



**WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in Knisley Hall (to accommodate social distancing). Council President Martini called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Deb Ealer called the Roll.

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

The following individuals were also in attendance: Assistant Borough Solicitor Justin George, Esq., and West Shore Regional Police Department (WSRP) Chief Michael Hope. There were no residents or guests present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**ACTION:** On motion made by Mr. Kahler and seconded by Ms. Stuski, the minutes of the August 11, 2020, meeting were approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as presented with no changes.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**BUILDING PLANS**

There were no building plans.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

**Chief of Police**

**WSRP Chief Michael Hope noted that monthly reports had been provided. Council had no comment. President Martini asked Chief Hope to express our unanimous support and appreciation to Department staff.**

**Mr. Martini shared a copy of a letter from Lemoyne Borough President Gail Gallo (dated 8/11/20) in which she calls for the repeal of Act 43 (2017), which expanded the Commonwealth's fireworks statutes, and asked for support of Senate Bill 932, which would allow municipalities to prohibit the sale and use of consumer fireworks within their borders. Chief Hope noted that there had been 103 calls for service since Act 43 was implemented, and West Shore Bureau of Fire reports that two fires resulted from the improper use of fireworks.**

**ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Stumpf and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously voted to direct the Borough Manager to prepare a letter that expresses concern about the increased demand for police and fire services caused by Act 43 and states support for its repeal. We also want to express our support for Senate Bill 932, which would allow municipalities greater control on the use of consumer fireworks within their borders. The final letter may be approved and signed by President Martini and sent to our PA Senator and PA House Representative.**

**Borough Manager/Secretary**

**Council accepted the Borough Manager's monthly report, which was emailed earlier, with no questions.**

**Borough Treasurer**

**Treasurer Ealer noted that the monthly Treasurer's report was not available for review and will be provided with next month's report.**

**Borough Solicitor**

**Attorney George noted that the Deed of Dedication is final for the Woods of Waterford project. The final step in this project will be the release of funds minus the agreed-upon reserve funds.**

**ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Hawbecker and seconded by Ms. Stuski, Council unanimously voted to accept the Deed of Dedication for the Woods of Waterford project.**

**Borough Engineer**

**The Borough Engineer's report dated 8/31/20 was provided. It states that Rettew staff completed the final inspection of the Sanitary Sewer and As-Built Easement Plans for the Woods at Waterford project (Rettew Project No. 017642000), which are consistent with the approved land development plan (last revised 5/8/18).**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Martini explained parking issues on East Crestwood Drive. There have been numerous complaints from residents who are unable to traverse the road in vehicles because cars are parked on both sides of this narrow street. There were also concerns expressed about assuring the ability of police, fire and emergency vehicles to access that road. Sufficient parking spaces exist nearby to allow for off-street parking.

**ACTION:** On motion made by Ms. Stuski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, Council unanimously voted to charge the solicitor with developing an Ordinance for a public hearing that would call for: (1) no parking on the west side of East Crestwood Drive from the apartment house driveway [located about 1100 Yverdon Drive] and (2) the south side of West Crestwood Drive from Rupley Park to the east.

**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 8/11 to 9/8/20).

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Number of Checks</u>	<u>Distribution Summary</u>
General Fund	35	\$ 41,901.66
Fire Tax Fund	2	\$ 115.43
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>\$ 71,747.56</u>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$ 113,764.65*</i>

*\*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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative Committee**

The Administrative Committee met on August 31, 2020, to review numerous issues, including: (1) the increase in codes problems and the incremental rise in related work load, (2) the job description for a temporary administrative support position (until the full-time position is filled), and (3) the possible conflicts of interest that may occur when the Borough Manager serves simultaneously in the roles of Borough Codes Officer and/or Zoning Officer.

**ACTION:** On motion made by Ms. Stuski and seconded by Mr. Kahler, Council unanimously agreed to appoint Rettew to serve officially as Assistant Zoning Officer and Assistant Codes Officer as directed by

**the Codes and/or Zoning Officer. The Borough Manager is hereby directed to develop a contract for appropriate support services, to include but not be limited to: (1) the review and interpretation of ordinances, (2) the development and monitoring of action plans and remedies for codes and zoning violations, and (3) provide technical support should new or updated ordinance language be needed. This work to be done under the direction of the Borough Zoning Officer and the Codes Officer on an as-needed basis.**

**Ms. Stuski indicated that she will work with the Borough Manager to identify and submit grants for sewer system repairs and rebuilding, which she feels is vital. She is also working on draft language for a grant to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for park enhancements.**

#### **Parks, Public Lands and Recreation Committee, COG**

**Ms. Stuski reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee has been meeting remotely. Committee members are concerned for the safety of attendees of this multi-generational family event, so it was decided to:**

- **Cancel the community Halloween party.**
- **Schedule community Trick-or-Treat for Thursday, October 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., which permits residents and families to determine whether they will participate. This is in keeping with similar events in nearby municipalities.**
- **Cancel the annual community holiday party and tree lighting.**
- **Schedule a date and time for Santa to visit the Borough on the fire truck.**

**The Capital Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) held its monthly meeting on August 17, 2020, at the Hampden Township Rec Center Building (to allow for social distancing). Ms. Stuart attended. The annual picnic and golf tournament are scheduled for September 21, 2020, at Armitage Golf Course. Tickets are available now.**

#### **Planning Commission and Streets, Sanitary/Highway Committee**

**No report.**

#### **Service/Property Committee**

**No report.**

#### **Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Sidewalks and Shade Trees Committee**

**Ms. Stuart reported letters continue to be sent regarding various situations around the Boro and each is being worked.**

#### **Public Safety Committee**

**Mr. Stumpf reported that there was no meeting.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Manager Ealer reported that the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan Worksheet was completed. The 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) is \$5,018.71, based on the Actuarial Valuation Report from January 1, 2019.

**ACTION:** On motion made by Mr. Stumpf and seconded by Mr. Hawbecker, Council unanimously approved the 2021 MMO as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Manager Ealer is reviewing a recent application for the Zoning Hearing Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council excused guests and held executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No votes were taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** On motion made by Mr. Stumpf, Council meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Deborah Ealer  
Borough Manager**

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