

JANUARY 5, 2004

WAYNESBORO, PA 17268

Council President Doug Tengler 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 - Clint Barkdoll, Charles McCammon, John Cook, Doug Tengler, Ardie Winters and Allen Porter

Mayor Louis M. Barlup, Jr.

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

S. Leiter Pryor, Director of Borough Utilities

Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent

Ray Shultz, Police Chief

Jody Sanders, Deputy Fire Chief

D. Lloyd Reichard, II, Borough Solicitor

Kevin Grubbs, Assistant Director of Engineering

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

REPORTS FROM ANY COMMITTEES: No reports. Councilman Barkdoll noted that the Property Committee has had some recent discussions in the past weeks regarding the police pension. Information requested from John Hancock has been received and is being reviewed. He noted that there could be a significant savings if the pension plan were to be moved to a local institution, rather than being managed out of Boston.

APPROVE MINUTES: Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2003 regular meeting and the December 29, 2003 special meeting, as written. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

A brief executive session was held at 7:31 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Council returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VALLEY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Councilman Cook noted that Council has been discussing Valley Housing's plans to construct additional low-income housing at Mount Vernon Terrace. A meeting with legal counsel was held on December 29th. Pursuant to that meeting, Councilman Cook made a motion to propose that legal action be taken against the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). Councilman Porter seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

President Tengler clarified that they are not opposed to low-income housing, but would like to see it be owner-occupied by the residents at some point in time. In order to "break the cycle of poverty", something must be done now. He reported that 51% of residents in the Borough own their homes, as compared to 85% in Washington Township. He added that Council has discussed these matters with Valley Housing in an attempt to resolve the issue.

Councilman Barkdoll elaborated that, by authorizing this action, it would be up to the "new Council" to decide what (if anything) is pursued. He also stated that future expansion is most likely planned, and there is the potential to be far more than the 22 units proposed at this time. In addition, he feels that "significant problems exist with the PHFA".

APPROVE 2003 BILLS AND AUTHORIZE NECESSARY TRANSFERS: Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the 2003 bills and authorize any necessary transfers. Councilman McCammon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

FINAL COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS: President Tengler asked for any comments from outgoing Council members.

Councilman Porter noted that he has served on Council for six (6) years, and he has seen much accomplished during that time. He added he has great confidence in the incoming Council members.

Councilman Barkdoll echoed Mr. Porter's thoughts. He thanked Council for a year in which many positive things were done. He feels that the Borough will be in good hands for the future.

Council President Tengler noted his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community, adding that the Borough has an excellent, hard-working staff.

Councilman Cook stated he will miss the knowledge and service provided to the Borough by the three outgoing members.

Councilman Winters added his appreciation to Councilman Porter for serving as Chairman of the Street Committee.

Mayor Barlup noted he will personally miss the three gentlemen who are leaving, and hopes the three coming on will be able to fill their seats.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mayor Barlup called the re-organization meeting to order at 7:57 p.m. He administered Loyalty Oaths and Oaths of Office to newly-elected Councilmen Richard George, Dennis "Jahnathan" Cain and Andrew "A.J." Benchoff.

Mayor Barlup asked for nominations for the position of Council President. John Cook nominated Charles McCammon. Ardie Winters made a motion to close the nominations. Jahnathan Cain attempted to make a further nomination for the position of President, however Mayor Barlup informed him that the nominations had been closed.

Charles McCammon nominated John Cook as Council Vice-President. Ardie Winters made a motion to close the nominations.

A vote was called on the nominations for Charles McCammon as President and John Cook as Vice-President. The vote passed 5-1, with Jahnathan Cain opposing.

The meeting was then turned over to Council President Charles McCammon.

APPOINTMENTS: The following appointments were approved as noted -

bu Manager - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Lloyd Hamberger as Manager. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

bu Secretary - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Lloyd Hamberger as Secretary. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

bu Assistant Secretary - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Kevin Grubbs as Assistant Secretary. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

bu Treasurer - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Goldie Kauffman as Treasurer. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

bu Assistant Treasurer - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Julie Myers as Assistant Treasurer. Councilman Benchoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

bu Fire Chief - This appointment was deferred until a later date.

bu Deputy Fire Chiefs - These appointments will be deferred until Council's second meeting in January.

H. Fire Police

Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint the following individuals as Fire Police from the ATH&L Fire Company: Richard Jones, Robert Rowe Sr., Terry Rowe, Charles Hollinshead, Benjamin Greenawalt, Dale Meyers, James Green and James Matthews. Councilman Benchoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Cook made a further motion to appoint the following individuals as Fire Police from the MSFE&H Fire Company: Daryl Burns, Robert Shank, Jim Seilhamer and Wayne Miller. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

I. Maintenance Superintendent - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Denny Benschhoff as Maintenance Superintendent. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

J. Operations Manager (Water and Sewer) - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Gordon Cruickshanks as Operations Manager. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

K. Assistant Director of Borough Engineering - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Kevin Grubbs as Assistant Director of Borough Engineering. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

L. Building Inspector/Zoning Officer - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Doug Pyle as Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

M. Golf Course Manager/Groundskeeper - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Harry Grove as Golf Course Manager/Groundskeeper. Councilman Benchoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

N. Police Chief - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Ray Shultz as Police Chief. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

O. Director of Borough Utilities - Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint S. Leiter Pryor as Director of Borough Utilities. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

APPOINT VACANCY BOARD: Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint June Mumma to the Vacancy Board. Councilman Benchoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

APPOINT BOROUGH SOLICITOR: Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint D. Lloyd Reichard, II as Borough Solicitor. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

APPOINT HANDICAPPED GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Jon Fleagle and Eric Boyer to the Handicapped Grievance Committee. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

APPOINT SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: Councilman Cook made a motion to appoint Tom Shelly as the Borough's Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Travis Herrold as the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer for the year 2004. Councilman Cain seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

The re-organization meeting adjourned and the regular meeting (with "new" Council) convened at 8:17 p.m.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: There was no public in attendance wishing to address Council at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports, as new committees need to be appointed by the President.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS ON AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN 2004 BUDGET: Mr. Hamberger reminded Council members that, should they so desire, the 2004 budget can be re-opened for discussion and/or modification during the month of January.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES: A 2004 salary schedule and roster for non-uniformed and maintenance employees was presented for Council's review. The schedule includes a 3% cost-of-living increase. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the schedule, as presented. Councilman Winters seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

SET CDBG HEARINGS FOR 2004 GRANT: Mr. Hamberger noted that Council needs to begin proceedings for the 2004 CDBG program. He suggested that the first hearing be held on January 21st at 7:15 p.m. Councilman Benchoff made a motion to hold a public hearing on January 21, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. to address issues of the 2004 CDBG program. Councilman Cook seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

LOAN FOR NEW BUILDING: Mr. Hamberger noted that Council is planning to purchase a property on Middle Street and settlement is scheduled for late-January. He has solicited proposals from area banks for a five-year, fixed rate loan. The lowest rate of 3.62% was received from the First National Bank of Greencastle, and recommended awarding the loan to them. Councilman Cook made a motion to award the aforementioned loan to the First National Bank of Greencastle. Councilman Cain seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The Solicitor and Manager will prepare the appropriate loan documents for execution at Council's next meeting.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE - NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Doug Tengler, 29 N. Price Avenue. Mr. Tengler noted that he is no longer a member of Council, but will continue to help the citizens in the Wayne Gardens area in their objection to the proposed development by Valley Housing. They plan to form a citizens' group named "Friends of Wayne Gardens", and hope to see the cycle of poverty broken and more people owning their homes instead of continuing to pay rent. The group intends to conduct fundraising activities over the next month or so in order to hire legal counsel.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP: Mr. Hamberger reported that curbside Christmas tree pick-up has been scheduled for the week of January 12-16, 2004 on residents' normal trash collection day. Residents will be asked to place their trees at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pick-up. He added that Waste Management will recycle the trees into usable by-products.

PSAB SPRING LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (MARCH 14-16, 2004): Mr. Hamberger noted that Council members received an invitation to the PSAB Spring Legislative Conference to be held on March 14-16, 2004 in the Harrisburg Marriott. He informed new members that the Borough will pay for Council members to attend, and he urged them to make efforts to attend at least one of the sessions outlined. Those interested in attending were asked to contact Melinda Knott as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENT OF RCI DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES: Correspondence was received from John W. Keller (RCI President) regarding appointments to the Board of Directors of RCI for the year 2004-2005. Mr. Hamberger asked that Council members review the information received for action to be taken at their next meeting.

PAY BILLS: None.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: Kevin Grubbs informed Council that he has received the permit from PENNDOT for the E. Ninth Street Project. He noted that they will be ready to commence work on the project in the spring.

Councilman George thanked the three (3) outgoing Council members for the outstanding jobs they did during the last several years. He hopes to "fill their seats well".

Councilman Cain also thanked the three (3) outgoing members for their efforts. He added that Council will be faced with many things in the upcoming year. He looks forward to working with his fellow Council members, the Mayor, Manager and Borough staff. Mr. Cain also thanked the residents of Ward 2 for the opportunity to represent them.

Councilman Cook welcomed the new Council members. He has had the opportunity to work with them over the last several months and feels that the Borough has a "good team".

Mayor Barlup added that he looks forward to working with all of the "new Council".

Council President McCammon thanked the outgoing councilmen for their efforts. He noted his appreciation in holding the office of President and will "do the best he can".

Council went into a second executive session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened to regular session again at 9:06 p.m.

Councilman Cook made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare an advertisement for the position of Fire Chief at the appropriate time. Councilman George seconded; the motion passed unanimously. There was some discussion about whether the Fire Chief's position should be full-time or part-time. The matter was referred to the Property Committee for review.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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