

JULY 21, 2014
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
JOINT MEETING - WAYNESBORO
BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WAYNESBORO
BOROUGH AUTHORITY

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the joint meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Benjamin Greenawalt, Delmos Oldham, Darrel Potts, C. Harold Mumma and Michael Cermak

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Authority Members – Jon Fleagle (Chairman), Jon Fleagle, Lee Layman and S. Allen Stine

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager
Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Sam Wisner, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)
Jason Stains, Assistant Borough Manager
S. Leiter Pryor, Director of Borough Utilities
Jim Sourbier, Police Chief

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS ON AGENDA: None.

NEW BUSINESS - JOINT PORTION OF MEETING

DISCUSSION OF GOLF COURSE: WBA Chairman Jon Fleagle noted that the WBA made a request for Borough Council to keep the golf course open (and maintained) until the end of September, at which time they are hoping to have found an individual/group to lease the course. Mr. Fleagle stated their plan is to solicit proposals; and one (1) individual has already expressed interest. He added that the WBA would like to see the property continue as a golf course, as they feel it is an asset to the community.

Councilman Cermak commented that Council had agreed during 2014 budget deliberations to close the golf course when its deficit reached \$20,000; and they are at that point now. But, as August is normally a higher-income month, he made a motion to grant the WBA's request and continue to finance the course until September 30th. Councilman Potts seconded.

Discussion followed regarding the type of proposals being sought by the WBA. WBA Chairman Fleagle noted that they will be asking for individuals/groups to provide their proposal, rather than dictating particular terms/conditions. They are hopeful that more interest will be generated by this type of solicitation. He stated that the WBA is not looking to make money on this venture ... they would simply like to see the course continued and improved.

Councilman Cermak also stated that if the course were closed today, the Borough would have to pro-rate refunds to those individuals who have purchased season memberships for 2014. He suggested investing that money, instead, into keeping it open until the end of September.

A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONSIDERATION: Mr. Hamberger stated that the Borough, WBA and citizens recently suffered financial hardships due to damages caused by an electrical surge. He noted that West Penn Power has denied the claims, but Council authorized the Borough Solicitor to make inquiries regarding the matter. Mr. Wisner stated that the claimants must show negligence on the part of the public utility, and he feels there are some indications that perhaps that exists. He is planning to contact West Penn Power to inform them of the information the Borough has been provided, and demand that they reconsider their prior determination. He added that the Public Utility Commission will be copied on the letter to West Penn Power. WBA Chairman Fleagle noted that Leiter Pryor, Gordon Cruickshanks and the Sewer Treatment Plant staff should be commended for their efforts in keeping the plant in operation during this emergency.

Discussion followed regarding the recent water sample violation. Mr. Fleagle noted that that particular sample was taken at an outside faucet ... and that sample location will be moved to an inside faucet. The sampling process was explained, and it was clarified that the water in the Borough's system is completely safe for consumption.

NEW BUSINESS – WAYNESBORO BOROUGH AUTHORITY

DISCUSSION REGARDING GOLF COURSE: WBA Chairman Jon Fleagle stated that, following adjournment of this meeting, the Borough Authority will continue their meeting in the second floor conference room to discuss their options as a result of Council's decision.

NEW BUSINESS – WAYNESBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

DISCUSSION/APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILPERSON: President Mumma noted that all individuals who expressed interest in the vacant Council seat have been publicly interviewed, and those candidates were reviewed by legal counsel. All were deemed eligible, with the exception of one (1) individual who currently serves on a board that cannot be overruled by Council. He added that this matter was discussed during an executive session, and all Council members were advised regarding the ineligibility.

Councilman Oldham then made a motion to appoint Hans Bader to the vacant Council seat for

the first ward. Councilman Greenawalt seconded. A vote was called; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Potts requested that letters of appreciation (for their interest) be sent to each candidate. As each candidate expressed a possible desire to serve in other capacities, they should be informed of the current board vacancies.

President Mumma noted that Mr. Bader will need to be sworn-in prior to July 24th.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY ARISE: Councilman Greenawalt mentioned the ditch repair on Main Street in front of the library, which is rather rough. Denny Benshoff advised that the base repair was required to settle for 30 days, and the final repair will be done when they have completed work on Fairview Avenue.

Jason Stains updated Council members on a property maintenance issue. They have made contact with the occupant of the structure (where the water service had been terminated for some time) and gave them notice to leave the property.

As a follow-up, Mr. Hamberger noted that the staff will be contacting Habitat for Humanity to determine if they can provide assistance at any of the “problem properties”. Those efforts will be coordinated with Solicitor Wisner.

Councilman Oldham thanked the individuals who expressed interest in serving on Council.

Councilman Potts noted that the next Street Committee meeting will be held on 07/23 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Starliper announced that he sold the winning ticket for the PA State Mayors’ Association Football Package Raffle (2 tickets and parking pass to a Penn State game, 2 nights’ accommodations and \$100 cash) to a local resident, Paul Adolini.

Having no further business to discuss, Council adjourned their meeting at 10:26 a.m. on a Oldham/Cermak motion which passed unanimously.

***THE WAYNESBORO BOROUGH AUTHORITY RECONVENED IN THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.**

Wayne Bartholow, a member of the Recreation Board, noted that they have been actively trying to ensure the golf course was adequately maintained and operated over the last several years. He suggested that the WBA reach out to individuals/groups who expressed interest in the previous proposal requested by Borough Council. Chairman Fleagle stated they the WBA will obtain that information from the Borough staff.

Based on Council’s decision to extend the operation of the golf course until the end of September, Chairman Fleagle provided a draft advertisement of the “Request for Proposals -

Leasing of the Waynesboro Municipal Golf Course” to WBA members for review. He appointed a two-member committee (he and Allen Stine) to open the proposals on 08/12 at 1:30 p.m.; and copies will then be distributed to the remaining WBA members. At the WBA’s August meeting, he is hoping to accept a proposal and begin negotiations of a lease agreement. Allen Stine made a motion to proceed with advertisement of the “Request for Proposals” following approval by the Authority Solicitor. Lee Layman seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Having no further business to discuss, the WBA adjourned their meeting at 10:44 a.m. on a Snively/Stine motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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