

FEBRUARY 15, 2006
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268

Council President Richard George called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Allen Porter, Craig Newcomer, Richard George, Charles McCammon, Allen Berry and Jason Stains

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent
Ray Shultz, Police Chief
Ron Flegel, Fire Chief
D. Lloyd Reichard, II, Borough Solicitor

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting, as written. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPT REPORTS: Councilman McCammon made a motion to accept the reports of the Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Chief and Police Chief, as presented. Councilman Stains seconded; the motion passed unanimously. President George thanked Chief Flegel for his year-end report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No report. Councilman Berry noted that the Personnel Committee received favorable performance evaluations for Chris Eyler and Dave Neibert, however no action was necessary.

PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Councilman McCammon reported that the Property Committee has not held a meeting since Council last met. He noted concern, however, about the Borough-owned park on S. Franklin Street. The matter will be discussed at the upcoming Joint Committee meeting. President George also requested that the Property Committee begin discussions on proposed modifications to the Sign Ordinance.

STREET COMMITTEE: Councilman Porter noted that the Street Committee met on

February 13th and discussed the following items:

- Dedicated turn signs at the intersection of Main Street – In an attempt to alleviate traffic congestion along Main Street, the Street Committee is recommending that PENNDOT be requested to include control features in the new traffic signal design for all turn lanes along Main Street.
- Left-turn at Walnut and E. Main Streets – Currently no left turns are permitted at this intersection from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. daily. The Street Committee is recommending that the time limit be removed to prohibit left turns at all times.
- Traffic concerns on W. Third Street (west of Fairview Avenue) – Possible solutions to the ongoing problem of traffic congestion when school children are dropped off and picked up were discussed. The Street Committee will propose that representatives of the School Board attend their next meeting to discuss the matter further.
- Angled parking on E. Sixth Street (in front of Unova Industries, Inc.) – Discussion was held regarding the angled parking in front of the former Unova Industries, Inc. office building and the concern for vehicles having adequate space to pass safely, as well as vehicles backing into the travel lane safely. Richard George will discuss the matter with a company representative to determine if this style of parking could be removed. He will report back to the Street Committee at a later date.
- Private driveway at end of W. Eighth Street – A home was built at the end of W. Eighth Street (west of Fairview Avenue). The homeowner originally requested that a “Private Driveway” sign be installed, however the Street Committee will recommend that a “No Thru Street” sign be erected at the intersection of W. Eighth Street and Fairview Avenue to eliminate vehicles traveling this portion of the street and entering the private driveway.
- Philadelphia Avenue – Traffic congestion due to the narrowness of Philadelphia Avenue was discussed. The possibility of making the portion between W. Second Street and W. Third Street one-way north was discussed, but not recommended.
- Request for one-way sign in alley – The Burgundy Lane Bed & Breakfast, located at 128 W. Main Street, has requested that a one-way sign be installed in the alley to the rear of their property. The Street Committee will recommend that this action be approved.
- Request to pave Herald Place/Gay Street – A request was received to pave the alley from Walnut Street to S. Church Street. The matter will be reviewed.

- Correspondence received from Representative Pat Fleagle regarding signs on N. East Avenue – The Committee discussed the request to install a sign indicating there is an intersecting street ahead (known as Meadowbrook Drive) that is difficult to see when traveling north on N. East Avenue, as well as establishing a 25 mph speed limit in this area. As the sign requested would be in Washington Township, the Street Committee is recommending that they meet with representatives of the Township to discuss the matter further.
- Request to remove street light – The Street Committee was requested to remove a street light at 116 Cottage Street. They are reviewing the matter and will have a recommendation at a later date.
- Request to vacate alley on east side of Dickinson Avenue – Waynesboro Hospital has notified the Borough that they would like to have this alley vacated in order to develop additional parking. Further procedures are required in order for this request to be approved.
- S. Franklin Street Park – Certain issues regarding the park were discussed, and the matter will be reviewed by the Borough's Property Committee.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: No report.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Newcomer reported that the Committee's next meeting will be held on February 22nd. He explained that their final resolution on the bill-paying procedure is that the voucher listing will be provided to him for review; and if there are any questions/concerns, he will contact the Treasurer within three (3) days.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor's Report was as follows –

“On January 9th, Council President Richard George and I were given a tour of the New Hope Shelter. If any of you get an opportunity, they would be more than happy to take you for a tour also. Please call ahead.

On February 11th, I attended the Waynesboro Fire Department's Dinner and Awards Banquet. My congratulations to all of the individuals who received the awards and to all members of the Waynesboro Fire Department. The door prize was drawn by C. Harold Mumma and I won it – it (a picture of the two new trucks with a Fire Department emblem) will be donated to the American Cancer Society's upcoming auction.”

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS ON AGENDA:

Frank Bittner, 842 Anthony Avenue - Mr. Bittner questioned why the reports of the Code

Enforcement Officer, Police Chief and Fire Chief were not verbal reports. President George responded that they have always provided Council with a written report and are given an opportunity to make additional comments later in the meeting. Mr. Bittner then asked why there is no Treasurer's Report given. Mr. Hamberger noted that the 2005 books were just recently closed-out, and a report will be forthcoming within the next several weeks. Mr. Bittner commented that if Council is following Robert's Rules, the Treasurer should be present at the meetings.

VOTING ON ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Porter made a motion authorizing the Borough Manager to request that PENNDOT provide for dedicated turn signals on Main Street when the new traffic signals are designed and installed. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Porter made a motion that left turns from Walnut Street onto E. Main Street be prohibited at all times. Councilman Berry seconded. Discussion followed regarding the reason for the modification, as well as the inconvenience that it may cause. Police Chief Shultz noted that, even though there have not been many accidents at this location, the traffic back-up is a concern. Frank Bittner requested permission to comment, and Council President George agreed. He questioned what Council plans to do about the other business exits (such as CVS, McDonald's, First National Bank of Greencastle, etc.) – if they permit left turns from those establishments, shouldn't left turns be allowed at this location also? A vote was then called. Voting in favor were Allen Porter, Richard George, Charles McCammon and Allen Berry; and voting in opposition were Craig Newcomer and Jason Stains. The motion to prohibit left turns at all times passed 4-2.

Councilman Porter made a motion to install a "No Thru Street" sign at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and W. Eighth Street. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Porter made a motion to install a one-way sign in the alley behind 128 W. Main Street (at the Burgundy Lane Bed & Breakfast). Councilman Stains seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUBDIVISION (BENEDICT & HENICLE - LOCUST STREET): Kevin Grubbs advised Council members that the Subdivision Plan for Benedict & Henicle on Locust Street has been re-submitted to the Planning Commission. They reviewed the matter at their meeting on February 13th. A public hearing regarding the matter will be held (he is currently polling the members for a meeting date). When a proposed hearing date has been established, he will inform Council members of such.

In conjunction, the Planning Commission has decided that they will review each case on an individual basis when any structure, lot, etc. is situated on any alley. He added that the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance grants permission for this waiver when all

other requirements for approval have been met.

NEW BUSINESS

SIGN ORDINANCE (TOWN CENTER): Kevin Grubbs presented a draft copy of an ordinance regulating the type and use of signs in the Town Center District (as proposed by the Planning Commission) for Council's consideration. President George recommended that this matter be discussed at the upcoming Joint Committee meeting, with a recommendation from the committees to be returned to the Planning Commission. Council concurred.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD ORDINANCE: Kevin Grubbs presented another draft ordinance prepared by the Planning Commission which clarifies the existing ordinance to re-define the use of electronic signs. President George recommended that this proposal also be reviewed at the upcoming Joint Committee meeting, with a recommendation being returned to the Planning Commission. Council concurred.

REQUEST TO VACATE PORTION OF AN ALLEY TO THE EAST OF DICKINSON AVENUE: Mr. Hamberger read a letter received from William Dick, who represents Waynesboro Hospital in this matter. They would like to renew their request that the Borough vacate a portion of an alley lying to the east of Dickinson Avenue. The 12-foot wide alley is an unopened alley, and the Hospital owns all of the land on both sides of the alley. The next step in the vacation process is to hold a public hearing. Due to the time constraints for advertisements, it was suggested that the hearing be held prior to the March 15th Council meeting. Council concurred, and instructed Mr. Hamberger to notify Mr. Dick.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE - NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

"GANG ACTIVITY IN SOUTH CENTRAL PA" PRESENTATION: Council members received an invitation to a presentation sponsored by Waynesboro Area Communities That Care, Franklin County Drug and Alcohol, and the Franklin County Criminal Justice Advisory Board on "Gang Activity in South Central PA". The presentation will be held on March 3rd at 11:30 a.m., at Savoy Catering. RSVP's are requested by February 17th. Those interested in attending were asked to contact Melinda Knott as soon as possible. Mr. Hamberger added that representatives of the Waynesboro Police Department will be attending.

UPDATE ON JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT: Mr. Hamberger informed Council members that he contacted DCED regarding the application submitted on behalf of the Borough and Washington Township to conduct a Joint Comprehensive Plan. He was advised that the application is progressing through the approval process, and written notification should be received by the end of February.

REMINDER OF TRI-COUNTY BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION MEETING: Mr. Hamberger reminded Council members that Waynesboro will be hosting the upcoming Tri-County Boroughs' Association meeting to be held on March 28th, at the Elks Club.

REQUEST FROM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RE: 30-HOUR FAMINE: Mr. Hamberger read correspondence received from the Presbyterian Church regarding their youth group's participation in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. They would like to have the kids "beg" for money on the streets of Waynesboro to give them valuable insight into the humbling experience that many around the world have daily. Their plan is to be out "begging" from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th; and they requested direction on the exact location. Council members concurred with the request, provided that specific details (including location) be coordinated with Police Chief Ray Shultz.

COMMUNITY EVENT - OTTERBEIN CHURCH: Mr. Hamberger also noted that he was contacted by a representative of the Otterbein Church regarding their request to provide community service in Waynesboro on February 25th. He suggested that they pick up trash and sweep sidewalks in the downtown area. He will inform the Chamber of Commerce of their planned efforts.

PAY BILLS: Councilman Newcomer made a motion to approve the payment of Voucher Lists VL-06-02 and 03. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

FRANKLIN COUNTY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST MEETING: Council members received an invitation to attend the Franklin County Area Development Corporation's Annual Membership Breakfast Meeting on March 2nd, beginning at 7:15 a.m., at the Ramada Inn in Chambersburg. Individuals interested in attending were asked to contact Melinda Knott.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: Councilman Berry requested that members of the public attend the upcoming Joint Committee meeting to be held on February 22nd, at 7:00 p.m., in Borough Hall's first floor conference room. Public input would be beneficial to many of the items on the agenda.

Councilman Newcomer strongly suggested that the Borough adhere to their existing Zoning Ordinance with regard to requests for properties to be built on alleys. He feels that it would be a mistake to allow homes, etc. to be built "where they don't belong".

Mayor Starliper reported that Borough Council approved the hiring of Shawn Adolini as a Patrolman on January 18th, contingent upon his successful completion of physical and psychological examinations. Those having been successfully completed, he requested that Council affirm his hiring, effective 02/16/06, at an annual salary of \$35,461.51, with a one-year probationary period. Councilman Porter made the motion as recommended by the Mayor. Councilman Stains seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

President George noted that Council will hold a brief executive session following the

regular meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m., on a McCammon/Newcomer motion which passed unanimously.

Council's executive session began at 8:10 p.m. They re-convened to regular session at 8:25 p.m. and adjourned the meeting without further action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott
Administrative Assistant