

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2015

(Recording B12)

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

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

President Seldomridgeasked for a motion to approve the April 7 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes; DanAuman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present voting yes.

Citizens Comments:

Michelle Voydik asked what the cost is to sweep the streets. No one knew the exact amount, without looking it up, but Dwight Belleman stated it's about \$100 per hour.

Bevan Allen stated the Richland Heritage Society Activities Committee is in need of the A frame signs, presently residing in the shed, to advertise their activities. She was told to contact Dwight or John, at the borough, and they would see she gets the signs.

Communications:

President Seldomridge stated we received a letter, from Randy Maurer,giving us an update on the Del Star code violations.Del Star is cooperating and performing all required and mandated changes to the property. It is a work in progress.

The Borough received a report, from Mayor Shanaman, stating he performed a wedding April 18 and he will be performing another one in June.

Financial Report:

Jim Niethammer 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; Travis Randler seconded the motion; the motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report, submitted by Gift Associates. Jim Niethammer made the motion to approve the Financial Report; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Dan Auman stated they need to schedule a meeting of the Water Committee. Dwight Belleman reported the borough replaced one Pressure Reducing Valve and they need to replace another one.

Highway Committee – Larry Hartman reported they received three quotes for pot hole repair and he will let Dwight Belleman report on the results in his Road Supervisor's Report.

Property Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Playground Committee – the committee will be meeting with Playground Director, Erin Brown, in the near future, regarding the supplies she needs to open for the summer; as well as other playground topics for this summer.

Road Supervisor's Report – Dwight Belleman reported they received three quotes for Pot Hole Repair from Hackman, A H Moyer and Martin Paving. They awarded the job to Martin Paving.

Dwight also reported they are badly in need of a small trailer, which is already in the budget for this year, to haul the mowers to the reservoir. He has been using his personal one or borrowing one from the MRJA. He checked prices and it would be \$1540 for a 6X10 trailer. Larry Hartman made a motion to purchase a 6X10 trailer for \$1540; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge discussed the very dusty street sweeping issue that day. Because of the excess cinders from the winter, along with the large amount of pollen, the amount of water normally put down in the street sweeping process was not enough and created quite a dust issue. Residents were calling the borough office and complaining. After meeting with Road Supervisor, Dwight Belleman, they decided to contact Fire Chief Matt Marks to inquire if the fire company would be willing to drive ahead of the street sweeper and wet the roadway. Matt agreed to do this and spent an entire day wetting the streets ahead of the street sweeper. President Seldomridge asked the council how they felt about paying Matt Marks the same as we pay our seasonal employees, for driving the fire engine and solving our dust issue. Larry Hartman made a motion to pay Matt Marks the same rate as our seasonal part time employees for driving the fire engine and spreading water on the streets ahead of the street sweeper; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

Dwight reported they will be flushing the fire hydrants, in the near future. The dates will be posted on the sign in front of the Fire Hall. He also reported the bid was advertised and went out for the tar and chipping of Elm St and Sonnen Road. The bids will be opened and awarded at the June 2 Council Meeting.

We received a Weed Control Quote, from **Green Acres**, for the treatment of crab grass, grub and weed control.

Spring - \$350

Grub - \$500

Playground - \$120/treatment, as needed

Curb weed control - \$80/hr

Dan Auman made a motion to approve Green Acres to treat our properties for crab grass, grub and weed control per their quote; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

Zoning – President Seldomridge stated the Allens were given a building permit for a shed for tools; also the Zoning Hearing Board approved Musser Management’s purchase of the two Ocello Warehouses for their manufacturing purposes

Office Report –Jim Niethhammer made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report –Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arnold; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

MRJSA Report –Dan Auman made a motion to approve the MRJA Report; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

State Police Report – There were 13 total incidents, for the month of May, in Richland. Jim Niethammer made a motion to approved the State Police Report, submitted by Commander Mark Tice; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

There was an issue with paychecks being delivered, again, this week. Finance Chairman, Jim Niethammer will call Gift Associates, as well as PaySmart to determine what the problem is. This is the third time this year we had an issue with delivery.

Dan Auman stated he noticed some of our residents are putting out appliances and electronics for refuse pickup. He feels, since we have so many new residents in town, we need to inform them exactly what our refuse hauler will and will not take during a weekly pickup. Discussion followed. It was determined Perri Shanaman would have a Refuse Tab created on the Borough

Website, for now, to inform the residents what the refuse hauler will take. We may have to include an informational flyer, or letter, when we send out the refuse invoices in the fall.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary