

**Wrightsville Borough  
Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 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 Secretary, Treasurer and Engineer were present. President Dixon announced that the Solicitor had another meeting and could not attend. President Dixon announced that the meeting was being recorded.

He announced that the Fire report will be given before the patrons section.

FIRE: Deputy Chief Smeltzer gave the August fire report (see attached). Chief Smeltzer reported that the budget numbers are ready for the meeting on September 24, 2007. N. Habecker confirmed that the meeting is in the 24<sup>th</sup> and it is at 6:30 pm in the police department conference room. Chief Smeltzer reported that their call volume is 417 for the year.

PATRONS:

Scott Blymier - Mr. Blymier asked why he has to have a handicapped sign in his car during the time he parks in handicapped parking space at his mother's house.

He said that Bryan Rambler stopped a girl and gave her a breathalyzer test. He was instructed to give that information to the Chief.

He asked if a person was assigned to our Borough for community service, why they should have to do something for the Borough and not a private resident.

Brandon Holtzinger - Mr. Holtzinger asked when the police are going to be patrolling the Borough 24/7.

Robin Geesey - Mrs. Geesey referenced patrons and how they address council. She also addressed Borough Code 904 concerning voting. She referenced the total number of days that a Civil Service Commission member needs to be appointed after a resignation. She brought up Borough employee call phone usage and requested copies of all Borough phone records. Mrs. Geesey made reference to back taxes that the Mayor owes, and said that she wants him to resign.

Dawn Lindeman - Mrs. Lindeman voiced how upset she is about how certain council members are treating each other. She called 911 to report vandalism at 8:07 am and no one responded. She said she is concerned that there are no police around during the time middle school and high school kids go to school in the morning. She said she is curious about the police budget.

Jack Poff - Mr. Poff came with a complaint about quarry noise.

Anna Weirich - Read the fourth letter concerning Bryan Rambler. In her letter she requested for Bryan Rambler to be terminated.

Bob Blymier – Mr. Blymier complained again about 223 Orange Street. He said there are rats, snakes, opossums, and other rodents. He said that he has witnessed Bryan Rambler being in a police car, and stating that he could have a couple of people arrested. He reported that there are kids skateboarding at the American Legion and breaking up slate and other things in the parking lot.

Dianne Lephart – Came to also complain again about the 223 Orange Street, concerning high weeds and junk lying all over the property.

Marlene Lawrence – Mrs. Lawrence also came to complain again about 223 Orange. She also asked if you need a permit to put in a parking lot on a property.

Vanessa Peters - Mrs. Peters stated that the letter Councilwoman Young read at the last public meeting was good. She agreed that the Council should stop fighting and deal with more important things.

Mrs. Peters brought a flyer that represented some of the good things that people riding motorcycles do. She said that there was a function that raised money for a little girl that had a brain tumor.

Sandy Waugh - Mrs. Waugh asked why the meetings are not set up to mirror parliament procedure. She is interested in hearing about old business that is covered at previous meetings.

Cynthia Brinetta – Ms. Brinetta came to say that she works for the Hometown and when she gets off work, the police follow her home every day that she works. She said that the business has failed since the new police have been in town.

Nancy Bowers - Mrs. Bowers came with a concern that the council has purchased new equipment for a gym that is going in the concrete building behind the Borough office. She said that many older people who live in the Borough cannot afford the taxes as it is and is concerned that taxes may go up again. President Dixon promised that whatever money is spent will definitely be grant money.

Jim Russell - Mr. Russell said that he works for the Hometown and witnessed the fight that started up the street. He said that he was the one that called 911, and it took 30 – 35 minutes for someone to respond. He said later he talked to a police officer and the officer was in York taking someone in for a DUI. He asked why only one police officer is on duty at that time of the night.

Donna Yohe - Ms. Yohe came to ask about 116 Hellam again. She said that there are cats that urinate all over. She also said that there is trash all over the yard that is attracting rats as well.

Jeff Weiser – Mr. Weiser came to ask for a variance for replacing a front porch at 217 Orange Street. Mr. Habecker made reference to having the plans, but needed to look further into it and would cover it later in the meeting.

John Shannon - Mr. Shannon came to talk about sponsoring a hunter's safety education and safety course for residents of Wrightsville, and he wanted to thank the fire department for letting them have the course at the fire hall, as well as all who helped. He said that the course was well received and they will do it again.

Michele Young – Ms. Young commented on bikers that patronize her bar.

Eric White - Mr. White commented that the parking lot question earlier concerning 214 – 218 Orange, that he did receive a permit, which included the work for the parking lot.

A motion was made by N. Habecker, seconded by M. Lentz to approve the August 2007 minutes as presented. The Borough approved.

ENGINEER: J. Klinedinst reported that the Walnut Street project BIDS were opened and received. He said that the lowest bidder was B & R Construction and that was the firm that he recommended. President Dixon announced that the Borough will do whatever needed to cover the expense of this project so that tax payer's dollars are not spent. E. Pennell moved, M. Lentz seconded to approve B & R Construction for \$125,179, after the review of the solicitor. Mr. President explained that the block grant is for \$100,000 from the county, and \$10,000 from County Liquid Fuels. Mr. Klinedinst reported that the total expenses for the project is \$141,240, minus the \$110,000 given, and then leaves a \$31,240 balance. Mr. Klinedinst said that he will request for the county to give more.

S. Young said that she is concerned, as are other residents on Walnut Street that there will be some who won't keep the grass trimmed in the areas that there won't be sidewalk.

The Borough approved the motion above, unanimously.

E. Pennell moved, N. Habecker seconded, to authorize J. Klinedinst to contact the block grant office to make application for the balance on the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Klinedinst gave two requisitions for the President's signature to be sent to the county block grant office and pay the balances. They were: requisition #3 for \$1,724.21 and Requisition #4 for \$3,616.84. They were both for project design.

Mr. Klinedinst reported that at the request of Borough Council he looked at Spring Alley at 318 South Front Street. He met with the home owner who has been having problems with water coming into her basement, and Borough employee, Josh Groft. E. Pennell moved, M. Lentz seconded, to dig Spring Alley back open, have J. Klinedinst look at it and put in a vapor barrier. The Borough approved.

POLICE: Chief Pearson gave the August report (see attached). E. Pennell asked if an Ordinance can be added to regulate noise or anything of that nature. The Chief said that he is already looking into that. M. McDonald asked if the police force has arrested anyone for violating the curfew Ordinance. Chief said that those violations are listed on his report under non-traffic citations.

TREASURER: K. Brenner gave the August report. He explained how the reports from the new system are being presented. He also explained how the budget numbers are shown. N. Habecker mentioned that when an item was not budgeted, how the auditors want to account for it. Mr. Brenner said that it must be presentation at the end of the year. N. Habecker moved, E. Pennell seconded, to approve the check register as presented. The motion passed.

Mr. Habecker reported that since the Secretary's employment, she has taken on many of the Treasurer's duties and since the accounting system, has taken on more. He said that the Borough Code states that if the Treasurer's duties are shifted to the Secretary, Borough Council could appoint the Secretary to be the Assistant Treasurer. He mentioned that job descriptions need to be re-written. He also explained that the Municipal Authority Secretary should be appointed to be the Assistant Secretary for the Borough so that when the Borough Secretary is off, the Assistant Secretary can act in her place, to sign building permits, sign checks, etc.

SOLICITOR: President Dixon announced that the Solicitor was not present, and reported that C. S. Davidson approved the Susquehanna Dodge storm water management last month. He mentioned that there is an MS4 storm water management agreement that will be taken care of at the next meeting.

He also mentioned that the Council should think about, with upcoming budget meeting, that they have to set the fee for the LST tax for 2008.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Mr. Habecker reverted back to the building permit for 217 Orange Street. E. Pennell stated that there would not need to be a variance approved because they are replacing what already existed. Mr. Habecker was concerned that setbacks are not being met, and is not sure where the old porch was. E. Pennell moved, M. McDonald seconded, that Mr. Weiser does not need an approval for the variance and should be able to move forward with the permit process.

Mr. Habecker commented on the meeting that he attended concerning the UCC-COG. He mentioned that Council will be looking at the contract with Code Administrators which has expired.

Mr. Habecker reported that he needs traffic studies back from YCPC, and asked the Secretary to place a call.

Mr. Habecker noted that the Emergency Management Coordinator resigned, but said that the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Chad Livelsberger was still in place. He mentioned that he has not heard anything further about the ECRIN project that Sue Graybill mentioned last month.

Mr. Habecker reported that he is ready to take action at 223 Orange Street concerning the weeds and bulky refuse. N. Habecker moved, E. Pennell seconded to send one more letter notifying them to clean up within 7 days, and if no response, take action by sending the Streets Department in to clean up the weeds and grass and bill the home owner. Mr. Habecker noted that after the clean up is done at 223 Orange Street, some other violations on that street will have to be attended to. He said that they were not being dealt with because of not being diligent with the 223 Orange Street property.

Mr. Habecker reported that he needs to meet with the Fire Department and get a real budget from them, per Sager-Swisher.

Mr. Habecker brought up the Lease Agreement between the Authority and the Borough. He mentioned that by approving the agreement, they will also move forward and issue the building permit for the new sewer plant. Mr. Habecker moved, M. Lentz seconded to approve the lease agreement. President Dixon mentioned that the building will remain the same until monies become available by either grant or other means. He said that it is important that the lease says that the building will be shared by the Authority and the Borough.

The role call vote to approve the lease agreement was as follows:

- N. Habecker – yes
- W. Dixon – yes
- E. Pennell – yes
- M. McDonald – no
- S. Young – yes
- M. Lentz – yes

Motion passed.

President Dixon went back to the subject of the Water Shed Alliance of York, and said that there are a few things that will need to be required by the Borough and he wants the Council to review it for the month and ask questions next month.

PERSONELL: S. Young reported that the property, auto and workers' compensation insurance package is up for renewal. Glatfelter's Insurance Company gave the Borough a quote and Mrs. Young felt that they offered a better package than Kocman Insurance. Glatfelter offered a package with a \$1,000,000,000 Umbrella policy that the Borough was not covered for and their premium for the entire year was \$6,000 less than Kocman. Mrs. Young moved, E. Pennell seconded, that the Borough switch to Glatfelter with the underwriter being PRIME Insurance Company. The Borough approved unanimously.

S. Young mentioned that there should be an executive session concerning the issue about Bryan Rambler.

S. Young handed to the Secretary a written submission for Borough phone records.

M. McDonald said that a letter was dropped off at her house showing that work out equipment for the Community Center was going to be in the ball park of \$200,000. Mayor Rambler cleared up the matter by saying that the paperwork was merely a quote for a fitness center and that the Recreation Commission would not purchase anything for the Community Center unless it was from grant money. He said that that was only one of the options that the Recreation Commission was looking into. Some of the other things they looked into were a recreation center for kids and a dining hall for banquets.

M. McDonald reported that the traffic line painted on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street is crooked. President Dixon said that the line painting company is going to fix the line.

Mrs. McDonald read a statement of how other Council person's have done things that she feels are wrong and said that Mr. Lentz asked her to step down from her seat for not hearing her vote. She said that not voting was the only wrong doing that she did, and she could not believe he wanted her to step down.

STREETS: E. Pennell reported that a salary review was done for Bobby Tome. M. Lentz moved, E. Pennell seconded to increase Bobby Tome's hourly rate to \$10.11. President Dixon mentioned that Bobby Tome has taken over all lawn care and maintenance and he feels that he does an excellent job. Motion passed.

E. Pennell mentioned that MidAtlantic Line Painting repainted the lines and stop bars throughout the town.

He reported that the new leaf collection box has been completed. He said that the missing signs at Vine and North 3<sup>rd</sup> were replaced, the event sign at the bridge was completed, water run-off at Lime Kiln Alley was repaired, Garden Avenue was completed, finished all of the test pits at the Walnut Street project. Mr. Pennell mentioned that the sealing on Maple Street will be done when the sealer can be borrowed from another municipality.

Mr. Dixon mentioned that Josh Groft is doing a good job.

RECREATION: Mayor Rambler reported that Heritage Days will be on September 22, 2007.

MAYOR: Mayor Rambler reported that a community wide yard sale will be held on October 27, 2007. He announced that Trick-Or-Treat night will be held on October 31, 2007 from 6 to 8 pm. Mayor Rambler reported that he met with the Civil Service Commission and they reviewed all of the applications for the vacant seat on the commission, and the consensus came to recommending John Shannon Jr. for the position. N. Habecker moved, E. Pennell seconded to choose John Shannon Jr. The Mayor reported that he and the Civil Service Commissioners agreed that the Chief will take the police vehicle home when there is only one officer on duty. M. McDonald asked why the state police come when there is an incident, instead of the Chief. S. Young asked if the Chief is on call 24/7. The Chief said that he is on call quite often, but not 24 hours.

AUTHORITY: President Dixon mentioned that the Authority should be ready to break ground towards the end of the month for the new sewer treatment plant.

SENIOR CITIZEN/S.V.CHAMBER: Mr. Lentz reported that he has not received any information for the Bridge Bust. Mr. Lentz announced that he will have a stand with the Wrightsville Fire Dept., selling fried chicken in which proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. He also mentioned that any money that is generated will be matched 100% by the County.

President Dixon announced that there will be an executive session and the Council would not be returning.

Motion to adjourn was made by N. Habecker and seconded by E. Pennell at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol A. Jud".

Carol A. Jud  
Borough Secretary