

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2015

(Recording B11)

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

Absent: Jim Niethammer

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 March 3 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. John Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present voting yes.

Citizens Comments:

Bevan and Brendan Allen's son had his mother read a note to the Borough Council that he had written.

Charles Haddad stated the Musser family has now reviewed their water needs and, because they will be recycling their water through a closed loop filtration system, they will not have need of the 1500 gallons of water per day they originally asked for. The only water they will need for their operations will be for sanitary purposes. Mr. Musser distributed a brochure explaining the closed loop system. They feel they will only need 1 edu and will not be discharging any water into the sewer system, other than for sanitary purposes. The Mussers attended the MRJA meeting the night before and explained their water recycling process. The Zoning Board Hearing for this operation is being held Tuesday evening, April 28 at 7:30 PM, at the Borough Hall.

Kerry Weaver inquired about the dog feces problem he is experiencing from his neighbor next door. Kerry is now getting bugs in his home due to the excess feces. Jeff Arnold stated he is diligently working on the issue, with the tenant next door, and plans on contacting the owner of the property also. Kerry stated the Humane Society is now involved and he plans on contacting the Board of Health.

Jay Wenger submitted the 2014 Audit for the MRJA. He stated the Sewer Authority is in good shape but reminded the public that treatment plants need upgraded every 20 years so the Authority will be facing that expense in the future.

As a taxpayer, Jay stated he is very upset with the appearance of the town and the lack of pride the residents have with their properties and sidewalks compared to when he moved into town in November of 1978. His suggestion was to have the Borough employees have back pack style

leaf blowers and clean up the sidewalks, across the entire town, since the residents are not doing so.

Communications:

The Legion applied for a Building Permit to put in an entrance ramp.

A Zoning Board Hearing Meeting will be held at the Borough Hall Tuesday, April 28, regarding the Musser Family purchasing Charles Haddad's two warehouses.

The First Aid and Safety Patrol is having a 77th Anniversary Celebration if anyone is interested in attending.

Del Star wants to have a meeting, the week of April 27th with the Borough and Randy Mauer. President Seldomridge stated he feels the Neptune Fire Co may wish to attend also, since they brought the issues of that property to our attention.

Financial Report:

Dan Auman reviewed the invoices, submitted for payment, and finds them all in order. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve and pay the invoices submitted for payment; 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. Dan Auman made the motion to approve the Financial Report; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Dan Auman stated there is no report but they are looking at the need to drill a new well and better water flow solutions.

Highway Committee – Larry Hartman reported he was out with Dwight to check out the Borough streets for pot holes and a few intersections that are bad. They are getting quotes to have someone come in to do the repairs. It's not something we can do ourselves because it involves milling and will take several days to complete the work. He also stated we need to get bids on tar and chipping Elm Street and part of Sonnen Road because both are getting bad and we don't have the money to redo both roads, at this time, but we could tar and chip them and get a few more years out of them.

Property Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Road Supervisor's Report –Dwight Belleman reported they are getting prices to repair the pot holes and intersections from reputable companies. Since the project is under \$20,000, he is getting 3 quotes. He has received one quote, to date, and will be meeting with two other companies to obtain their quotes. He needs permission to proceed, with the project, once the

quotes are in. Dwight also stated the tar and chipping of Elm Street and Sonnen Road should be put out on bids. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve awarding the repair of the pot holes and bad intersections to the lowest responsible bidder; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Dan Auman made a motion to get separate bids on Elm Street and Sonnen Road for tar and chipping; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Report; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Office Report –Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all 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 present voting yes.

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

State Police Report – No Report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

President Seldomridge announced the need to form a Playground Committee, since the Rec Board is temporarily suspended due to lack of participants. He is recommending himself, Dan Auman and John Mueller since the three of them are in town most of the day and readily available if anyone needs them regarding playground issues. Larry Hartman made a motion to have Dennis Seldomridge, Dan Auman and John Mueller serve on the Playground Committee; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Erin Brown applied for the Playground Director this summer. Her rate of pay was \$9.00 per hour last summer. After discussion it was agreed we should give her \$.25/hr raise for this summer. John Mueller made a motion to hire Erin Brown as the Playground Director at a rate of pay of \$9.25/hr; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Kaitlyn Johnson applied for the assistant position at the playground. After discussion it was decided to pay her \$8.25 an hour. John Mueller made a motion to hire Kaitlyn Johnson as the assistant to the Playground Director at a rate of \$8.25/hour; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

The council discussed the weeks playground would be open. After discussion they decided to have the playground open June 22-July 31 with the thought, if attendance is high enough, they would re-visit the issue and possibly extend the duration another week. Dan Auman made a motion to have the playground open June 22-July 31; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge announced the former Recreation Board handed in all their records and bank statements and they have a balance of \$1136.81 in their account. He felt the Borough should turn the money back to the former Rec Board, who now operates as the Richland Historical Society Activities Committee. Bevan Allen, former President of the Rec Board, stated they left the money in there because they had been given a donation by the Richland Legion for the playground and they felt the Playground Director would be in need of the money for operational purposes this summer. After discussion, Dan Auman made a motion to table the disbursement of the money until after they meet with Erin Brown to determine the financial needs of the playground this summer; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Tom Harlan presented the council with **Resolution #271** to allocate Lebanon County Liquid Fuels funds to go towards the repair or construction of streets in the borough. Larry Hartman made a motion to pass **Resolution #271** allocating Lebanon County Liquid Fuels funds for repair or construction of the streets within the borough; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

The Richland Borough Council went into Executive Session at 8:03 PM to discuss litigation. No notes were taken during this time.

The Richland Borough Council came out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM announcing they were in Executive Session to discuss litigation.

President Seldomridge asked if there were any comments for the good of the Borough. Brendan Allen announced we have a street light out near the borough building.

Dan Auman 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