

JULY 2, 2008
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
REGULAR MEETING

Council President Craig Newcomer called the regular meeting of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 8:08 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Benjamin Greenawalt, C. Harold Mumma, Craig Newcomer, Charles McCammon and Ronald Martin (Jason Stains was absent)

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager
Dan Sheffler, Zoning-Code Enforcement Officer
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Melissa Dively, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Starliper led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES: Councilman McCammon made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 (public hearing and regular meeting), as written. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Councilman Mumma stated that the Personnel Committee will discuss hourly rates for part-time police officers at Council's next meeting.

PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Councilman McCammon reported that he observed a street light missing in the vicinity of Sheetz on E. Main Street. Mr. Hamberger explained that the light was damaged in a vehicle accident several months ago. Allegheny Power has ordered the pole and intends to install it when they install the other lights going west.

STREET COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin reported that crosswalks are being painted and are "quite visible". They will continue, with the emphasis being placed on Main Street, S. Potomac Street and around the schools. He added, it is their goal for every crosswalk in town to be painted.

Council Martin also noted that the Street Committee discussed their original intentions to pave Welty Road this year. They are recommending to "hold up", however, due to the costs of the C.V. Avenue Reconstruction Project. Any over-runs on this project may "sink the budget". He added that they plan to do some streets with CDBG funds – N. Broad Street, St. Andrews Drive, E. North Street and Garfield Street.

Mr. Hamberger noted that tonight's meeting was originally canceled (as part of Council's summer meeting schedule), but several issues needed to be addressed.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: No report.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE: No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Starliper reported that he received a letter from the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers thanking the Police Department for their time and services during the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency's audit/visit on June 3rd. No violations or problems were identified during the visit. In addition, the Franklin County Department of Emergency Services is pursuing various methods for contacting and requesting tow services.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Dively reminded Council that she will be on vacation for their next meeting, and Samuel Weiser (a member of her firm) will sit in as Solicitor in her absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS ON AGENDA: None.

VOTING ON ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AWARD BID (CUMBERLAND VALLEY AVENUE): Mr. Hamberger reported that bids were opened for the reconstruction of Cumberland Valley Avenue. The only bid received was from Valley Quarries – \$353,801.42 (he noted that this is a unit-price bid, and the amount will change depending on the exact quantities utilized). Mr. Hamberger stated that there is \$200,000 in federal funds available, and a balance on the PA Infrastructure loan. When those funds are utilized, there will be approximately \$44,000 remaining for any potential over-runs. (That is why they recommended not doing Welty Road this year). Councilman McCammon made a motion to award the bid for C.V. Avenue to Valley Quarries, subject to final review/approval by PENNDOT. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

HOUSING STUDY: Mr. Hamberger noted that he is awaiting additional information from the Borough's consultant regarding this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL MEETING FOR CDBG BID AWARD: Mr. Hamberger noted that bids for the CDBG street projects will be opened on July 28th, and he recommended that Council hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 30th, at 5:30 p.m., to award the bids. Council concurred.

TRAILER PARKING ORDINANCE: Councilman Mumma made a motion to authorize advertisement of the proposed Trailer Parking Ordinance, for consideration at the next meeting. Councilman McCammon seconded. Mayor Starliper questioned why this ordinance is being considered. Councilman Martin responded that there has been an ongoing problem for several years with a camper parked on Fairview Avenue, as well as other unattended vehicles parked on various public streets. The previous ordinance prohibited vehicles weighing 10,000 lbs., but this ordinance would prohibit vehicles weighing 500 lbs. in order to deal with these types of situations. A vote was then called and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mike Cermak, 135 E. Second Street - Mr. Cermak congratulated the Borough on the newly-painted crosswalks. He noted they are "fantastic", and the new signs were a great idea. He added that pedestrians crossing the streets should be careful, and those driving cars should be even more careful.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PENSION PLAN COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES: Pursuant to the changes requested (cost-of-living adjustment) for the pension plans and to bring the current ordinances up-to-date with current IRS regulations, Mr. Hamberger noted that proposed ordinances were prepared for Council's consideration. Councilman McCammon made a motion to authorize the advertisement of these proposed ordinances for Council's consideration at their next meeting. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Mumma informed the public that there will be no increases in taxes to fund these adjustments, as there are funds allotted from the state which have not yet been utilized fully.

ROTARY PARKING LOT: Kevin Grubbs noted that Council members have received information regarding a proposed design plan for the Rotary parking lot (recommended by Main Street, Inc.) This can be discussed further at Council's next meeting. An updated estimate will be forwarded to Council as soon as final costs are received for additional landscaping and street lighting. Representatives of Main Street, Inc. will be present at that meeting to answer any questions. Council will need to decide which direction they want to go – if concrete islands, etc. are to be installed, they should be done prior to paving the parking lot. Copies were made available for the public to view at the front of Council Chambers (and will be placed in the first floor conference room thereafter).

PAY BILLS: Councilman Mumma made a motion to approve the payment of Check Nos. 46457 to 46464, 46465 to 46586 (and Check Nos. 46465, 46454, 46512 and 45456 were voided.) Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: Councilman McCammon reported that he attended a recent Zoning Hearing Board meeting, at which there were only two (2) members present. He reminded Council of the need to appoint alternates to the Board for that reason. Councilman Mumma noted that several candidates were interviewed previously, but they have since indicated they were not interested in serving.

Councilman Martin suggested that everyone enjoy the Summer Jubilee festivities and the fireworks on July 4th.

Dan Sheffler noted his pleasure at the turnout for the public input session on the proposed Rental Inspection Program – he is hopeful that there will be even more individuals commenting at the next one. Councilman Greenawalt also noted he was pleased with the public's attendance and comments. Councilman Mumma echoed their statements.

Mayor Starliper reminded the public that certain fireworks are illegal in PA, and he cautioned everyone to be safe.

Council President Newcomer also thanked the public for their attendance. He reminded residents that Council will make no decisions without listening to the public's comments beforehand.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. on a McCammon/Martin motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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