

**Wrightsville Borough
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 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, Engineer, and Treasurer were present.

President Dixon announced that the meeting will be recorded.

PATRONS:

Phyllis Kauffman came to complain about her neighbors. She said that there are 4 adults and 4 children living at 123 Chestnut Street. She also complained that she receives letters in the summer if her grass is high, but the neighbor at 123 Chestnut does not.

Council person Mark Lentz read a letter from Mike Henry and Roberta Penwell who reside at 112 Maple Street. The letter stated that they are against the Dutchman trying to get permission from Council to have topless dancing, because it will draw the wrong kind of people into this town, like possibly drug dealers and prostitution. They complained about the appearance of the property, about how patrons of the Dutchman park in their parking spot, how they have witnessed patrons urinating in their flower box, how the loud motorcycles race up Maple Street hill, and how they have to pull beer bottles out of their flower garden. They complained how they have witnessed several fights, how they have had to put up with loud noise from a generator because their (the Dutchman) utilities were turned off due to lack of payment, and how they are tired of the total disrespect they have witnessed from patrons of the bar.

Ralph Dellinger brought a letter from the EMC Insurance Company that denied his claim from when he fell on the sidewalk when he came to the January 2007 meeting. He asked if it is illegal to throw snow out in the street when shoveling.

Michele & Ruth Myers with the Wrightsville Inn came and questioned the open bottle issue. Their Attorney and the Borough's Solicitor will talk and come to a resolution. Mrs. Myers warned the Borough that she will not allow any parking in her lot for anyone doing Borough business, or neighbors that park in her lot.

Linda Gotwalt of 318 S. Front Street came to bring to the Borough's attention that since the snow, there is a significant amount of water pouring into her basement. She said that M. Lentz came to inspect the situation, and E. Pennell said that he was there years ago to check out the situation as well. She stated that Spring Alley, from Howard Avenue is in very bad shape and thinks that that may be the cause of her water problem. E. Pennell requested that the Borough Engineer, Mr. Klinedinst inspect the problem and advise the Borough as to what needs done.

Dawn Lindeman asked what a snow emergency is.

Robin Geesey asked for a breakdown of the VISA payments and the names and cost of police that are on the health insurance.

Anna Weirich complained that she is not going to pay the fee of \$17.00 for the Secretary to retrieve paperwork and copy for her. She wanted to know how many of the officers are certified and when there will be 24 hour coverage.

Mrs. Ennis of 208 South Front Street wanted to express what a great job the police are doing. She expressed that she feels safe in this town. She said that she sees the police all over the Borough and not just at the bars. She said that if her children are killed by someone that was drinking at a bar, she is going to ask the police why they are not watching the bars. She also mentioned that if the residents of the town were more responsible when they drink at the bars, they would not have to worry about being stopped by the police.

President Dixon entertained a motion for the approval of the February minutes as presented. N. Habecker moved and M. Lentz seconded with unanimous approval from Council.

Keith Koller from 127 Orange Street applied for a handicapped sign. All paperwork was in order so N. Habecker moved for approval and E. Pennell seconded, with unanimous approval from Council.

POLICE: Chief Pearson gave the February report. Please see the attached report. He stated that he contacted the Mayor of Columbia and the Chief of Police of Columbia, and discussed drafting a contract with Columbia to assist the Borough.

FIRE: The Mayor gave the February fire report. See attached.

TREASURER: A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented was made by N. Habecker and seconded E. Pennell by with unanimous approval from Council.

ENGINEERING: Mr. Klinedinst reported that he will take the reverse sub-division plan that has been signed by the Council President and the Borough Secretary and take it to be recorded. Secondly, he mentioned that Council should be deciding on three engineering firms for the Liquid Fuels Walnut Street project. E. Pennell selected C. S. Davidson, Rettew and David Miller. Mr. Dixon steered the conversation towards the block building lease agreement, and said that he would like to assign N. Habecker and M. Lentz to a committee and would like the Authority to assign two people so that an agreement can be reached. Mr. Dixon learned that the deed is in the hands of S. Hovis, and that the Authority has to act on that before the Borough takes action. The conversation went back to the engineering portion of the meeting and E. Pennell stated that since we don't have full funding he thinks that the grant money could fund the engineering and curb and sidewalk and also concrete testing. He said the storm sewer pipe, inlets structures, stone back fill, base course paving and reconnection to the storm sewer as well as the overlay paving could be done with Liquid Fuels, and those quantities could be estimated by the engineer. He would like the binder in the first year and the over lay in 2008.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Tilley reported that they are still researching the Sex Offender Ordinance through Megan's Law and the federal law; checking to see what authority municipalities have concerning prohibiting sex offenders to live in the Borough. The Open Bottle Ordinance is advertised and ready for approval. A motion to accept Ordinance # 2007-4 which deletes the provisions to allow open containers in the Borough was made by N. Habecker and seconded by S. young, with unanimous approval from Council. Mr. Tilley drafted an Adult Entertainment Application which includes fees that will be the responsibility of the establishment owner. A motion to approve the application was made by M. Lentz and seconded by S. Young, with unanimous approval from Council. The last issue for Mr. Tilley was Resolution # 2007-1 which would set the fees for the Adult Entertainment Ordinance investigation, application and license fee. A motion by M. Lentz was made with the understanding that an establishment owner, when applying for a license, understands that there may be additional outside costs concerning sections 3, 4, 5 and 6. This will be included and rewritten. S. Young seconded, with unanimous approval from Council. Mr. Tilley will change the Resolution and email it to Mrs. Jud. Mr. Tilley has information to change the auditing system from an elected system to an independent auditing company, and received Councils approval to advertise it.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Mr. Habecker addressed a request from the police department for purchasing new winter tires and wheels. It was decided that this issue can be tabled until next fall, due to the fact that the snow season is coming to an end.

Mr. Habecker tried to summarize what this Council has been doing over the past 15 months. Mr. Habecker explained that the Council is researching an Ordinance that would regulate sex offenders living in the Borough, he mentioned how much Council has supported the fire department financially, how this Council is working to ensure effective policing in the town, thus, showing how much the Council and Mayor are trying to improve the community, and ensure a safe environment for families and children to grow up in. He mentioned that the police officers are enforcing laws that have been on the books for quite some time. Mr. Habecker made reference to a recent article in the Lancaster Sunday paper about the late Federal Prosecutor, Jonathan Luna and a book written by William Keisling which, in the appendix, includes a lot about Wrightsville's history which is embarrassing. The book also goes into detail about the York County District Attorney, which also is not very flattering. Mr. Habecker read the entire book and wonders if some of the things written in that book are still happening in this town, hence, one of the reasons for our police department.

PERSONELL: S. Young did not have anything to report.

STREETS: E. Pennell gave the February Streets report. Please see attached.

E. Pennell moved to choose DM/A Planning, C. S. Davidson and Rettew for the three engineering firms to quote the Walnut Street project. N. Habecker seconded, with unanimous approval. The Secretary will send letters to each of them.

RECREATION: Mayor Rambler announced that baseball sign-ups are going well, and that there has been a larger response than last year. There will be another sign up this month, on March 14th. He reported that there was a WRC meeting on Feb., 27th and they talked about the options for the block building. The recreation board would like to add Sonny and Marty Peak, Melda Ishman and Tim Kopp. A motion to that effect was made by N. Habecker and seconded by M. Lentz, with unanimous approval.

MAYOR: Mayor Rambler reported that he attended a meeting with the EYSD concerning Memorial Field. EYSD needs more space, and they would like the Young Knights to move so they can rebuild the field at a cost of \$11,000. EYSD wants to utilize Memorial Field for soccer. Council agreed that the school, heads of the Young Knights and Borough Council members should meet and discuss the issue at hand. The Mayor will relay that message back to the school board.

The Mayor is looking forward and researching another clean up day. He wants to organize better this year.

The Mayor reported that the Department of Emergency Services of York County has requested that Borough and Municipal Officials plan to attend an Emergency Management Planning Commission meeting on March 28th from 2 – 4:30 PM or from 7 – 9:30 PM and anyone who would like to attend should let the Mayor know. He said that he plans on attending.

SENIOR CITIZEN/S.V.CHAMBER: Mr. Lentz reported that at the end of March or beginning of April there will be a meeting on the Lime Kilns.

AUTHORITY: President Dixon reported that the drawings for the new Sewer Treatment Plant are moving along well and that they will be asking for bids towards the end of March. He also reported that construction should start sometime after April of this year.

Mr. Dixon mentioned that an application is available from the Inter-Government Cooperation Grant Program for \$500,000. He assigned this to the Mayor and N. Habecker to look further into.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Dixon brought up Royal Farms and reported that there was a mistake made on their part; that they approached the old Council and asked for a 10' setback variance from South Alley and the old Council turned it down. He said that Royal Farms is possibly going to ask the new Council for the same and that he advised the new Council to agree with the old Council gave.

At 9:30, President Dixon announced that the Council will be going into executive session for personnel issues. He stated, after asking Council, that there should not be any action taken after the executive session ends, but he was not completely sure.

Mrs. McDonald questioned Mr. Dixon on why he took her authority away from her. Mr. Dixon told her that that issue is a personnel matter and she should contact the office and schedule a time to sit down with Council and the Mayor to discuss it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary