

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2016

(Recording A 09)

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

Absent: Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Travis Randler

President Pro-Tem Larry Hartman called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hartman asked for a motion to approve the April 5, 2016 Borough Council Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. John Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Tania Ortiz expressed her discontent and concern over racist remarks made on Facebook by one of our Borough Council Members. Two Board Members apologized for the remark. Discussion followed. Solicitor Tom Harlan stated there would be an investigation into the matter.

Jay Wenger, of MRJA, presented the 2015 CPA Audit of the MRJA for the Borough's records.

Dan Culhane, who has been a member of the GRLA for many years, stated he will continue to represent the Richland Borough until someone else wants to step up and replace him. Discussion followed. He stated he feels that he is only partially representing the borough.

Communications:

Mr. Hartman informed council of the following communications:

1. The borough received a Building Permit for Mike and Vicky Belleman on E. Linden Street
2. The borough received a report, from Eagle Disposal, stating **5.02 Tons of Recycling** were collected, in the Richland Borough, in **March**.
3. The Fire Police submitted a report with names of all their members to be filed in the Richland Borough Office.

Invoices:

Mr. Hartman announced Dan Auman had reviewed the invoices presented for payment and found them all to be in order. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve all the invoices submitted for payment; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Financial Report:

Mr. Hartman asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report, submitted by Gift Associates. John Mueller made a motion to accept the report; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – nothing to report

Highway Committee – nothing to report

Property Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – nothing to report

Road Supervisor's Report –John Mueller stated someone had removed two of the markers and tape that marked the sinkhole on Poplar Street. He expressed a safety concern with someone walking, falling into the hole, and breaking a leg. Discussion followed. Because of it being a safety hazard to citizens of the borough, Solicitor Tom Harlan said it was OK for the borough employees to fill it and mark it. He also suggested calling Randy Mauer to contact the home owner of the property to properly take care of the sink hole. Dan Auman questioned the two issues, with Eagle Disposal, which were on the report. John Johnson gave an explanation. Dan Auman made a motion to accept the Road Supervisor's Report, submitted by Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

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

Police Report – No report was submitted

MRJA Report – Mr. Hartman announced the April MRJA Reports were available for review.

Zoning – nothing to report

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

1. Dwight Belleman announced the fire hydrants would be flushed May 16, 17 & 18 - 6 AM-2 PM. Notices will go out, per Dwight.

Mr. Hartman asked if there are any comments for the good of the borough.

Jay Wenger stated the MRJA bought a Hot Box the borough is free to use. It can be used to clean out cracks and fill with tar. Discussion followed. Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman stated Richland Borough usually uses Martin Paving to do crack repair.

Tania Ortiz further discussed the racial comment made by one of the council members. Attorney Tom Harlan informed her there would be an investigation.

Because there were no further comments, Dan Auman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary