

**Wrightsville Borough
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2006 – 7 PM
Borough Council Meeting Room, Wrightsville PA**

The regular meeting of Wrightsville Borough Council was called to order by President Dixon, who asked for a moment of silence for the victims and families of Amish tragedy after the salute to the American flag. N. Habecker, M. Lentz, S. Young, M. McDonald, E. Pennell and Mayor S. Rambler were also in attendance.

Mr. President announced that the meeting will be recorded.

PATRONS: Michele Myers of the Wrightsville Inn wanted approval from the Council to have a Polar plunge on Jan 20, 2007. Proceeds will benefit the Wrightsville Fire Company and The Children's Home of York. N. Habecker moved to approve and M. McDonald seconded, with unanimous Council approval.

Dan Eller of 240 Hellam Street came to notify the Borough Council that on Sunday October 1, 2006 the Authorities sewer lines backed up into his basement. Mr. Dixon said that this is an Authority matter, but Mr. Eller still wanted the Borough to know. He wants the Authority to pay for his damages. The Authority Solicitor will address the situation.

Anna Weirich of Willow Street wants "No Parking" signs installed on the south side of Willow Street, due to it being a narrow street and is concerned that in the event of an emergency the Fire Dept. could not get their trucks through. N. Habecker motioned to post no parking signs on the south side of Willow from Barnes Ave to just short of Howard Ave by 100 yards. M. Lentz seconded the motion in which unanimous approval was given.

Eric White and Martin White, the owners of 214 Orange Street applied for a variance for 2 parking spaces at the rear of the property. After N. Habecker's review of their drawing, he realized that for just stone parking spaces, he didn't need a variance.

Martin Peak came to complain about drugs being sold right in front of his house on Walnut Street. He said that every time he calls Hellam Township Police, they never respond. Mr. Dixon told him that some changes concerning that issue may change later in the meeting.

Approval for the regular meeting minute and the recessed meeting minutes was motioned by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young, with unanimous approval from the Borough.

Mike McElwain of the Wrightsville Emergency Response Team attended the meeting and gave a report for January through September 2006. He reported that they are filing for grants to get new equipment.

POLICE: Sgt. Sowers gave the September Hellam Township Police report. President Dixon asked if charges were made from the accident that involved one of the Hellam Township officers. Sgt. Sowers did not know, but would check into.

FIRE: Deputy Chief Fred Smeltzer gave the September report. He reported that 6 Firefighters completed an advanced course.

TREASURER: Keith Brenner gave the September report. President Dixon announced that there will be a budget workshop on the 30th of October and advised all Council members to attend. Mr. Brenner asked that the Council report all of their department budget numbers to him by October 24, 2006. He made them aware that if they need his help, he will be available the entire week of October 16th. E. Pennell questioned if the lighting cost will be taken out of the Liquid Fuels account, and Mr. Brenner confirmed that it will be done at the end of the year. Approval of the check register was moved by N. Habecker and seconded by S Young.

ENGINEERING: John Klinedinst started his section by answering some questions from last month. One question was if there had to be flashers on new stop signs, and Mr. Klinedinst reported that there doesn't need to be. He conformed that the punch list from the North 3rd Street project was done.

Pam Shellenberger can be available to Council to educate them on the Comprehensive Plan on October 30th at 6:30 pm. Council approved that meeting.

Also talked to Pam about funding for the block grant for 2006, 2007 and 2008, which is for \$25,000. Mr. Klinedinst will move forward and start the filing process.

He reported on the block grant for 2007 which is funded for Walnut St. between 2nd and 3rd Streets for \$100,000. The project total is \$180,000. He gave options for the Borough. Mr. Dixon suggested that they meet at the project area and review it again. They agreed on October 12th at 3:30. Mr. Klinedinst needs to look at one more dangerous building at 226 Walnut Street.

