

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

(Recording A 23)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Kelly Bricker, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Solicitor Tom Harlan

Absent: Jim Niethammer

President Seldomridge called the Richland Borough Council Meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the February 2017 minutes. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the February minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Michelle Voydik asked if the borough men were aware of the pot hole on Church Street. Dwight Belleman stated they're aware.

Communications:

1. Martin Paving sent the borough notice they will be **street sweeping April 3 and April 4.**
2. The borough **received \$45,887.27** from **Liquid Fuels** March 1
3. The **Richland Legion** sent the borough a check for **\$425** towards the purchase of the **Tool Shed for the ELCO Baseball Teams** to use. Perri is to send the Legion a thank you note.
4. A **Zoning Permit** was received for a **building** to be constructed at the old bank parking lot property, now owned by **Balton Construction.**
5. Eagle Disposal notified they received **4.37** Tons of Recycling, from the borough, the month of **February.**
6. **Richland Community Library** sent the borough a letter stating they are having their annual fund raiser "**Touch a Truck**" on **Saturday May 6**, at the Richland Carnival Grounds. Their goal is to raise \$7,500.

7. **Lebanon County Agriculture Department** sent the borough a notice they are having a **Tree and Plant Sale**, at the Lebanon County Expo Center, **June 23, 2017**, in honor of their 25th Anniversary of Preserving Farmland.
8. The borough received a **Year End Report** from the **Neptune Fire Company**.
9. The **PA DEP** issued a press release February 15 **Lebanon County** has gone from a **Drought Warning to a Drought Watch**.

Invoices:

President Seldomridge stated he had reviewed the invoices, prior to meeting, submitted for payment by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, and found them to be in order. Kelly Bricker made a motion to pay all the invoices submitted for payment; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Financial Report:

Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the Financial Report, submitted by Gift Associates; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – President Seldomridge stated, in Jim Niethammer’s absence, the water committee needs to schedule a meeting regarding the speed of the well drilling. He asked the borough employees to find out what date(s) would suit Jim and schedule the committee meeting.

Highway Committee – nothing to report

Property Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Reports:

Road Supervisor’s Report – Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the Road Supervisor’s Report, submitted by Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Office Report – President Seldomridge noted, from the report, our auditors were here February 27 for 3.5 hrs. They are normally here 2 mornings and take a large box of documents with them for further examination. However, this year, everything was in such good order, they were only here part of one morning. John Mueller made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report – Bob Rittle, Borough Code Enforcement Officer, mentioned the problem of unregistered vehicles, in the borough, and him not being able to determine ownership through the PA State Police. He asked if the Borough Constable could obtain ownership for him. Solicitor Tom Harlan stated he would have to read the ordinance to determine the answer. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Bob Rittle; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Police Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to accept the February State Police Report, submitted by the Jonestown Barracks of the PA State Police; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

MRJA Report – Was made available for review

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The **PA One Call System** sent us a proclamation they would like the Richland Borough to adopt designating the **month of April as Safe Digging Month**. Larry Hartman made a motion to proclaim April as Safe Digging Month; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. The borough received notification, from Steckbeck Engineering, **DCED** could not award the **Small Water Program Grants** in January, because they were overwhelmed with over 600 applications., They will be **awarding them at the March 23rd CFA Board Meeting**.
3. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to **pass amendments** to recently advertised ordinances - Amendment to **Ordinance 172A**, Amendment to **Ordinance #214**, Amendment to **Ordinance #236**, Amendment to **Ordinance #275**, Amendment to **Ordinance #286**, Amendment to **Ordinance #289**, and Amendment to **Ordinance #353**, to change the amount of fines incurred, per **Resolution #285**, passed **February 7, 2017**. Larry Hartman made the motion to pass amendments to the aforementioned ordinances; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Richland Legion needs Diamond Tec for their baseball field. They asked if they could share a load with the borough, as in past years. They proposed to pay for the full load if the borough men could go pick it up. Larry Hartman made a motion to pick up a load of Diamond Tec, to be shared with the Legion, and the Legion would pay for the load; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. The **playground** experienced **vandalism** to two of their large slides. The damage amounts to over **\$10,048 for equipment and installation**. After discussion, Kelly

Bricker made a motion to move forward with filing a claim with the insurance company and paying the **\$1,000 deductible** towards the equipment replacement; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. Larry Hartman further stated he feels we need to look into a better camera system or putting cameras closer to the playground to enable us to see the culprits at the playground area. The borough employees will look into several solutions.

3. Travis Randler the back windows of the borough building are in need of replacement. They are the original metal windows and allow a lot of cold air to come into the building. After discussion, Travis Randler made a motion to get **quotes to replace the three windows in the back of the borough building**; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked two citizens, who had arrived late to the meeting, if they had something they wanted brought to the attention of the borough council. They stated they live at **214 E Main Street** where a **“stop ahead” sign has been broken off** since last October. They stated they felt it was a hazard to the public and dangerous to anyone walking by. John Johnson stated the borough had called PennDOT last September and reported it broken off. He further stated he would call PennDOT again first thing in the morning. The citizens asked if a cone could be placed over it and the borough employees stated, if they do that, then the Borough is taking responsibility for the liability, rather than PennDOT. The borough employees, again, stated they would be sure and call PennDOT first thing in the morning.

President Seldomridge asked if there were any comments for the good of the borough.

Since there were no comments, Larry Hartman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary