

**WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 on the Zoom platform with Borough Manager Deborah Ealer acting as Host. Council President Thomas Martini called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. The authority to meet virtually was granted under amendments to Title 53, which permits municipal governing bodies to meet by tele-communications devices during the current state of emergency related to Corona Virus 2019 (Covid-19).

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Martini.

Borough Manager Deb Ealer called the Roll.

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

Also signed in to the meeting were the following individuals: Borough Solicitor Bryan Salzmann, Esq.; West Shore Regional Police (WSRP) Lt. John Friel, and Engineer Jim Caldwell from Rettew.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuski, the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments.

BUILDING PLANS

There were no building plans.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED BOROUGH OFFICERS

Borough Manager/Secretary

Council accepted the Borough Manager's monthly report, which was emailed earlier, with no questions. Several members acknowledged the quality of Ms. Ealer's recent reports.

Borough Solicitor

Attorney Salzman reported that the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 120-124 South Front Street was out for review. He reported that the new no-build restrictions include permission to use the lot as a parking lot.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, Council unanimously approved entering into the revised Memorandum of Understanding with Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority with respect to the blighted property at 120-124 South Front Street in Wormleysburg.

Attorney Salzman noted his appreciation of professional support from Manager Ealer.

Borough Engineer

Mr. Deklinski thanked Counsel for his continuing work on the Front Street problem. He noted that the Streets Committee reviewed the four bids received from the RFP from: HRG, Navarro & Wright, Rettew, and Wilson Engineering. The Committee scored them, narrowed selections down to three, and held in-person interviews.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, Council unanimously accepted the Streets Committee's recommendation to hire Rettew Engineering as the new Borough Engineer effective immediately.

Noting that Rettew is also Lemoyne Borough's engineer, there were advance discussions with Rettew staff to assure that firewalls in place to protect both parties. The standardized agreement provided by Council will be used to memorialize the engagement.

Jim Caldwell from Rettew thanked Council for the opportunity to serve in that role and noted Rettew is looking forward to a long relationship.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Martini had no report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Preble reviewed the monthly report from West Shore Regional Police Department (WSRP), which was sent by email. There were no questions. He thanked Chief Hope, Lt. Friel and all the officers for their work to secure the Department’s accreditation renewal, which is a significant accomplishment. Only 10% of Pennsylvania police departments are accredited.

Lt. Friel reported that the Department is focused on all aspects of public safety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Hawbecker and seconded by Ms. Stuski, Council unanimously approved the distribution of funds as follows (as evidenced by the check register dated 5/12 to 6/8/20).

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Number of Checks</u>	<u>Distribution Summary</u>
General Fund	41	\$ 317,320.72
Fire Tax Fund	3	\$ 3,025.09
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>\$ 71,939.06</u>
Total Activity		\$ 393,184.87

Parks, Public Lands and Recreation Committee, COG

Ms. Stuski reported that Parks and Recreation Committee had not met since March. She is waiting for the post-Covid-19 meeting guidelines to schedule a meeting in July. Neither has the Capital Region Council of Governments met, but the Safer grant was submitted.

She reported that Good Shepherd Church closed their elementary school, so they will not use the football field this fall. There is another prospect who may rent the field.

Planning Commission and Streets, Sanitary/Highway Committee

Mr. Deklinski reported that the northbound lane of Yverdon Drive will be paved from June 17 to 19, 2020 by EK Services.

Mr. Deklinski recommended that we cancel River Day this year and plan ahead for next year. Several prospective sponsors have indicated concerns about the difficulties of participating post Covid-19. Also, many nonprofits are still offline. It was agreed by consensus that we will officially and sadly cancel River Day 2020.

Service/Property Committee

Mr. Kahler is meeting with the Borough Manager on Friday to review the trash contract, discuss the cleaning contractors, and review the contract for additional sanitizing services, which includes follow-up training for staff to keep the building

clean and safe. Manager Ealer noted that any funds spent on Covid-19 sanitization can be passed along for reimbursements.

MOTION On motion made by Ms. Stuski, seconded by Mr. Deklinski, and unanimously approved, the Borough Manager was directed to undertake an initial cleansing and sanitizing of the building after recent election activities. This is to be a one-time action and expense, not tied to future services prior to receiving recommendations from Mr. Kahler's Committee.

There is continuing concern about using Knisley Hall until we receive final cleaning guidelines and can assess the impact. The Hall will remain closed for now.

Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Sidewalks and Shade Trees Committee

Ms. Stuart reported there were two minor codes violations, which were handled.

She noted that funding decisions for STMP Grants (for strategic plans) have all been delayed. STMP funds were diverted by the State to cover Covid-19 costs. This may open up in the fall, depending on other factors.

Public Safety Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously approved the West Shore Bureau of Fire Major Incident Types and Classification reports for May 2020.

Mr. Stumpf reported that last night's West Shore Bureau of Fire Commissioners' (WSBFC) meeting lasted nearly two hours. Executive Director of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) attended the meeting, and agenda focused on the Bureau's input to the Commission's proposal to narrow traffic lanes in the Bottleneck.

The Fire Department officers and line staff raised multiple concerns about the probable increase in response times when apparatus runs between Wormleysburg and Lemoyne, should the plan be implemented. Those present indicated that any increase in response time is unacceptable. The discussion included the traffic light, and several attendees felt it was important to either retime the light or add an adaptive light that reads the electronic sensors that allow apparatus to pass without delay. There was support to renovate the CAT bridge for pedestrians, bicycles and other forms of non-motorized vehicles. Mr. Deklinski reported that WSBFC voted unanimously to write a public comment letter to TCRPC documenting their serious public safety concerns.

Mr. Caldwell indicated that Rettew Engineers would like to comment.

Ms. Stuart thanked Attorney Salzmann for writing a letter to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation asking for a meeting as a follow-up from previous Bottleneck discussions. At this time, there is no update.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug Drop Off – The WSRP received a grant for an additional drop off box but has no delivery date. Manager Ealer will coordinate installation at Borough Hall.

Wireless Cell Towers – Manager Ealer received a request for 52 small wireless cell towers in the Borough and contacted attorney Dan Cohen, who is working with CapCOG to negotiate with Verizon for placement of the new, smaller towers. Mr. Martini directed Attorney Salzmann to provide a proposal for services in time for next month’s Council meeting. The new towers do not fall under the old guidelines and may require changes to zoning ordinances to assure public safety. Ms. Stuski noted concern about other life forms, such as bees, and noted further research is needed. We wrote a letter opposing legislation proposed to exempt providers from working with municipalities for placement, thus reducing local control.

Lemoyne Study – Mr. Martini noted this was covered under previous agenda items.

STMP Grant – Mr. Martini noted this was covered under previous agenda points.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Deklinski noted that Cumberland County will “go green” next week, and Council discussed changes in Covid-19 procedures. We will open the parks and continue to encourage social distancing. Counsel suggested we place signs in the parks that read: “This equipment has not been sanitized.”, in keeping with PA State Parks and Recreation standards of care. We will not open Knisley Hall to the public until we know about sanitizing requisites and associated expenses.

The plexiglass separator for the Office will be placed next week, and the door will be unlocked after it is installed. The floor will be marked 6’ from the counter.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Mr. Martini, Council meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Stuart, Council Member
Acting Recording Secretary**

**Deborah Ealer
Borough Manager**

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