He reported that the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority is submitting to the Borough a reversed sub-division plan, there is a plot of land owned by the Borough and the Municipal Authority needs a deed of conveyance and make it one big parcel. Council will have to take action on it next month.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Tilley brought the original Fence Ordinance # 2006-4 for the officials to sign. He also brought the Recycling Ordinance # 2006-5. N. Habecker motioned to approve for final signatures and M. McDonald seconded, with unanimous approval. He also brought the updated Stop Sign Ordinance to add stop signs at 7th and Garden Ave. and 8th and South Alley. N. Habecker motioned to approve and advertise and M. McDonald seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Tilley reported that he had a meeting with President Dixon, the Mayor and N. Habecker concerning the Police contract. Mr. Tilley drafted a letter pointing out all the breeches in the police contract, and due to the lack of police service and protection. The Wrightsville Borough Council is ready to end the contract with Hellam Township as of 12/31/06. N. Habecker made the following motion: That Wrightsville Borough shall immediately proceed to form a Wrightsville Borough Police Department with the intention of assuming police duties in the Borough on January 1, 2007. A police chief and officers shall be hired as outlined in the "Wrightsville Borough Police 2007 Projected Budget". Equipment, supplies and office facilities shall be procured as outlined in "Start up expenses for a professional Wrightsville Borough Police Department". Financing of start up costs shall be through a general obligation note in the amount of \$125,000 at an interest rate of 4.5% with M & T Bank. M. Lentz seconded the motion. Mr. Dixon asked if there were any questions on the motion, but there were none. Mr. Dixon asked for a role call vote by the Borough Secretary. Carol Jud asked each Councilperson and the Mayor and the vote results are as follows:

- Vice President Habecker – yes
- Councilperson Lentz – yes
- Councilperson Pennell – no
- Councilperson Young – yes
- Councilperson McDonald – yes
- President Dixon – yes
- Mayor Rambler – yes

The information that was given to the Borough Council by Solicitor Tilley will be public knowledge after the Hellam Township Solicitors receive it.

The animal control contract was given to N. Habecker to review, and he requested that he take a month to look at it, which was ok with the rest of Council. We will have to get three bids before choosing a company.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Mr. Habecker reported that the Fire Dept/Health and Safety meeting will be October 10, 2006 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Habecker is looking into the possibility of drafting an Ordinance to prohibit the creation of multi-family conversions and rooming houses, which has been passed by the Solicitor with his advice on how to move forward. Council gave Mr. Habecker full approval to research it.

Mr. Habecker asked the Borough Secretary to mail Mr. Mummaugh of 501 Cherry Street a copy of the September meeting minutes as an answer to his questions concerning his quick claim property.

PERSONELL: S. Young gave the Borough Secretary the renewal packet for all the Borough property, Workers' Comp and Auto. Mrs. Young had the building at 601 Water Street added. C. Jud researched the software more and realized that there will need to be a 3 user version so that it can be used simultaneously. N. Habecker recommended that the Secretary and the Treasurer work together and bring their plan to the Council to approve.

S. Young wanted to clear up a miss-conception concerning non-profit organizations having to pay for seller's permits. No non-profit organizations will have to pay for sellers permit, but out of town vendors coming into the Borough will have to. She recommended that something to that sort be put into the newsletter.

Mr. Habecker added that the Treasurer needs a review.

STREETS: M. McDonald gave the September report. She reported that Josh Groft wants to get certified to spray weeds. She reported that the leaf collection started today. The Streets Dept. has to mill and blacktop around the new sidewalk. Streets are supposed to look into crack sealing on the Borough streets. Mr. Pennell had a concern about the crosswalk paint already peeling. He mentioned that they can get thermoplastic markings which can be purchased at T & W Traffic.

MAYOR: Mayor Rambler reported that the community service person painted art on the dugouts at the ball fields. President Dixon mentioned that there needs to be more activities for the Senior Center like bus trips.

He reported that the hiring process should start for the police and should start with the Chief position, and will be advertised.

Mr. Mayor reported that Trick-or-Treat night will be October 31, 2006 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

He also reported that he and the Borough Secretary have still been checking properties. President Dixon asked about 108 – 112 S Front Street, since C. S. Davidson deemed it to be dangerous buildings. The Mayor said that the owner is in the process of selling the properties, but is trying to get him to make improvements before putting them on the market.

President Dixon brought to the attention of Council that the elementary school wants to purchase a permit to install an internet tower on school property. Council didn't have any problems except that they wanted to make sure that Code Administrators didn't have to be involved.

SENIOR CITIZEN/S.V.CHAMBER: Councilman Lentz reported that he needs a few more volunteers for the Bridge Bust.

President Dixon explained that with the Authority needing to borrow \$5,500,000 for the bond issue for the new sewer plant, the Borough needs to approve the loan. Mr. Dixon wants to recess the meeting until October 12th, but other schedules prevent this from happening. It will have to take place in November.

902 grant for a new recycle truck will be ready to submit within the next week or so.

President Dixon announced that this meeting is the last official meeting at this address. Final inspection will be October 11th. The November 2006 meeting will be held at the new office location at 601 Water Street. Proper parking will be available.

The Budget workshop will be held here on October 30, 2006 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn was moved by S. Young at 8:48 pm and seconded by M. Lentz.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary