

FEBRUARY 4, 2004

WAYNESBORO, PA 17268

Council President Charles McCammon 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 - Richard George, Jahnathan Cain, John Cook, Charles McCammon, Ardie Winters and Andrew Benchhoff

Mayor Louis M. Barlup, Jr.

Borough Staff - Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager

Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent

D. Lloyd Reichard, II, Borough Solicitor

Ray Shultz, Police Chief

Kevin Grubbs, Assistant Director of Engineering

Jody Sanders, Deputy Fire Chief

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Councilman George made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup> public hearing and regular meeting, as written. Councilman Cook seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Councilman Cain reported that the Personnel Committee met on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. At that time they reviewed the satisfactory performance evaluation for John Lockwood, Water Treatment Plant Operator. In addition, they discussed the proposed promotion of Terry Rideout. Councilman Cain made a motion to approve Mr. Rideout's promotion to the position of Truck Driver/Laborer (Grade 5). Councilman Cook seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hamberger added that Mr. Rideout's former position of Custodian/Clerk at the Maintenance Center will need to be filled in the near future. Councilman Cain also noted that the Committee is currently reviewing RCI Board appointments and will take action on the matter at the Council meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Councilman Benchoff noted that the Property Committee met on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. They discussed the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs positions and met with a Deputy Chief candidate. Councilman Benchoff made a motion to defer action on those appointments until the meeting of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Richard George seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The next Property Committee meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**STREET COMMITTEE:** Councilman George reported on the Street Committee's meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He noted that the Committee plans to meet on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Any concerns that Council members have should be presented to Mr. Hamberger for consideration. Numerous items were discussed at their last meeting, including the following:

- bu 百treet reconstruction on a portion of Park Street north of W. Sixth Street
- bu 彦our-way stop at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and W. Third Street
- bu 肘nstallation of crosswalk in front of Fairview Elementary School
- bu 稗urns Hill Cemetery alley west of Highland Avenue
- bu 紐equest for a crosswalk on E. Sixth Street at Tool Company
- bu 菱andicap parking rules
- bu 柁lley west of Frick Avenue behind Martin Trucking
- bu 柁lleys for abandonment by the Borough
- bu 繆urn lane on E. Main Street in front of McDonald's Restaurant
- bu 桧ne-way section of Walnut Street from E. Fifth Street to E. Sixth Street
- bu 紐econstruction of E. Second Street from Myrtle Avenue to E. Main Street

Councilman George noted that these items are being reviewed, and any necessary action will be taken at future meetings.

Discussion followed regarding the turn lane on E. Main Street in front of McDonald's. Kevin Grubbs noted that PENNDOT had been contacted several months ago. Their intentions were to install turn lane signs on the north side of E. Main Street in the spring. Concern has been expressed, however, and they are now looking at extending the lane further east or putting in additional arrows before the hill.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** No report. Mr. Hamberger informed Council members that they will be receiving an invitation and additional information regarding a "municipal summit" of Franklin County governments on March 18<sup>th</sup>. He advised that they keep that date open for this purpose.

**DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Councilman Cook reported that the Committee's January meeting was canceled due to weather conditions. Their next meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

"There are a group of volunteers in Waynesboro that are often unrecognized until an emergency arises, and then their value cannot be measured. I am referring to the squad of Fire Police who serve our community. These are truly dedicated individuals who respond in all kinds of emergencies, especially for crowd and traffic control during fires and accidents.

Every two years these volunteers are sworn in and pledge to continue their service to the community. I would like to recognize those who recently reaffirmed their intention to provide Waynesboro the protection that is required during emergencies. Captain Richard P. Jones ably serves to lead and coordinate these dedicated men.

Representing the ATH&L Fire Company: Robert Rowe, Sr., Terry Rowe, Charles Hollinshead, Benjamin Greenawalt, Dale Meyers, James Green and James Matthews.

Representing the Mechanics Fire Company: Daryl Burns, Robert Shank, Jim Seilhamer and Wayne Miller.

We thank these volunteers for the valuable service which they provide. I would urge that all Councilmen personally thank these Fire Police whenever possible.

Another outstanding person of the community is Andrew Krause, a sophomore at Waynesboro High School. On Saturday he was chosen to represent the local American Legion in the 2004 High School Oratorical Contest. Based on an amendment of the U.S. Constitution, his speech showed knowledge, originality and logic. Jackie and I were proud to be part of the panel of judges who congratulated Andrew on his outstanding presentation. We wish him well in the next level of the competition. It is certainly gratifying to have youth of his caliber in our community."

**CTA REPORT:** No report. Mr. Hamberger noted that Ardie Winters has resigned from the CTA Board. He requested that the press announce this vacancy. Anyone interested in serving as the Borough's representative on the CTA Board should contact the Borough Office or a member of Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS ON AGENDA:** Chris Fewell, 38 W. Fourth Street. Mr. Fewell thanked Council for writing a letter to government officials in objection to the Patriot Act. He spoke briefly regarding the Patriot Act II, and noted he will provide Council with a complete analysis of that legislation in the near future.

**AWARD BIDS - DUCTILE IRON PIPE:** Council received results from the bid opening for ductile iron pipe. Councilman Benchoff made a motion to award the bid to L/B Water, based on recommendations from the staff. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:** Doug Pyle provided Council with correspondence outlining the status of the Uniform Construction Code Update. The Waynesboro Planning Commission will be reviewing the 2000 ICC and preparing codes for Council's approval within the next several months. The Borough will be "opting into" the system and conducting inspections in-house. Kevin Grubbs, Scott Crum and Doug Pyle will be attending the required classes to obtain their state certifications. Periodic reports will be given to Council on future progress.

**PATRIOT ACT LETTER:** Mr. Hamberger noted that Council had directed him to prepare correspondence to President Bush and other government officials regarding certain objections to the Patriot Act. He offered his draft for Council's action. Councilman Cook made a motion to proceed with mailing the letter, with the addition of the concurrence of Council being noted therein. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RECREATION BOARD VACANCY:** Councilman Cain made a motion to appoint Debbie Beck to a vacancy on the Recreation Board, as recommended by Recreation Board Chairman David Mackley. Councilman Cook seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**YOUTH CONCERNS:** Richard Patrick, Main Street. Mr. Patrick questioned if Waynesboro officials are willing (or have the capability) to build a youth center in town. He noted that the town continues to grow, and he is concerned that the youth have a way and opportunity to keep out of trouble.

**NEW COMPUTER BILLING/PAYROLL/ACCOUNTING SYSTEM:** Mr. Hamberger reminded Council that \$21,000 had been budgeted for a new computer system for utility billing, accounting and payroll functions of the Borough. The proposals received have been reviewed; and it is the staff's recommendation to proceed with the system offered by A. J. Turchetta and Associates. He explained that their software is also utilized by the Borough of Greencastle and WTMA, who have both recommended it. Mr. Hamberger requested Council's action on the matter, as he would like to have the new system implemented by the beginning of the second quarter. Councilman Cook made a motion to proceed with the new computer software, as recommended by the Borough Manager. Councilman Benchoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

## **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**REPORT ON 100 MIDDLE STREET:** Mr. Hamberger reported that settlement on the property at 100 Middle Street was held last week, and he will be acquiring keys the following day. Several rental checks have already been received, and the Borough will begin utilizing the garage for parking to alleviate congestion on the Borough lot. He added that he has obtained the appropriate insurance coverage for the property.

**REPORT ON SNOW SITUATION:** Denny Benshoff noted that the maintenance crew has been working to keep the streets cleared and the inlets open. He added that the forecast calls for more precipitation on Friday, and reported on the amount of salt and anti-skid materials utilized to date. Mr. Benshoff explained that the salt applied to the ice has not helped much because it has been so cold. Councilman George noted that residents should be aware that the effort was being made to get the streets taken care of, but weather conditions were a hindrance. He stated that the Maintenance Department did a good job, considering the circumstances.

**PAY BILLS:** Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the payment of Voucher Lists VL-04-02 and 03. Councilman George seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS:** Mr. Hamberger provided information to Council members regarding upcoming workshops on Building Regional Identity/Enhancing Tourism and Land Use Management. Anyone interested in attending either workshop should contact Mr. Hamberger.

Police Chief Ray Shultz noted that the Solicitor formulated an ordinance several months ago for parking violation fees. It was not adopted at that time, however, due to certain questions and concerns. The ordinance has been somewhat "fine-tuned", with one additional modification needed (which was discovered earlier this day). That additional item will be discussed with the Mayor and Mr. Reichard, and a proposed ordinance will be presented to Council for review at their next meeting.

Councilman Cain noted that Council is looking at how to better the economic situation in Waynesboro. He has been in contact with Senator Punt's office regarding a program which could benefit the community in many ways, including job creation. An aide from Senator Punt's office will be present to discuss the matter further at the Property Committee's meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, and he encouraged interested members of the community to attend. In addition, Councilman Cain stated that the community (as a whole) needs to make an effort regarding youth issues -- they need a place to go, as there are not a lot of things to do in Waynesboro. In addition, Council needs to keep the youth in mind when adopting future ordinances, as several passed recently could have a negative impact on their activities downtown. He thanked Mr. Patrick for coming forward regarding the matter and noted he would like to talk with him further about ways to improve the situation for the town's youth.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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