

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2015

(Recording B15)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Dan Auman, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Solicitor Tom Harlan, Mayor Ray Shanaman

Absent: Jim Niethammer, Travis Randler

President Dennis Seldomridge called the meeting to order, at 7 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the June 2 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present voting yes.

Citizens Comments:

Michelle Voydik asked if she could have her Bingo cards back that are in a box in the shed at the playground. President Seldomridge stated he would have Dwight or John retrieve the box and see that she gets it. She also stated her granddaughter was bullied, at the playground. Maybelle Morgan spoke up and stated her grandson was bullied by the same person. Dennis Seldomridge stated he would speak to the Playground Director about the situation.

Representative Russ Diamond was welcomed by President Seldomridge and asked if he was attending the meeting for any reason in particular. Rep Diamond stated he has been visiting various municipal meetings throughout his district and wanted to let us know if we need him for anything he is always available to assist the municipalities in any way he can. Attorney Harlan asked him if he has any funds available for our water system's upcoming expenses.

Kerry Weaver questioned the use of A H Moyer when we have water leaks, rather than repairing them ourselves. It was explained to him that, because of the rules and regulations regarding flaggers, and the number of people involved in controlling traffic, as well as repairing the leak, it leaves us short of manpower. When the leaks are on side streets and are minor, we can repair them ourselves; however, when they are on a state road and a major leak, we have to call in A H Moyer for assistance.

Lorie Hartman asked when the high weeds will be sprayed on the curbs on Main Street. Dwight answered that he has been trying to reach the contractor to get an exact date in July when they will be done. Dwight reminded everyone, however, that the weeds will be sprayed from the street to the curb only. The other weeds on the sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility.

Communications:

1. President Seldomridge informed the council we received a \$200 check, from the Richland Legion, for playground supplies and the borough secretary, Perri Shanaman, wrote them a thank you note.
2. The Richland Area Churches sent a letter asking to use the Moehlmann Field on Saturday, August 15, for Community Outreach Day. The Richland Church of the Brethren further asked for the use of the field for Sunday, August 16, for their annual church picnic. Discussion followed. Dwight suggested, since we've had a wet summer, that we stipulate we don't want any vehicles driving on the field to avoid ruts and tearing up the field. Larry Hartman made a motion for both groups to be allowed to use the Moehlmann Field on Saturday August 15 and Sunday August 16 with the stipulation they are not to drive any vehicles onto the field; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.
3. President Seldomridge informed the group we received communications from PSAB regarding a resolution they want us to pass in support of Senate Bill #3 to approve medicinal marijuana. Solicitor Tom Harlan intervened and said he would like to do research on the request and get back to us next month with his recommendation. Therefore, the resolution request was tabled until next month.
4. We received correspondence regarding submitting any road project requests to the state for consideration. Attorney Harlan will review this request, also, and get back to us next month.
5. Amy, from GLRA, sent us an email notifying us of the State's Recycling Conference being held at the Best Western Conference Center, off of Union Deposit Road, in Harrisburg, Tuesday, July 28-Friday July 31.

Financial Report:

Dan Auman reviewed the invoices, submitted for payment, and found them all in order. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve and pay the invoices submitted for payment by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; John Mueller seconded the motion; the motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Dan Auman reported the Water Committee had a meeting that morning with John and Dwight, a DEP rep, CJ (the geologist) and Jeff Steckbeck. They went out to look at sites focusing on drilling well #7. They are continuing to move forward with this project and expect it to be a three year project.

Tom Harlan reported he spoke to Pennvest, a state organization, regarding obtaining grant money and/or a low interest loan for the project. Loans are available based on need and low income.

Highway Committee – Larry Hartman reported citizens are asking why Elm Street is scratch coated but not finished yet. Per Dwight, the finishing is to occur next week, weather permitting.

Property Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Road Supervisor's Report – Dwight Belleman reported EMA has contacted us about putting up a replacement cell tower on our property. However, they don't have particulars, at the moment, so the council decided to table it until they hear from the County Commissioners. Solicitor Tom Harlan advised the council not to give them the land rent free. Dan Auman made a motion to approve the written Road Supervisor's Report, submitted by Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

Zoning – nothing to report

Office Report –Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present council members voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report –After reviewing the report, the old gas station property on East Main Street was discussed. It is in bad shape and citizens are complaining and Jeff is to be notified about it. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arnold; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

MRJA Report –Dan Auman made a motion to approve the MRJA Report submitted by Jay Wenger; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

State Police Report – None received

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. President Seldomridge stated the trash bid is coming up and he needs a motion for the Borough Secretary to advertise the trash bid. Larry Hartman made a motion to advertise the trash bid; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.
2. A Recycling Informational Report was given verbally, as well as on a document, by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. The purpose of this report was to inform council of the benefits of recycling so they can be fully informed when making their decision on awarding the trash bid in the September meeting.

3. President Seldomridge stated the borough received a quote, for two additional security cameras to be installed by Choice Communications, to monitor the ball field and the playground areas. The quote is \$940. After discussion, Larry Hartman made a motion to have the two additional cameras installed; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.
4. Dwight and John worked up a rate schedule for their labor and the use of borough equipment. After discussion, it was decided to review the rates further, and revise if necessary, before passing the rate schedule. This item was tabled until next month.
5. Solicitor Tom Harlan stated the MRJA acted as a conduit for public projects in Lebanon and Lancaster County. The Fairmont Homes Nursing Facility, in Lancaster, is requesting more money. Attorney Harlan had a Certificate of Approval and a Resolution for Borough Council to approve the financing. There is no obligation or responsibility from Richland Borough or MRJA. It is a way for them to get financing at a great rate. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve **Resolution #272** to approve Fairmont Homes Nursing Facility to obtain financing, through MRJA, for a certain project for the benefit of Fairmont Homes; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes. John Mueller made a motion to approve the Borough President and Borough Secretary to sign the Certificate of Approval for the above mentioned project; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked if there are any more comments for the good of the borough. Since there were no comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary