

WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2020

The meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in Council Chambers. Council President Thomas Martini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Kahler.

Borough Manager Deb Ealer called the Roll.

Mr. Thomas L. Martini	-	Present
Mayor George O. Preble	-	Present
Mr. Stephen M. Hawbecker	-	Excused
Mr. Joseph Deklinski	-	Present
Mr. George Kahler	-	Present
Ms. Sue Stuart	-	Present
Mr. Warren Stumpf	-	Present
Ms. Margaret Stuski	-	Present

Also present were Borough Solicitor Bryan Salzman and Attorney Justin George, West Shore Regional Police (WSRP) Chief Michael Hope, Officer Joshua Stambaugh, Officer Christopher Conroy, and Recording Secretary Krystal Moran.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUILDING PLANS

There were no building plans.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Martini opened the public hearings to receive comments on pending revisions and updates to several ordinances (as noted below).

Public Hearing - Ordinance 520 – The hearing on revisions to Ordinance 520 regarding mini-pigs was opened. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed amendments to Ordinance 520 relating to Animals.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 521 – The hearing on revisions to Ordinance 521 regarding fire pit safety was opened. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed amendments to Ordinance 521 relating to fire pit safety.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 522 – The hearing on revisions to Ordinance 522 regarding the definition of the word “occupant” as used in the Residential Rental Inspection ordinance was opened. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart and seconded by Ms. Stuski, Council unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance 522.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED BOROUGH OFFICERS

Borough Manager/Secretary

Council accepted the Borough Manager’s monthly report with no questions.

Borough Treasurer

Treasurer Ealer reported that the auditors completed their review and all accounts have been balanced. The January report would be available for the March meeting.

Borough Solicitor

Attorney Salzmann presented Resolution 2020-02 affecting the General Obligation Note (Series 2011) to finance the sewer project. After initial discussions, Orrstown Bank offered to reduce the loan’s interest rate from 3.15% to 2.25% for the remaining 211 months of loan, which would save the Borough substantial monies on repayment. The revised loan modifications were reviewed and discussed in detail.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2020-02 as presented, effective immediately.

Borough Manager Ealer reported that a meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2020 to review account set-up and details with Orrstown staff.

Borough Engineer

The Borough Engineer's report dated February 10, 2020, was reviewed and accepted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Martini announced the upcoming Volunteer Dinner on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 6 p.m. at Duke's & Bar Restaurant. Council members are encouraged to RSVP.

Mr. Martini also announced that Ms. Stuart will be stepping away from the Recreation Board and moving to the Administration Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Preble presented the 2019 Annual Report, December 2019 and January 2020 reports for the WSRP Commission with accompanying activity reports. There were no questions.

Mayor Preble and Mr. Deklinski expressed appreciation to the Chief and department for their 97% clearance rate in 2019.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no Planning Commission report.

Administrative Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuski and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously approved the distribution of funds as follows (as evidenced by the monthly check register).

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Number of Checks</u>	<u>Distribution Summary</u>
General Fund	68	\$263,255.90
Sewer Fund	61	\$159,663.15
Fire Tax Fund	2	\$ 38,582.20
<u>Payroll Fund</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 240.00</u>
Total Activity	133	\$461,691.25

CapCOG and Parks, Public Lands and Recreation Committee

Ms. Stuski reported that the Recreation Committee would like to create a list of resources and future activities to be placed on the website for the community. Ms. Stuski announced that the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) held its annual meeting on January 20, 2020. Officers were elected; John Baer was the speaker.

Ms. Stuski announced that Dan Cohen will speak at this month's CapCOG meeting regarding proposed changes to the Wireless Communication Agreement. Because of the potential negative effect on municipal zoning guidelines statewide, members are encouraged to attend.

Planning Commission and Streets, Highways and Sanitary Affairs Committee

Mr. Deklinski announced the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Bottleneck Study has been completed. If adopted, traffic lanes through the Bottleneck would be reduced to add bicycle lanes. Mr. Deklinski plans to attend the Municipal meeting scheduled on Thursday February 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Owing to concerns about adding to traffic congestion and jeopardizing road safety, Council members were strongly opposed to this proposal.

ACTION: By consensus, Council directed Mr. Deklinski to report at the meeting that Council does not support the study's recommendations to reduce traffic lanes; however, improvements to sidewalks would be welcome.

Mr. Deklinski also announced that the Free Little Library Boxes have been approved and several donors are interested in donating money to cover their costs. Placement of the boxes was discussed.

ACTION: On motion by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved the placement of Free Little Library Boxes.

Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Sidewalks and Shade Trees Committee

Ms. Stuart announced that there was no report provided; however, there was one unregistered vehicle and a dead tree reported for action.

Public Safety Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Stumpf and seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously accepted the January 2020 Fire Incident Report from the West Shore Bureau of Fire.

Mr. Stumpf announced that, with the sale of the old fire house and the application of those funds against the mortgage, the monthly loan payment has been reduced from \$16,780 to \$13,564, a significant savings.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Appointments for Council Members

Mr. Martini reported that there is only one change to committee assignments for 2020. Ms. Stuart will be placed on the Administrative Committee. The rest of committee and volunteer board assignments remain the same.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, the committee and volunteer board assignment list was approved as presented.

Yverdon Drive Paving Contract

Mr. Deklinski announced that seven bids for the Yverdon Drive paving street were opened and reviewed by the Engineers. Bids included milling the surface, installing a wearing course, and painting cross walk lines. The paving project will begin after school ends to accommodate the school buses.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved the paving contract to E.K. Services Inc. for \$89,329.50.

Front Street Signage

Mr. Deklinski reported that a meeting was held with WSRP Chief Hope, Borough Manager Ealer and Duke's owner Don Carter on Monday, February 10, 2020 to discuss a pedestrian accident. The group discussed ways to improve safety including signs that will direct people to the cross walks at South Front Street. Mr. Carter offered to pay for the purchase of the signs.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuski, Council unanimously approved the placement of pedestrian cross walk signs along the bollards at South Front Street.

Attorney Salzmann suggested that Mr. Deklinski contact PennDOT regarding a formal examination of Front Street from Market Street to the Bottleneck, including lane width, speed, lighting and related safety concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Exoneration of Borough Tax Collector

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously released Tax Collector Roxanne Grandon from any liability associated with uncollected and unpaid real estate taxes for the year 2019, in keeping with Cumberland County and school district audit of taxes returned, and further directs the Borough Manager to file the appropriate forms with the County Tax Claims Bureau.

River Day Resolution 2020-01

Mr. Deklinski requested approval for Resolution 2020-01 for placement of the signs on the Harvey Taylor Bridge for River Day. This is required annually by PennDOT.

ACTION: On motion by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously approved Resolution of 2020-01 relating to placement of River Day banners and signs.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Mr. Deklinski, Council meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Council President Martini called for Executive Session for two issues beginning at 8:31 p.m. and ending at 9:20 p.m. No votes were taken. The two issues were: potential litigation and a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

**Krystal Moran
Recording Secretary**

**Deborah Ealer
Borough Manager**

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