

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2020

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on October 7, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Via Free Conference Call.

Following a prayer and flag salute led by Mayor Wardlow and The Acting Municipal Clerk called the roll

Roll Call showed present:

Mary Ann Wardlow	Mayor
Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson
Robert Lee	Councilperson
Steve Pollard	Councilperson
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson
Eric Wilcox	Councilperson
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson

Also present were:

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor
Sean S. Smith, Sr.	Borough Engineer
Angelique Rankins	Business Administrator
Marsharee A. Wright	Acting Borough Clerk
Captain Plenty	Public Safety

Mayor Wardlow declared the meeting officially open and the Acting Borough Clerk read that the meeting had been properly publicized as to the time, date, and place, in accordance with P.L. 1985, Chapter 231.

REMARKS BY CITIZENS - Please state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each citizen may only speak once during each public portion.

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Open Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

- **Yvonne Savior** – 412 Quaker Court – wanted to know status of Rochester Property being repaired from fire damage, express that the WHP is a roadway from Ben Franklin Bridge to Atlantic City and that Lawnside houses one of the worst eyesores, the gas station at the intersection of Gloucester and the White Horse Pike. Mrs. Savior also inquired how information of a borough wide emergency plan would be communicated to residents in the event of hate crimes.
- **Ms. Thelma Tutt** – 110 Williams Ave. – expressed that there has been an ongoing issue since April at 105 Williams Avenue involving an illegal fence. She spoke to Dr. Williams, the zoning official and he said he did not want to take the owner to court but he did complete an inspection during the week of September 13th. Ms. Tutt wants to know why things takes too long to evaluate from April to now.

It was moved by Pollard and seconded by DeAbreu to **Close Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Council Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2020

It was moved by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Minutes**.

Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley stated the minutes should read that there were 14K meals distributed to the seniors not 4K, Clerk advised she would make the changes before the minutes are certified.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2020 **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Salaries and Other Compensation of the Officials and Employees of the Borough of Lawnside**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Introduce Ordinance No. 03-2020**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Mayor Wardlow asked permission to deviate from the agenda to add Ordinance No. 04-2020 An Ordinance Governing the Maintenance of Vacant properties in The Borough of Lawnside Amending Registration Requirements and Levying a Registration Fee upon Owners of Vacant Properties

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to add Ordinance No. 04-2020 to the agenda
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2020 An Ordinance Governing the Maintenance of Vacant properties in The Borough of Lawnside Amending Registration Requirements and Levying a Registration Fee upon Owners of Vacant Properties

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Introduce Ordinance No. 04-2020**
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

THE NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 69-2020 – Proclamation - In Memory of Brian Keith “Homer” Walden Sr.
2. Resolution No. 70-2020 – Proclamation – Honoring and Congratulating Elder Andrew E. Wilcox Sr.
3. Resolution No. 71-2020 – Approving Emergency Roof Repairs to DPW Garage
4. Resolution No. 72-2020 – Authorizing Appointment to Planning Board

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **accept items listed under the Consent Agenda and Payment of Bills**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley disconnected; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5 Ayes, 1 disconnection, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried. Motion declared carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: AUGUST 2020

BOROUGH CLERK	\$ 4,764.30	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 25,733.95	
DOG ACCOUNT	\$ 2,781.85	
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 988,200.92	
SEWER RENTALS	\$ 5,487.33	
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 10,575.29	
	\$ 6,195.85	- June 2020 <i>*pending reconciliation at last meeting</i>
	\$ 11,492.86	- July 2020 <i>*pending reconciliation at last meeting</i>
PRO CHAMPS	\$ 900.00	
	\$ 25,300.00	-YTD TOTAL

It was moved by DeAbreu and seconded by Pollard to **accept the Financial Reports.**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

REMARKS BY MAYOR: Thanked the Borough Staff and Ms. Rankins for continuously purchasing the items to sanitize the building and keep everyone safe with PPE. She thanked all the volunteers for their help the last 7 months with food deliveries and they are currently working on another nutritional program in conjunction with Meals on Wheels. Mayor announced there were eight (8) Covid19 cases in Lawnside and one (1) death. She advised Residents to continue to wash hands, wear masks, socially distance and stay safe. Mayor also stated if anyone has questions, please call the office and make an appointment with any departments.

REMARKS:

- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Thanked all volunteers who have helped with food deliveries as it was a team effort. If Senior Citizens who may have food a shortage or need utilities paid, LiHeap has begun and they can contact CCOEO by appointment at 856-964-6887, Broadway location or 856-910-1180, Pennsauken location and ask for Beverly Coleman, she is the community outreach person. Utilities will be shut off effective October 15th and residents should apply for assistance if needed. Councilwoman also thanked Councilman DeAbreu and Officer Hicks for the ordinance updates, if you have voting questions, you contact her. She also expressed her condolences to anyone who has loss a loved one due to Covid-19 and advised everyone to continue to socially distance and wear a mask.
- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – Lawnside Census rate is 67.4%, County Census rate is 69.2%, and the deadline has been extended until 10/31/2020. Census signs will be removed then. The Board of Health has obtained 3 Dog Sanitation Stations and they are working on placement of them within the town so that dog walkers can dispose their dog waste properly.
- **Councilman Pollard** – “Stay Vigilant” There have been night walkers so watch out as some lawn furniture has been stolen in town. He announced that The Lawnside Jaguars are working hard and suggested everyone to check the website for football game information.

At 7:27pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wright-McLeod to Adjourn the Meeting

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:27P.M.
BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE



MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK



MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR