



WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 on Zoom as advertised. Mr. Martini called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. and noted that the state of emergency related to Corona Virus 2019 (Covid-19) remains in effect.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Martini.

Borough Manager Deborah Ealer called the roll.

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| 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 |

The following individuals were in attendance: Borough Manager Deborah Ealer; Borough Solicitor Bryan Salzmann, Esq.; West Shore Regional Police (WSRP) Chief Michael Hope; Zoning Hearing Board Member Walter Prediger; Library Board Member Karen Deklinski and Recording Secretary Lori Schmidt. Guests present were Carlo Iannandrea, Jason Dadey and Vincent Blackwell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented with no changes.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens.

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, with no questions.

Borough Treasurer

Treasurer Ealer presented the monthly report with the relevant check registers. There were no questions.

ACTION: On motion made Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuski, the February Treasurer's report was approved unanimously as presented and Council directed that it be sent to the file for audit.

Borough Solicitor

Solicitor Salzman reported the Snow Emergency Ordinance draft amendment declaring a snow emergency 12-18 hours in advance when 6" or more of ice and/or snow is predicted by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and to add both sides of South Second Street has been prepared.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved the Snow Emergency Ordinance draft and Council directed that it be advertised for public input.

Borough Engineer

The Borough Engineer's report was provided electronically.

Manager Ealer reported Columbia Excavating, LLC, the low bidder for the Redding Park CDBG Project, has agreed to extend their low bid should Council want to award it after April's Council meeting pending the County's determination of additional grant funds to cover the gap in funding in the amount of \$32,781.40.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart and seconded by Ms. Stuski, the Council unanimously agreed to defer awarding the Redding Park CDBG Project bid pending the decision regarding additional funding.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Martini noted that warmer weather is upon us and that Spring is on its way.

COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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 registers dated from 2/09/21 to 3/09/21).

| <u>Accounts</u> | <u>Number of Checks</u> | <u>Distribution Summary</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Fund | 48 | \$ 259,791.47 |
| Fire Tax Fund | 2 | \$ 965.52 |
| Sewer Fund | 33 | \$ 22,951.41 |
| Total | | \$ 283,708.40* |

**The distribution summary total may include inter-fund transfers in keeping with accounting requirements.*

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided his monthly report, which was accepted without questions.

Ms. Stuski thanked Officer Max and Office Chris Conroy for attending the Central Penn College Film Festival, which was a fundraiser for the police dog.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee

No report.

Parks, Public Lands and Recreation Committee, CapCOG

Ms. Stuski reported that she is finalizing the comprehensive parks and recreation program plan to apply for the DCNR grant due in April.

Ms. Stuski reported the Capital Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) Public Safety Committee held a meeting and is in process of reworking the SAFER Grant to be submitted at a later date.

Planning Commission and Streets, Sanitary/Highway Committee

Mr. Deklinski reported that the bids (due February 25, 2021) for street repairs in Pennsboro Manor and inlet repairs included an option to repave the Borough Hall parking lot have been received. Mr. Deklinski recommends that option 1 – repaving the Borough Hall parking lot be removed from the bid for consideration at a subsequent date and that Council accept the low bid of \$75,055 from Farhat Excavating, LLC, for the other work specified.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously approved to remove Option 1 – Repaving the Borough Hall Parking Lot from the bid package and to award the Street Repair

Project to Farhat Excavating, LLC in accordance with the bid specifications.

Mr. Deklinski presented the option to hold a “virtual” River Day due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns. After discussing the challenges associated with holding and generating attendance for virtual events, Council agreed to postpone River Day until it can be held live in 2022.

Mr. Deklinski reported that West Shore Bureau of Fire (WSBF) requested the use Knisley Hall’s kitchen to prepare food for their annual Fish Fry Fundraiser on Good Friday, April 2, 2021. Mr. Deklinski noted that due to COVID-19, the fundraiser will be organized as a drive-thru event for food pickup.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart, and seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously approved the use of Knisley Hall kitchen by WSBF for the Fish Fry Fundraiser.

Mr. Deklinski indicated that planning continues to re-line parking spaces along North and South Front Streets this spring/summer. Mr. Deklinski recommended that placement and location of existing parking places be evaluated for compliance with clear sight triangle allowances, especially along the 400 and 500 blocks on North Front Street Council approved by consensus and will review the final plan before line painting begins.

Service/Property Committee

No report.

Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Sidewalks and Shade Trees Committee

Manager Ealer noted that a meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 11, 2021 with Mr. Kostecky regarding the demolition of the property located at 224 North Front Street.

Ms. Stuart recommended generating a print newsletter to be sent to residents by mail updating them on changes and events ongoing within the Borough. Council agreed by consensus.

Public Safety Committee

No report.

Mr. Deklinski noted that firefighters received their first round of the COVID-19 vaccinations. Mr. Deklinski thanked UPMC for their efforts with the vaccination process.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Representative Karen Deklinski thanked Council for their support and

contribution to the Cleve J. Fredricksen Library. Ms. Deklinski gave a brief Power Point presentation to update Council on the Library's efforts.

Zoning Hearing Board resignation – Ed Sharples

Zoning Hearing Board appointment – Frank Sparrow

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski, and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Ed Sharples and approved the appointment of Frank Sparrow to the Zoning Hearing Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Stuski reported the codification of the Code of Ordinances book is to be finished within the next two weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Martini opened the Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. The group discussed:

- 1 – Personnel Matter
- 1 – Matter of Potential Litigation

Mr. Martini closed the Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

Mr. Martini made a motion to terminate the employment of the Public Works full time employee unless the employee provides updated medical information within that fourteen (14) days to demonstrate that he can return to work at fully capacity.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Stumpf, and seconded by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously approved to terminate the employment of the Public Works employee in fourteen (14) days unless said employee can demonstrate return to work.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Martini, Council meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schmidt
Recording Secretary

Deborah Ealer
Borough Manager

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