

Richland Borough Council

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014 – 7:00 PM

Present: Chris Strause, Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Gary Moyer, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Solicitor Tom Harlan.

President Chris Strause called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

He then asked for a motion to accept the April 1 Council Meeting Minutes. Gary Moyer made the motion to accept the minutes; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Citizens Comments:

Michelle Voydik asked if the council is going to drop the court case against her uncle, Bruce Steiner. She was told she would receive an answer after the council went into an Executive Session.

Carol Behney asked what the Curbside Recycling Opinion Results were. President Strause then read the tabulation report, prepared by the Borough Secretary, stating we received a total of 228 responses; 154 citizens are for the recycling; 73 were against. One opinion was for recycling only if we recycled everything. President Strause said the next contract is up for rebid at the end of 2015. Discussion followed. One citizen expressed his concern because recycling is not a simple matter but requires detailed information before the citizens begin recycling. Larry Hartman made a motion for Tom Harlan to do some inquiries about adding the recycling, on to the present contract, versus waiting until we put bids out on a new contract and adding recycling on as part of the new contract; Gary Moyer seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Patty Pasquale passed out an agreement with information on the Lebanon Family Health Services Program – Young Lungs at Play. The program places emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free Park policy through voluntary compliance. If the Borough Council agrees to and signs this agreement, they would enforce a tobacco-free policy on all Borough owned park land and facilities.

Nancy Wenger inquired about the progression of the Borough installing a handicap ramp at the door of the meeting room. Discussion followed.

Dan Auman expressed his concern on having a Central Recycling Bin, versus Curbside Recycling. He stated the bin would have to be under lock and key due to vandalism and unattended issues with citizens dropping off items other than recycling items.

Bevan Allen thanked Dwight for the placement of the new shed for the Richland Playground.

Jay Wenger gave a detailed report on the MRJSA, which included the new addition/upgrade of their present office building. He also announced he has been on the MRJSA board since September of 1984 and, at the end of his term, he will not be re-running for his position.

Communications:

Received a letter from Rev. Johnnie Lenge regarding the recycling opinion sheet we mailed out with the water/sewer bills.

Received notice from the company doing our Industrial Appraisal stating they will schedule our appraisal sometime in the second half of the month of May.

Received a letter from JoEllen Litz regarding the April 30 County Commissioner's Meeting on Central Booking for Lebanon County.

Received notification from Comcast on new changes they have made to their cable selections.

Received notification from Jackson Township Secretary, Mindy Fidler, that Gail Shiner is interested in filling the alternate position to the TCC.

Financials:

President Strause asked for a motion to approve the invoices submitted for payment. Dennis Seldomridge made the motion to approve the invoices; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Highway Report – None

Property Report – None

Financial Report – None, other than the 2013 Audit Report

Safety Report – Dennis Seldomridge reported he contacted the PA State Police regarding the citizens' concerns, expressed at last month's meeting, regarding the parking of vehicles in the yellow curb marked areas. The state police told him, if someone is repeatedly parking in the yellow area, to contact the state police and they will come down and handle the situation.

Gary Moyer asked if a sign could be placed on Oak Street near his home – "Caution -Children at Play". Dwight reported we don't have any spare signs, presently, and they are very expensive to purchase.

Office Report – Jim Niethammer made a motion to accept the Office Report; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Solicitor Report – stated we have several ongoing court cases that he will discuss in Executive Session.

Engineer’s Report - Jeff Steckbeck informed the Borough Council that the Weaver Company development has been approved by the County. The final plan will be filed and recorded soon. The developers have started on the off-site water. All items discussed and addressed will be wrapped up in the Developer’s Agreement. The Loop Connection has been accomplished at a cost of \$180,000. The Water Committee requested a mixer in the base of the standpipe at a cost of \$35,490 and cleaning of the tank at a cost of \$4500. They further requested, adding on to the plan, running a pipeline along Millbach Road to connect to Poplar Street at a cost of \$82,200. Mr. Steckbeck stated he needs approval, from Borough Council, for a Bond estimated at \$450,000.

Code Enforcement Report – document submitted

MRJSA Report – document submitted

The Borough Council then went into an Executive Meeting to discuss some pending legal issues.

When the Borough Council came out of Executive Meeting, Dennis Seldomridge made a motion for the Developer to install a Mixer and for the Borough Council to sign the Developer Agreement; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Strause informed Michelle Voydik, niece of Bruce Steiner, she would have to call the solicitor’s office the following day to find out the results of her question regarding the cancellation of her uncle’s court hearing.

Larry Hartman made a motion for us to counteroffer C R England to pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total fire hydrant invoice, which would be a payment, from them, of \$1950.00; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Gary Moyer made a motion to accept Resolution #264 accepting the Lebanon County Hazard Litigation Plan; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Dennis Seldomridge made a motion to accept Gail Shiner as the TCC alternate; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Bids were then opened for the purchase of the International Dump Truck and the paving of Walnut Street.

Paving of Walnut Street Bids:

- Reading Materials Inc. - Bid \$112,290.00
- Highway Material Inc. - Bid \$ 96,188.12
- Pennsy Supply - Bid \$ 88,791.24

Gary Moyer made a motion to award the bid to Pennsy Supply contingent on the review and approval of the bid by Tom Harlan, our solicitor; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Dump Truck Bids:

Dale Althouse	- Bid \$6,500.00
Golden Years Unlimited	- Bid \$7,051.51
Justin Yeiser	- Bid \$2,105.00
Mike Veneziano	- Bid \$3,603.00
Reber Auto	- Bid 14,140.14

Larry Hartman made a motion that we award Reber Auto the bid for the Dump Truck at \$14,140.14; Gary Moyer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

We received a quote, from two companies, for an All In One Scanner, Copier, Printer, Fax needed for the office. Canon Solutions and Colony Business Systems submitted several quotes for several Samsung and Canon models. After discussion Jim Niethammer made a motion to purchase the Samsung Model #SCX 5935FN for \$950.00 along with a service contract for approximately \$90.00 per year; Dennis Seldomridge seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Gary Moyer made a motion to accept the 2013 Audit Report submitted by Garcia, Garmen and Shea; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Gary Moyer made a motion to participate in the Young Lungs at Play enforcing a smoke free environment on all borough owned parks and facilities; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Dwight Belleman notified council the street sweeping will be Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13. If Martin Paving can't complete the sweeping in those two days, the sweeping would be extended to Wednesday, May 14.

Jim Niethammer made a motion to adjourn; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by,

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary

