

AUGUST 19, 2009
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
REGULAR MEETING

Council President Craig Newcomer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 7:58 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager
Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent
Melissa Dively, Borough Solicitor
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Mark King, Police Chief
Dan Sheffler, Zoning-Code Enforcement Officer
Dave Martin, Fire Chief

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 August 5, 2009 regular meeting, as written. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPT REPORTS: Councilman McCammon made a motion to accept the reports of the Code Enforcement Officer, Police Chief and Fire Chief, as presented. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Councilman Mumma stated he will present a performance evaluation during the “voting” section of the meeting.

PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No report.

STREET COMMITTEE: No report. Councilman Martin noted that the next Street Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 26th, at 9:00 a.m., in Borough Hall’s first floor conference room.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: No report.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE: President Newcomer noted that Kevin Grubbs provided an update on downtown projects during their workshop prior to this meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

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

“On August 11th, along with Corporal Zeigler, I attended the Franklin County Housing Authority’s National Night Out. All indications, it was a successful night.

Also on the 11th, along with Chief King and Officer Kauffman, I attended an outing sponsored by Senator Rich Alloway for law enforcement members.”

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS ON AGENDA: None.

VOTING ON ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Mumma reported that he received a favorable evaluation for Robert Cole, and he made a motion to approve a step increase to salary level 6D for him. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AWARD BIDS (FIRE HALL BELL TOWER REMOVAL): Mr. Hamberger recommended that the bids for removal of the bell tower and the roof replacement at the Fire Hall be deferred until Council’s next meeting. Councilman Martin made a motion to defer the bell tower bids until the next meeting. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

AWARD BIDS (FIRE HALL ROOF): Councilman Martin made a motion to defer the roof bids also. Councilman Mumma seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

AWARD BIDS (2009 CDBG STREET PROJECTS): Mr. Hamberger recommended awarding the bids for the 2009 CDBG Street Projects (plus Addendum #1) to Valley Quarries, subject to any state reviews required. Councilman McCammon made a motion to award the bids to Valley Quarries, as recommended by the Borough Manager. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON SIDEWALK AND SQUARE PROJECT: An update on the projects was given during Council’s workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE: POLICE ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL: Councilman McCammon made a motion to table the matter until Council’s next meeting. Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FROM MAINSTREET WAYNESBORO, INC. RE: PUBLIC RESTROOMS: Mr. Hamberger recommended approving the request from Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. to use the public restrooms in front of Borough Hall during the Market Day events on October 3rd (from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Councilman McCammon made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Greenawalt seconded. Mr. Hamberger clarified that Borough personnel will open and close the restrooms, but MSI will be requested to clean the restrooms at the end of the day. The motion then passed unanimously.

HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT (POLICE DEPARTMENT): Councilman Martin made a motion to affirm the Borough Manager’s action with regard to replacement of the HVAC unit for the Police Department, at a cost of \$9,500, to M.S. Johnston Company. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Doug McCullough, 826 Summit Avenue - Mr. McCullough noted that he wrote a *Letter to the Editor* several weeks ago regarding the Borough and Township considering adoption of an ordinance regarding the use of cell phones. He thanked Mayor Starliper for introducing the concept, even though the state has made the possibility too restrictive.

Mr. McCullough also noted concern regarding the traffic light at Second Street/Mickley Avenue/Main Street (at the YMCA). He had called Mr. Hamberger when the signalization project was first announced to ensure that this light would not be affected. However, that is not the case. The "Walk" light is engaged for only a very limited time, and he sees this as a real problem for buses and children crossing at the intersection (even with a crossing guard). He suggested that the Borough might have "re-thought" the project when they discovered this would be changed.

In addition, Mr. McCullough noted his disappointment that nothing has been done regarding a traffic signal at N. East Avenue/Main Street. He noted that a year and a half ago, Council Chambers was filled with residents in favor of installing a light at this location. Mr. Hamberger advised that Borough representatives have met with state legislators regarding funding for the light, but they have been told there is no money. Mr. McCullough urged Council to continue pursuing the matter, as the situation is quite dangerous. Councilman Martin noted that the Borough has been pursuing grants and discussing other funding resources.

Discussion continued regarding the painted crosswalks throughout town, and (in particular) the ones in front of the Waynesboro Mall and Waynesboro Hospital. Mr. McCullough noted they are very visible since the Borough painted them yellow and white, but motorists still pass by people in the crosswalks waiting to cross. He questioned if the Police Department continues to issue citations for this violation. The Mayor and several Council members noted that the Police Department has been very active in this regard, but it is sometimes a matter of being in the "right place at the right time". Chief King added that his department issued 11-12 citations recently, and they use the crosswalks as part of their aggressive driving enforcement program. Mr. McCullough suggested that this should be advertised to the public as a deterrent. .

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Council members received an invitation to the Cumberland-Franklin Boroughs Association meeting on September 28th. Those interested in attending were asked to inform Melinda Knott.

Kevin Grubbs asked for clarification on the parking restrictions approved by Council at their last meeting in four (4) areas near the High School. Specifically, the use of residential parking permits will be required on both sides of Third Street between Clayton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue, both sides of Myrtle Avenue between Second Street and Third Street, and on Virginia Avenue between the Fire Company signs and Second Street. The fourth area, on Second Street between Myrtle Avenue and Enterprise Avenue, was designated as "No Parking Anytime". He suggested that permit parking be between Myrtle Avenue and the west side of Virginia Avenue, because there is one residence (321 W. Second Street) who would not be able to park in front of their residence; but Councilman Martin advised that he has discussed the matter with the property owners and they are satisfied with "no parking" in front of their residence.

RECEIPT OF BILLS: Mr. Hamberger noted that Voucher Lists were distributed to Council members at this meeting; and since they have not had adequate time to review them, he suggested they approve them with instructions that they not be mailed for three (3) days to give Council time to present any questions they may have.

COUNCIL AND STAFF: Fire Chief Dave Martin requested that the Borough advise the State that the Fire Department is interested in pursuing the Armory building for their future use. Mr. Newcomer noted a meeting was held recently with Senator Alloway regarding the matter; but they will follow-up with formal correspondence to him, along with Representative Todd Rock, Congressman Bill Shuster and National Guard representatives.

Chief Martin asked for additional information regarding the signal-switch for emergency apparatus on the traffic lights in town. Mr. Hamberger noted that they will need the appropriate transmitter in order to utilize this feature. Chief Martin advised that there is grant money available for this type of equipment, but he will need to know what equipment is required. Mr. Hamberger stated he will facilitate discussions between Herre Brothers (the signal company) and Chief Martin.

PAY BILLS: Councilman Martin made a motion to approve payment of the Voucher List presented this evening. Councilman Greenawalt seconded. Councilman Martin noted that, even though it may seem that the Borough is not doing enough to resolve the stormwater problems on S. Potomac Street and Cemetery Avenue, item #169 on page 8 is for a \$71,313.30 payment to Dennis Black Engineering for outfall improvements this month.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a Councilman Greenawalt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott
Administrative Assistant