit a tractor trailer, and the tractor trailer dragged the car so far that the tires of the car burned the grass. The girl was unharmed and out of the car when the fire department arrived. The fire dept had a very productive month. He reported that the dept. will be taking a rapid intervention course in Sept 2006. The fire dept and the Authority voted to order a 1,000 gallon fuel tank. The bill will be split 50/50. Lemon Street has been taken care of so that the fire company can access the river. Mr. Dixon complimented the fire fighters, saying that very soon after the siren goes off; the trucks are heard going up or down Hellam Street. Their response time is excellent, and that is something to be proud of. N. Habecker mentioned that since the fire dept had such an adjustment in the budgeted amount, Fred has requested that the Borough assist the Fire Company. N Habecker made a motion to give the Fire Co. \$2,250 in fuel, M. McDonald seconded. Mr. Dixon mentioned the tank bids. One was from Edris Oil for a 1,000 gallon double wall tank for \$3,105. The Authority agreed to pay 50%. N Habecker made the motion, and S Young seconded.

TREASURER: Keith Brenner gave check register, statement and budget for the month of May. The approval was made by S. Young and seconded by N. Habecker. Keith mentioned that the check from the YATB \$73,500 was received in May. The account funds are just shy of \$300,000., which is normal for this time of year. He mentioned that he will be looking into getting a new trustee for the employee retirement plan. Keith reported that the Council and Mayor will receive their first payroll check for the year. They will be paid 2 times per year. M & T bank is going to be correcting some errors on the statements that were caught by Keith.

ENGINEER: John Klinedinst reported that he does not have bids for blacktop because, he assumed that Hellam Township was not going to be able to due to a conversation that Brett had with Hellam Township. Mr. Klinedinst needed a motion for the annual MS4 separate storm water system, made by M. McDonald and seconded by S. Young. Carol Jud signed the paperwork to that effect. Did an inspection of a sewage complaint at 743 South Front Street that is a Borough Council issue. He gave a report that it must be cleaned up within 60 days, according to the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Klinedinst reported that Craig Adams is scheduled to start the North 3rd Street Project on July 19, 2006, weather permitting. They pursued the issue with Columbia Gas, in which they will not do any leak detection prior to or during the project

SOLICITOR: Mr. Hovis reported that the PA Assoc. of Boroughs is taking away the local municipalities for regulating the cable franchises. It will reduce the fee that the cable company pays the Borough, and the Mayor feels strongly against it. A motion to adopt a resolution to protest this was made by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young. Mr. Hovis reported that M. McDonald forwarded information to him regarding adopting

an Ordinance prohibiting farm animals and an Ordinance prohibiting 4 or more dogs living at one residence. Mr. Hovis said he thought that Railroad and Mountville Boroughs had something to that sort that the Council can review and adopt something comparable. Mayor Rambler gave Mr. Hovis and Council a copy of the seller's permit Ordinance and the fee schedule to review and hopefully update. The next thing for Mr. Hovis was to review the police contract with the Mayor and N. Habecker. Also, look into the sewage problem on Front Street. The last thing on the Solicitor's agenda was for the Council and he to look into the building Ordinance pertaining to fences. They want to change fences from being considered a structure, to make it easier for residents to erect fences in their yard. After a short discussion, they decided to table the issue until next month, and review the Ordinance more, or actually adopt its own Ordinance.

HEALTH & SAFETY: N. Habecker reported that he sent a letter to the Hidden Valley Mobile Home Park, after working with Steve Hovis and John Klinedinst on their building permit issue, making sure that everything will be in compliance with the mobile home Ordinance. Mr. Habecker mentioned that he, the Mayor and the Secretary have been working with Code Administrators on fine tuning the building permit procedure, but still needs a little more improvement. He commented that the Secretary has adjusted well to her position, and was thankful for her help concerning several issues that happened in the month of May. He addressed drug issues throughout the Borough. He reassured residents that the problems are not going un-noticed, and the issues are being handled. He mentioned that the Council has experienced some communication problems with the police chief, but are working to resolve them. Mr. Habecker revisited the fire siren issue in saying that the Health and Safety committee did not meet with the fire department, and that he did not want to be a part of the siren being turned off.

PERSONNEL: Mrs. Young's first issue was the updated handbook. She asked if all Council was in approval of it. N. Habecker made a motion to approve the handbook and M. McDonald seconded, with unanimous approval. Mr. Hovis added that the employees need to receive it and sign a form proving so. Mr. Habecker asked if the Council was going to introduce the handbook to the Authority in the hopes that they will agree to adopt it as their handbook as well. Mr. Dixon said that he could take it to them. Mrs. Young brought to the table that a new Authority member is to be appointed. Mr. Dixon mentioned that Mayor Rambler submitted a letter of interest, and that the Authority was happy with him taking that position. S. Young made a motion to appoint Mayor Steve Rambler to be an Authority member, and M. McDonald seconded. He would be replacing Edred Pennell who resigned a few months ago. There was a unanimous approval of this appointment. N. Habecker asked that when the Authority or Borough workers work for the other, if the time is kept separate. Mr. Dixon said that yes, they punch a time card for wherever they work and they are paid from that account. A question was asked by Robin Geesy as to why Authority employees that make \$20/hr or more cut grass for the Borough when young kids can be hired to cut grass for much less.

Mr. Dixon said that that is what the Borough has done. S. Young had some complaints from residents that she wanted to address, and they are: 300 block of Locust Street, and a resident asked if a stop sign could be put at Garden Ave and 7th Street, and the same thing at 7th and the M & T Bank alley. Mr. Dixon said to give them to the Mayor to look into. S. Young made an official motion that on May 25, 2006 Brett Raver was removed from his position as Streets Supervisor, and was seconded by N. Habecker. Unanimous approval was given. Mrs. Geesy asked why they had to make a motion. Mr. Hovis said that the Council had to ratify the action that was taken on May 25th. Mrs. Geesy asked why he was terminated, and W. Dixon let the Solicitor answer, and Mr. Hovis said that it was a personnel issue and the Council has no obligation to disclose the reason. S. Young mentioned that there will need to be an Executive session on another personnel issue. N. Habecker mentioned that at some point in time there needs to be some kind of an agreement between the Authority and the Borough concerning the Electroplaters building, and to have S. Hovis start working on it. N. Habecker understands that the Borough will be responsible for the heating and electric.

STREETS: M. McDonald gave the Streets Department report since Ed Pennell was not in attendance. She reported that the Streets Dept. cleaned up for Memorial Day, swept front street and Hellam Street, mulched around flowers. They delivered top soil from Columbia and Hellam, weed wacked on top of Lime Kiln's. They mowed grass at the pump station, water tower, and the baseball fields. W. Dixon brought up to the Mayor that the Streets Dept. is not to lime the ball fields for the games, and are not supposed to be raking them either. The Mayor said that he personally purchases the lime and the teams lime the fields, but he will talk to the baseball association about the field preparation of the fields. M. McDonald wanted to request a new trash can at the Turkey Hill Minute Market. Mr. Dixon said that he will look at the catalogs with the Secretary's and take care of that. Thank you letters should be sent to all who helped with the square, and the preparation of Memorial Day. It was reported that a part time employee was hired for the Streets Dept., and his name is Tim Leiphart and his wage is \$9.00 per hour, and he will paint and mow grass, etc. That motion was made by S. Young and seconded by M. McDonald.

RECREATION: M. McDonald reported that the School program, given by Kathy Abel, was looking for a donation. Mr. Dixon said that we need to check with the Treasurer.

MAYOR: Mayor Steve Rambler started out with a gesture to thank the American Legion and all who helped with the Memorial Day Parade. He also wanted to send a special thanks to Mr. Shwartz and Mr. Young for painting the cannons, as well as Councilwoman McDonald for planting flowers, and Dick Weitzel for supplying a new flag. He also mentioned that it was a very good day, and that there were many positive comments towards our town. Thank you letters will be sent to all who helped and donated for the occasion. He reported that clean-up day will be on June 24, 2006 from

7 AM until 11 AM at the old Electroplaters property. J & K Salvage will bring their dumpsters and will pay the Borough \$4.00 per 100 lbs. of scrap, York Waste Disposal will bring their trash compactor for \$750, plus disposal fees at \$56 per ton, employee fees will be around \$300, with the total approximating \$1,000. Exceptions that will not be taken are: dry wall, tires on rims and flammables. The Mayor would like a motion to be made to approve the \$1,050 that will be needed to pay for the clean-up day. M. McDonald made the motion and N. Habecker seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Dixon opened the discussion by saying that Craig Adams said he would bring his chipper for any yard waste. Mr. Dixon said that there will be a plan as to how the traffic will flow. It will be required for the residents to bring their drivers license to prove that they are from Wrightsville. He reported that to help bring in money for recreation, he is talking to Coke, to possibly place three of their machines throughout Wrightsville, which they would maintain, and the Recreation commission would receive 25% of proceeds. This would help the town to receive new (free) score boards for the baseball fields, depending on how much money that is brought in. A motion was made with the agreement that the Solicitor would agree and advise on the contract, by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young, with unanimous approval. He also reported that he and the Secretary have been out looking at various properties that need cleaned up, sent out 27 letters since April, and have been checking out complaints that come in to the office. The last thing that the Mayor had was a logo to propose unity between the Authority and the Borough. The logo would say the Wrightsville Borough and Municipal Authority.

Mr. Dixon mentioned about a complaint was voiced concerning the Adult baseball team having alcohol and drinking at the field and concession stand. Mr. Dixon asked the Mayor if he would address that issue with the baseball team.

Mr. Dixon reported the most recent development on the Lime Kilns. He wants Councilman Lentz to take all of the information and set up a meeting. The total of restoring the Lime Kilns was approx. \$200,000, which a portion will be paid for by grants.

SENIOR CENTER/S. V. CHAMBER: M. Lentz reported that he attended a meeting for Rivertownes on 5/25/06. He was very impressed that most of the interested parties were from Wrightsville. At the meeting they broke up into groups and come up with ideas to improve the town, and the one that M. Lentz thought was important was the visual of the bridge leaving the town, and making it friendlier for pedestrians. The project would not involve Borough funds. A meeting for that is scheduled for June 29th at 7 PM at the Riverbank Studio.

Mr. Lentz mentioned that there is a problem with parking between the Dutchman and the neighbor at 400 Front Street. Also there are problems with RV's parking in the grass lot

behind the Dutchman, Motorcycles parked on the sidewalk, and cars taking up two spaces.

Mr. Dixon announced that the Council will be going into an executive session, and asked for a motion to adjourn, because they would not be going back into the regular meeting. N. Habecker made the motion at 9:33 PM, and M. McDonald seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary