

AUGUST 3, 2016
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
SPECIAL MEETING

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the special meeting of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Council Members – Delmos Oldham, Patrick Fleagle, Niccole Rolls, C. Harold Mumma, Chad Rooney and Michael Cermak

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Jason Stains, Borough Manager
Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Sam Wisner, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council adjourned to executive session at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and code enforcement issues. They reconvened to regular session at 7:49 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER PROMOTION OF POLICE CORPORAL #1: Councilman Cermak made a motion to approve the promotion of Thomas Storey to Police Corporal at an hourly rate of \$27.15, effective 08/07/2016. Councilman Rooney seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROMOTION OF POLICE CORPORAL #2: Councilman Cermak made a motion to approve the promotion of Ryan Ramsey to Police Corporal at an hourly rate of \$26.64, effective 08/07/2016. Councilman Rooney seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORMAL RETIREMENT NOTICE: Councilman Cermak made a motion to acknowledge the formal retirement notice of Byron Bowser, effective 09/09/2016. Councilman Rooney seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS: Visitors desiring to comment on a particular agenda item will be recognized by the President to speak when the topic is being discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

USDA GRANT: Borough Manager Stains noted that the Borough's recent application for a USDA grant for police vehicles was not successful. He asked for Council's authorization to re-apply for the next round of grants at the beginning of 2017. Councilman Cermak made a motion as such. Councilman Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

MUSIC FOR BOROUGH-SPONSORED EVENTS: Councilwoman Rolls noted that citizens' concern was brought to her attention recently regarding the type of music (specifically the lyrics of such music) at events held and/or sponsored by the Borough at Borough-owned facilities. She requested that Council consider establishing a standard for such future events prohibiting songs which have racially-charged words or ideas, violence, sexual violence, drug use, gang reference or require the "bleeping" of lyrics.

Jason Bartholow, owner of Whirlwind Productions and DJ at "Theme Thursday" events at Northside Pool, was present and offered comments/suggestions. As there is only one (1) more "Theme Thursday" event to be held this year the following evening, Council requested that Mr. Bartholow use his best judgement in choosing songs that are "clean" and appropriate. During the next several months, a committee will be formed and tasked to establish a policy for Council's consideration to address this issue.

C.V. AVENUE FLOODING: Mr. Stains noted that he forwarded pictures to Council members regarding flooding issues experienced by residents on C.V. Avenue (particularly between North and King Streets) during the recent heavy downpours of rain. Flooding issues were also observed, as well, at W. Second and S. Potomac Streets. Discussion followed regarding the C.V. Avenue reconstruction project, and Mr. Grubbs described efforts made to alleviate flooding problems at that time.

Borough staff members will meet with representatives from Contech Stormwater Solutions of Greencastle, PA (who assisted with the flooding problems on S. Potomac Street in recent years) to solicit recommendations on this issue.

PRESS QUESTIONS:

Jennifer Fitch, Herald Mail

Question: What is the correct spelling of the names of the police officers who were promoted?

- Those will be provided after the meeting.

Question: When Councilwoman Rolls was reading from her iPad, was that something she wrote?

- Councilwoman Rolls – just notes that I have.

Question: What year was C.V. Avenue rebuilt?

- Kevin Grubbs – 2008.

Question: Is there an update on the health inspections for restaurants?

- Solicitor Wiser – Council has to make a decision on whether or not they will require restaurant inspections, and that decision has not been made yet. A draft inter-municipal agreement was transmitted to the Borough of Chambersburg for their review for a joint health board, with the ultimate services of that board to be determined by this Council at a later date. I checked this past week with Chambersburg regarding the status, and they were going to check with their solicitor as to where things stood.

Question: Don't they share the same office with you?

- Solicitor Wiser – We (Salzmann Hughes) are the named Solicitor, but the Assistant Solicitor (Welton Fisher) is handling this for the Borough of Chambersburg ... and he is not in our office.

Question: What do you think the timeframe is?

- Solicitor Wiser – I don't know. I do know that they have scheduled a Health Board meeting sometime in August, but I don't know if this is on the agenda or not.

Question: Once that comes back, what is the next step?

- Solicitor Wiser – Then this Council has to determine what services they would like that board to perform on their behalf.

Question: And they do that by formal vote?

- Solicitor Wiser – Correct.

Dustin Haluska, Record Herald

Question: When will the third Corporal's appointment be announced?

- President Mumma – We will hopefully hold the interview next week for the candidate on vacation last week, so a decision can be made at the 08/17 Council meeting.

ACTION ON 116 HAMILTON AVENUE: Following discussion on the matter during the executive session held earlier in the meeting, Councilman Oldham made a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to proceed with filing the appropriate action with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to enable the Borough to demolish the structure at 116 Hamilton Avenue if the property owner fails to comply with the Order of

Demolition that was issued by the Borough's Building Code Official (with a deadline for demolition of 08/16). Councilman Rooney seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Stains noted that he met with Charlie Barnes on 07/12 to discuss various concerns throughout town. He provided a copy of his correspondence to Charles Barnes, along with ordinances referenced and Mr. Barnes' talking points for the meeting.

Mr. Stains reminded Council that a CDBG public hearing will be held next Wednesday (08/10) at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Rooney reminded Council that he plans to make a motion at Council's next meeting regarding the Junior Councilperson Program. Both applicants have been invited to attend, and he will provide Council with a brief outline of the candidates' qualities prior to that meeting. He will then request the Mayor to hold a swearing-in ceremony at the September meeting.

Councilman Cermak noted that Council hopes to appoint a third Corporal at the next meeting.

Kevin Grubbs corrected an error made during discussion regarding reconstruction of C.V. Avenue. It was a 12" pipe (calculating to a capacity of 5.88 gallons/foot) that was replaced with 2-8" pipes (calculating to a capacity of 5.22 gallons/foot). He added that both the drawings and design were approved by PENNDOT.

Councilman Oldham noted he sympathizes with flooding problems experienced by the residents of C.V. Avenue, and is hopeful that the music issue at Borough facilities can be resolved in the near future.

Councilman Fleagle noted that the next Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting will be held on 08/09 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Rolls thanked members of the public for their attendance.

Mayor Starliper requested that the Borough Manager and Police Chief work together on advertising for the upcoming vacancy in the Police Department due to Mr. Bowser's planned retirement.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. on a Oldham/Rooney motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott
Borough Secretary