

**Wrightsville Borough
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2007 - 7:00 PM
Borough Council Meeting Room, Wrightsville PA**

The October Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Dixon, who led a salute to the American Flag. Also in attendance were N. Habecker, Mayor Steve Rambler, E. Pennell, M. Lentz, S. Young and M. McDonald. Mr. President also announced that the Treasurer, Engineer, Solicitor, Chief of Police and Secretary were also present.

Mr. President announced that the meeting was being recorded.

FIRE: No one from the fire department was there to give the report, so President Dixon made a few notations. See attached report.

Mr. President announced that a letter came from Mr. Landis, Chairman of the Municipal Authority asking for the Borough to exonerate the Authority from having to pay the permit costs for the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade. He asked that Council think about it and it will be addressed later in the meeting.

PATRONS

Robin Geesey: Mrs. Geesey asked if Bud is back, and if he is still using the Borough cell phone. Mr. Dixon explained that Bud's number is listed with many emergency facilities, and he needs to keep the phone. Mr. Dixon also explained that Mr. Pennell has also contacted Bud since he has been off. Mrs. Geesey went on to say that she feels that the cell phones are being used too much and that their plans should be adjusted. She also mentioned that she feels that the office should be using 800 numbers whenever available. She made a comment about the police car being driven home by the Chief. She asked how B. Rambler could be certified to look at certain confidential records at the police station. She asked why the Borough is paying for contracted police services and still paying Hellam Township Police for services.

She mentioned concern about Officer Jefferies actions outside of work.

She asked if any one on Council knew about a bad check written to the Senior Center.

Dawn Lindeman: Mrs. Lindeman commented about a statement made that was written in the Columbia Ledger saying that the Mayor said that problems in Wrightsville are happening because of people who lost the election. She said that the Mayor has caused his own problems which were: No 24/7 police coverage, the Mayor's son has caused trouble since his employment, the Mayor had Fun Day that lost money, and Council is back stabbing each other.

Brandon Holtzinger: Mr. Holtzinger asked why the police officers were told not to go into the Northwest Bank. He asked what money was received from J & K Salvage from

Clean Up Day. He asked if the Recreation Commission gave money to the Wrightsville Youth Sports this year.

He asked how much money the Recreation Commission had in its bank account.

He asked when the Newsletter will be coming out again.

Greg Adams: Mr. Adams asked for council to approve a variance for an addition. He was told that it will be looked at and addressed later in the meeting.

Bill Risevage: Mr. Risevage complained about Jack Leahy hauling dirt from Donsco in a truck that does not have tags on it, and thinks it is not inspected.

Marlene Lawrence: Mrs. Lawrence came to say that the yard at 223 Orange Street looks nice, but she wanted to know if they will be allowed to pay the invoice in payment and pay interest.

Diane Lephart: Ms. Lephart also said that the yard at 223 Orange Street looks much better, but wanted to know if the trees will be cut back in the alley. She asked about the trash that is lying around the property.

Galen Shaud: Mr. Shaud said that he agrees with what Mr. Risevage was saying about Mr. Leahy. Mr. Shaud agreed with D. Lindeman's comments. He mentioned that the article stated that the Mayor said that some people might be upset because he is not a native of Wrightsville. Mr. Shaud brought up that he doesn't think that is accurate because Fred Smith served office and he was not born in Wrightsville.

Mr. Shaud commented that he feels that duty shifting is not a good idea.

He asked if council plans on making B. Rambler a police officer in the near future.

Robert Barwick: Mr. Barwick, of 209 Hellam Street Apt #4, said that he moved here about 3 months ago, and has received much help from the police chief, and wanted to publicly thank him.

Kim Lentz: Mrs. Lentz made a statement concerning the reason she and her family moved to Wrightsville. She stated that she does not have problems with bars or they would have not moved here. She credits the police force for some of the changes made by the Dutchman. She is, although disappointed with how some administrative decisions that have been made concerning the police department. She is also disappointed with the newsletter, and would like to see it come out more often, she wishes the agenda would address old business before new business is addressed in meetings, and she wishes that when an issue that concerns patrons directly, they should be able to voice their opinion after the patron's portion is over.

Anna Weirich: Ms. Weirich read the 5th letter asking for B. Rambler's termination. She stated that it is a conflict of interest to have Mr. Rambler work for the Borough.

Sharon Amatto: Mrs. Amatto commented on the police car being out of the Borough when only one officer is on duty. She feels that the Chief should take the police cruiser home so that in the event of any emergency he could get back quickly.

Tom O'Handly: Mr. O'Handly publicly thanked every Councilperson for taking the time to handle Borough business on a regular basis.

Sandy Waugh: Mrs. Waugh stated that the trash at the rear of homes in the alley near the Turkey Hill is out of hand. She lives at 321 Locust Street.

Anna Weirich : Ms. Weirich asked who is responsible for the care of the sidewalks on Walnut Street after the block grant project is finished she mentioned that around town, trees are growing very large and are breaking up sidewalks, and needs to be fixed so that it is safe for pedestrians.

A motion was made by N. Habecker and seconded by E. Pennell to accept the September minutes as presented. Motion was passed.

POLICE: Chief Pearson gave the September report. See attached. The Chief answered questions concerning the dump truck owned by Jack Leahy. He said that the tags are on the front of the truck and are current. He said that he will ask Mr. Leahy to tarp the dirt on the truck.

He addressed the officers, and said that background checks were done on all of the officers prior to their employment.

The Chief said that he gave a direct order to Officer Leaman only to stay out of the banks because he was in the banks every hour on the hour.

A question was asked why Mr. Morgan, the investigator, did not get information on Officer Jefferies when he investigated him.

M. McDonald asked if a dog is barking during the day, what can be done. She also asked a question about trespassing.

TREASURER: Motion to accept the check register as presented was made by E. Pennell and seconded by M. Lentz. Motion passed.

ENGINEER: Mr. Klinedinst reported on the Walnut Street Project, and said that there is a pre-construction meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd at 1:30 pm to discuss the additional funds the Borough will be requesting.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Tilley brought the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the storm water issues with the Watershed Alliance of York. He said that it is to permit and provide education to residents regarding storm water issues like dumping into the river via storm water drains.

A motion to accept the MOU was made by M. Lentz and seconded by E. Pennell.
Motion passed.

Mr. Tilley said that the Local Services Tax Ordinance was advertised for the third time and is ready for action at the November meeting. He stated that the Local Services Tax is what will be replacing the EMS Tax.

HELATH & SAFETY: Mr. Habecker addressed the plans for 625 Locust Street for an addition. The homeowner is asking for a 2' variance and not set back for the side up to the neighbor's house, because they are adjoining homes. A motion was made by N. Habecker and seconded by M. Lentz. Mr. Dixon asked if the spouting will be taken into consideration and the homeowner said that it will be done. Motion passed.

N. Habecker wants Council to review the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer job duties for next month. Mr. Habecker said that there is a concern in the office regarding the Treasurer downloading Quickbooks information from the server and taking it off site, and said that he will discuss it more with the Treasurer.

He addressed the police department budget. K. Brenner said that he met with the Chief and things seem to be right in line.

He mentioned that he and others met with the fire department regarding their annual budget and the fire dept. gave Borough Council a 2008 budget. Mr. Brenner said that he talked with the auditors and said that the Borough Council and require paid invoices, and ask to see the income tax return for a non-profit organization, which is form 990.

Council agreed that they start with the 990 form, and go from there. E. Pennell said that he thinks they should show that they are current with any equipment payments.

He mentioned that he has an animal contract for 2008 for Hemler Animal Control and the only increase is the mileage due to gas price increases.

He stated that he has received traffic studies back for the 25 MPH speed limit, but nothing for anything else. He forwarded to J. Klinedinst for oversight. Council agreed to review and make a decision at eh November meeting.

He reported that he will be attending a meeting with the UCC concerning the COG this month.

He stated that he has been reviewing police reports for the past 6 months and found out that there has been a 35% decrease in the amount of calls made to 911 since the Borough has its own police. He explained that the difference means that there are less incidents happening that trigger calls to 911. He said that he thinks this is due to having police in the town.

PERSONNELL: S. Young reported that the Boroughs Association meeting went well and was well received, and they want to come back in May.

She questioned if the Quickbooks will need to be updated on a yearly basis. Mr. Brenner said that there are updates such as payroll tax tables for every year.

She mentioned that when she requested phone bill records that she only got some but not all, so she requested that she get the rest. She also asked for the AT & T long distance call logs. She requested for copies of Office Max purchases on the VISA bills.

E. Pennell asked why Josh Groft did not receive his raise yet. M. Lentz said that he is not prepared to do so. Mr. Dixon said that when Josh receives his raise it will be retro-active.

M. McDonald asked when the newsletter is coming out. She asked why the Mayor can park in a handicapped parking space. She requested to have copies of all of the Borough phone bills. She then asked where the money goes from the soda machines.

STREETS: E. Pennell gave the September report and said that Spring Alley was excavated. He said that since Red Lion Borough assisted our Borough with some jobs, Josh helped them with paving. E. Pennell reiterated and said that the pre-construction meeting for Walnut Street will be on October 2nd and that will be the time for the Borough to plead the case for more funding. He mentioned that the Streets Dept. have been prepping for leaf collection. He said that Josh hopes to borrow Red Lion's painter and paint the remaining cross walks on the local streets, and should be crack sealing this month.

RECREATION: Mayor Rambler reported that Louie Anderson was named the Baseball Commissioner for 2008, and Bob McKee will be the Softball Commissioner.

MAYOR: He reported that Trick-or-Treat will be October 31st from 6 – 8. Mayor Rambler made a statement regarding the non-payment of his real estate taxes. He apologized to all of the residents that may have been offended by his neglect in paying his taxes. He said that he is not a perfect man, but he promises to do better. He stated that the first 2 years in office has been a joy to serve the community, and is proud to be Mayor of Wrightsville.

AUTHORITY: President Dixon asked Council to make a decision on whether or not they will waive the permit fees for the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade. A motion was made by E. Pennell, S. Young seconded, for the Authority to pay for the building permit for the Hellam Township portion of the EDU's which will reduce the cost of the permit to approx \$3,000.00. Motion passed on the agreement that J. Klinedinst come back with a fair number.

SENIOR CITIZEN/SUS CHAMBER: M. Lentz said that he is looking for an outside company to raise money for the Senior Center and that will be held either October 20th or 27th. He reported that no tax payer's money will be used for any part of the fund raiser. He reported that the Bridge Bust is October 6th.

M. McDonald asked if the Chief can let the officers stop in at the banks.

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President Dixon announced that there will be a budget workshop on October 22nd and it will be open to the public and said that this meeting will be recessed until then.

A motion to recess the meeting to go into a police executive session at 9:25 was made by N. Habecker and seconded by M. Lentz.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol A. Jud". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary