

WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on November 12, 2019 in Council Chambers. Council President Tom Martini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Preble.

Borough Manager Gary Berresford called the Roll.

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

Also present were Assistant Borough Manager Deborah Ealer, Borough Solicitor Bryan Salzman, Esq.; West Shore Regional Police (WSRP) Chief Michael Hope and Recording Secretary Krystal Moran; Pennsylvania House of Representatives member Sheryl M. Delozier (District 88), and several community residents.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

1. President Martini noted that Mr. Berresford would be retiring as Borough Manager at the end of November and this will be his last official meeting in that capacity. Mr. Martini called upon State Representative Sheryl Delozier who stood up to present Mr. Berresford with a Resolution of

Appreciation from the PA House acknowledging in detail his 29 years of service to Wormleysburg.

- 2. Bill Weigle, residing at 302 North Street, requested permission to plant two shade trees at the Locust Street Park. He suggested a Metro Gold Heritage Maple or Urban Sunset Maple, as recommended by a local garden nursery familiar with regional trees. He estimated the cost at approximately \$300 per tree and indicated that he had recruited several people for the installation. In addition, he requested that the Borough provide residents with an update of the changes in the Borough office. Nothing that the expense to reduce soil erosion on the riverbank, Council gave permission by consensus contingent on the approval of the One-Call system, for Mr. Weigle to place the trees.**

- 3. Larry Belmont, residing at 630 North Second Street, expresses concern about traffic on Stella Street south of Poplar Church Road, where he has seen drivers using both lanes to come down the hill and turn left onto Third and Second Street during rush hour. He asked Council to consider options to reduce this unsafe practice. WSRP Chief Hope indicated that department staff is aware of this activity and frequently uses officers in police vehicle to control traffic in that area during high-traffic times. Mr. Martini indicated that the matter would be referred to the Streets Committee for further consideration.**

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED BOROUGH OFFICERS

Borough Manager

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

Borough Treasurer

Treasurer Stuart presented the October Treasurer's Report.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Deklinski and seconded by Mr. Stumpf, the monthly Treasurer's Report was accepted by majority as presented with instructions to file it for audit. Ms. Stuart abstained the vote.

Borough Solicitor

Attorney Salzman noted that three ordinances updated over recent months had been refined by his office and were currently in circulation. Codes Chair Sue Stuart asked Council to review and comment on the final drafts, anticipating a call for action at the December meeting, which will allow for advertisement in January 2020.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Martini Thanked the Recreation Committee for hosting a well-attended and successful Halloween party for Borough families.

Mr. Martini also recognized Mr. Berresford for his superb service to the Borough of Wormleysburg, Council and residents and noted that Mr. Berresford service would be recognized by Borough Council members after the close of this meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Preble reviewed the monthly report from the West Shore Regional Police Commission and activity reports. There were no questions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Martini called on standing committee chairs for reports as follows. He noted there was no Planning Commission report.

Building, Property and Auxiliary Services

Chair Kahler had no report.

Administration Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Chair Hawbecker and seconded by Ms. Stuski, 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	37	\$46,746.88
Payroll Fund	7	\$14,061.32
Sewer Fund	32	\$23,098.45
Total Activity	76	\$83,906.65

CAPCOG and Parks, Public Lands and Recreation Committee

Ms. Stuski express appreciation to Ms. Stuart, Mr. Kahler and the others who conducted the Community Halloween party on October 26, 2019. The Community Holiday party will be Saturday, December 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Borough Hall. The promotional flyer is in development and will be distributed.

Ms. Stuski also announced that the Capital Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) annual dinner and meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2019.

Planning Commission and Streets, Highways and Sanitary Affairs Committee

Mr. Deklinski announced the Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. on North Front Street between Elm & Pine Street closing and safety preparation will proceed the event.

Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Sidewalks and Shade Trees Committee

Ms. Stuart noted that the Compliance and Permit lists are included in members' packet of information.

Public Safety Committee

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Stumpf and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously accepted the previous month's Fire Incident Report from the West Shore Bureau of Fire.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

2020 Budget – Mr. Martini presented the propose 2020 budget for review and discussion. Several points were clarified during discussion, including the Penn Waste and fire tax fee increases which follow.

ACTION: On motion made Mr. Hawbecker and second by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved the 2020Propose Budget as presented contingent upon the revision discussed.

Penn Waste Increase – Nothing a letter date October 18, 2019, from Penn Waste, Inc., Included in Council members' packet, Council discussed the notification that disposal rates at the Susquehanna Resource Management Complex will increase \$5.00/ton effective January 1, 2020. As a result of this county increase, Penn Wates request permission to pass this through the monthly rate effective January 1, 2020. It was noted that this conveys a nominal increase per resident for trash collection next year.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Kahler and seconded by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved the Penn Waste requested for an increase in keeping with the October 18, 2019, letter effective January 1, 2020.

Fire Tax – After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Borough’s Fire Tax is to be increased to a millage rate equal to 0.937 mills to secure the West Shore Bureau of Fire budget projections for 2020.

Handicap Parking Request – Connie Dum, residing in the 100 block of Chestnut Street, asked via letter for a handicapped parking space near her residence. Nothing that Chestnut Street is limited to parking on one side due to the narrowness of the street, Mr. Dekliski noted that he would review and develop an appropriate accommodation for his family.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Dekliski and second by Ms. Stuart, Council unanimously approved Ms. Dum’s requested for a handicap parking space with the final location to be determined by staff.

Front Street – Chris Rafferty and Tim Whelan from the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority recently informed the Borough Manager that the blighted property located at 120-124 South Front Street is in negotiation for the acquisition of the property for the purpose of demolition. The process of offering just compensation to the owners, who in this case are substantially delinquent in property obligations, was reviewed.

ACTION: On motion made by Mr. Dekliski and second by Ms. Stuski, Council unanimously directed Borough Counsel, Salzmann Hughes P.C., to investigate the condemnation of the property located at 120-124 South Front Street and to work with appropriate Cumberland County and HUD staff regarding the use eminent domain to secure, condemn and ultimately demolish said property.

Borough Treasurer – Ms. Stuart presented her resignation letter for the Treasurer’s position. Nothing that she is precluded from serving in this position while simultaneously serving on Council, Mr. Martini accepted her resignation with regret. Ms. Stuart retains her authority to sign on behalf of the Borough. It

was noted that the Treasurer's position is being advertised, including a notice posted on the website.

Mr. Stumpf requested that the auditors, Hamilton & Musser, clarify the road of and assist in the development of a job description of this position.

Staffing Transition – Mr. Martini noted that Council has been planning for the retirement and replacement of the Borough Manager and its support functions for nearly a year. He noted that the time had arrived to formalize the staff changes.

ACTION: On motion made by Ms. Stuart and second by Mr. Deklinski, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Deborah Ealer to serve as Borough Manager, Codes and Zoning Officer, Secretary and Temporary Treasurer effective December 1, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Council meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Krystal E Moran
Recording Secretary**

**Gary W. Berresford
Borough Manager**

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