

**Wrightsville Borough
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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 survivors and victims family's of 9/11 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: Ruth Harrison asked about seller's permits being charged to vendors of Heritage Days next year. The Mayor and Mr. Dixon said that any non-profit organizations within the Borough will not be charged, but any vendors from outside the Borough will be.

George Scantling mentioned his disappointment in the overlay on North 7th Street. Also back 3rd to Locust on the north side where pedestrians walk there are bumps. And again at 3rd and Walnut, north side there is a ditch. He requested the problems be fixed. Mr. Dixon said that he will check it out.

His next statement had to do with the Mayor and the Borough Secretary taking pictures of his old box trucks with invalid registrations and that he wants to keep them, that he uses them for storage for his business. He said that he would take the chassis and the tires off, and use them as sheds. Mr. Dixon said that he would have to talk to the Mayor about them.

John LoBianco from 524 Cherry Street came to ask for a variance for a shed he had already started building without a permit. The Council reviewed his drawings and N. Habecker moved to approve a 3' variance from his property line, and M. McDonald seconded, with unanimous approval from the Borough.

FIRE: Deputy Chief Fred Smeltzer gave the August report, and also brought a crew that rescued a man hanging in the stone crusher at County Line Quarry within a ½ hour. He wanted the Council to see that the Fire Department is not just the Deputy Chief and the Chief that the Fire Department could not run without his dedicated volunteers. The volunteers received a standing ovation from the Council and audience.

N. Habecker announced a meeting date for both the Health and Safety and the Fire Department. The date is October 10, 2006 at 6:30 PM. This will be the first regularly scheduled quarterly meeting for the two groups.

Mr. Dixon asked for approval of the August meeting minutes. S. Young made the motion and N. Habecker seconded, with unanimous approval.

POLICE: Sgt. Sowers gave the August report. Mr. Dixon asked why when eighteen wheeler trucks are stopped the Borough doesn't see any of the money. The Mayor actually had that answer because he asked Chief Quickel himself and that was that the trucks are stopped after they get off route 30, and they are not actually in the Borough.

River Towns non-profit organization came for a 20 minute power point presentation and talked about the improvement of all of towns along the river in the future.

TREASURER: Keith Brenner presented the monthly check register to the Council and said that there wasn't anything out of the ordinary. He said that he was on vacation the last week of the month and Lorri and Carol had to do all of the bills themselves and did a good job. Motion to approve the check register was by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young. He reported that the earned income check was deposited in September and not August, but the budget looks very good in spite of that. The County sent the liquid fuels grant check for \$10,000.

Mr. Brenner presented to the Council the Police Pension Municipal Obligation which was zero.

ENGINEERING: John Klinedinst reported on some supposed dangerous buildings, which he deemed dangerous and they are: 108-112 North Front Street, 300 & 306 Cherry Street, and 226 Walnut.

He reported that he submitted a second letter concerning an on lot sewage disposal problem at 743 South Front Street, and said that the tenants moved to the next trailer beside it. If nothing is done soon, Mr. Klinedinst will need the Solicitors assistance and file charges against the owner.

He reported that he participated in a storm water investigation at Garden Ave and Howard Ave. which has been resolved.

He worked on the 2006 Street Maintenance program accounting procedures with Carol Jud and Rick Levan, the Municipal Services representative. Mr. Klinedinst reminded Council that in the future, when we bid for paving work the contractor should not be doing additional work outside the contract.

Mr. Klinedinst brought a resolution for a plan revision for the plan division that needs adopted by the Council for the Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade. Resolution # 2006-5 was moved for approval by N. Habecker and seconded by S. Young.

Mr. Dixon mentioned that anytime someone wants to do curbing, they should have the engineer stop by and give line and grades before they move forward, which is in the Ordinance.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor introduced a new associate of Stock and Leader, Brook Say, who will be attending our meetings. Mr. Tilly did not have the original fence ordinance, but it was advertised in September. Motion to accept the fence Ordinance as it was advertised was made by M. McDonald and seconded by M. Lentz. Stop signs cannot be added to the Ordinance until there is a traffic study done. Mr. Klinedinst mentioned that since the Council wants to move forward with rewriting the Comprehensive Plan, that the York County Planning Commission can assist for free, and give information on how to get grants as well.

Mr. Klinedinst recommended that the Council apply for the block grant. Pam Shellenberger would be the contact for the York County Planning Commission. N. Habecker moved for the Council to approve J. Klinedinst to proceed towards funding grants and to contact Pam Shellenberger from the York County Planning Commission to assist the Council in updating the Comprehensive Plan, S. Young seconded.

Recycling Ordinance: Mr. Dixon brought up that this become mandatory for the Borough, and that the Council should take into consideration to adopt. The Borough could be a recipient for a new recycling compactor truck. Two Ordinances must be in place in order for recycling can be mandatory, and no burning (which is already in place). 90% of the Borough recycles currently, so the recycling truck driver would make note of houses that do not recycle, and a letter would be sent to get them on board. A motion was made by N. Habecker to advertise the recycling ordinance so that it can be adopted at the October meeting. M. Lentz seconded with unanimous approval.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: The owner of 235 Vine Street has requested a building permit to place a modular home. The owner is requesting a variance, which has been approved by his neighbors pending a survey to locate the property lines. N. Habecker made a motion to approve both a 4' and a 6' variance pending a survey. M. McDonald seconded the motion with Council giving unanimous approval.

Mr. Mummau at 501 Cherry Street reported to N. Habecker that he is still experiencing parking and trespassing problems despite his landscaping project. Mr. Mummau forwarded numerous suggestions to Council as solutions to his ongoing dilemma. After a brief discussion, Council concluded that this situation could be solved by the installation of curbs and sidewalks. The solicitor and engineer agree that the Council has the ability to require such installation as per the Borough sidewalk Ordinance. Further action was tabled pending any further complaints.

N. Habecker sent a letter to the York County Planning Commission requesting a traffic study of the intersection of Ninth and Hellam Streets.

N. Habecker reported that EOC's Graybill and Livelsberger are up and running.

N. Habecker reported on police, again. He reported that the information he obtained from Hellam Township does show that there is a police presence in the Borough of 26% in any given time period. After comparing the townships police budget and the yearly hours spent in the Township and Wrightsville and Hallam Boroughs the following conclusion was reached. Although Wrightsville paid \$148,000 in 2005 for police service, it appears that the Borough only received \$100,000 of actual service. It is also noteworthy that the February 2006 police report indicates a sizable surplus in the police budget. N. Habecker met with Hellam Township to discuss the discrepancies. Hellam Township had already reviewed these numbers prior to the meeting with N. Habecker, they have addressed a letter to Council outlining their future intentions. N. Habecker related to Hellam Township that as long as Chief Quickel is involved, Wrightsville Borough Council will seek to put distance between the Township and the Borough. N. Habecker mentioned that one thing the Borough could do to control crime is to regulate the rental properties in the Borough.

Mr. Dixon has a scheduled a recessed meeting for September 18, 2006 at 7 Pm to talk more about the police agreement.

PERSONNEL: S. Young moved to approve the accounting software and N. Habecker seconded.

S. Young moved to formally hire the part time assistant, Bryan Rambler @ \$11/hour which will be split between the Authority and the Borough. The position will be titled General Clerk. The motion was seconded by M. McDonald. Bryan will also be in charge of the newsletter and the web site.

Mrs. Young reported that she has gotten health insurance quotes and she thinks that we should stay with the current plan and company.

STREETS: M. McDonald gave the August report, in which the department was fixed between 2nd and Front Street. Crosswalks were painted. The report will be mounted in the minutes book. Mrs. McDonald has gotten questions as to when the leaf truck will start. It was suggested that the truck go out on Mondays because home owners rake leaves on the weekends.

RECREATION: The Mayor reported that the School District requested that the Borough replace the "No Trespassing" signs on Memorial field.

MAYOR: Mayor Steve Rambler reported that the 2 page sheet of what properties that he and the Borough Secretary have addressed over the summer. Mayor thanked Mr. Klinedinst for looking at the various properties that needed attention. Uniform Construction Code -- Mr. Dixon gave the Council a copy of another Code Administrator to replace the existing company.

SENIOR CITIZENS/S.V.CHAMBER: Mr. Lentz had nothing to report except that it is quiet in his neighborhood. Mr. Lentz reported that the Bridge Bust will be Sat. Oct 7, 2006.

Mr. Dixon mentioned that at the Bridge Bust, it is nice to have Council people and their spouses volunteer to collect money at the beginning of the bridge.

President Dixon announced that there will be a recessed meeting on Sept 18, 2006 at 7 PM in the Council meeting room to talk more about the police contract.

Adjournment was moved at 9:44 PM by N. Habecker and seconded by M. Lentz.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Jud
Borough Secretary