

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2017

(Recording A 01)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Kelly Bricker, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman

Absent: Solicitor Tom Harlan

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 **March 2017** minutes. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the March 2017 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Brendan Allen complimented the snow plowing crew and also the street sweeping personnel.

Michelle Voydik asked who owns the lot beside Marian Shanaman. She was informed Hart Beaver owns the lot. She stated the snow needs to be removed from it, because of the blind pedestrian on their street. Mr. Beaver will be informed he needs to remove the snow and ice from that area.

Michelle Voydik also stated her mother, Joan Steiner, was to attend the meeting, but couldn't. She wanted to report her mother's water pressure is very bad all the time. Discussion followed. Dwight Belleman stated he would be happy to go inside her home, if she allows him, to check out what the problem may be, because there is no leak in that area. He stated he feels her pressure is low when the tank fills, and also it is determined by the size of the line, which comes into the home, from the street. Michelle further stated a former council member, Chris Strause, knows what the problem is.

Communications:

1. President Seldomridge stated the **Humane Society** sent us a report a **stray dog** was taken to them, from **S Race St.**
2. PPL sent us notification they will be installing **new meters in Richland** between **2017 and 2019**. They will also be installing **new routers**, which **will appear on poles**

throughout the town.

3. The following **Building Permits** were approved in town:

A new shed at **208 S Race Street**

A demolition of the farmhouse at **402 Millbach Road**

A shed for **5 Pine Street**

A new structure, via variance, at **7 Church Street**

Invoices:

President Seldomridge stated Finance Chairman Jim Niethammer had reviewed the invoices and found them to be in order, which were submitted for payment by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made a motion to pay all the invoices submitted for payment; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Financial Report:

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Jim Niethammer gave Dwight and John dates and times he would be available for a Water Committee Meeting.

Highway Committee – Chairman Larry Hartman stated he wants to get together with Dwight and John to oversee some items.

Property Committee – Dwight Belleman reported the appraiser is coming the following morning, to access the hail damage done to the borough owned buildings within the borough. Seven buildings were hit, as well as the water meter heads.

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Reports:

Road Supervisor's Report – Jim Niethammer 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 voting yes.

Office Report – Jim Niethammer 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 voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report –Robert Rittle reported **213 E Main Street** has cleaned up their yard except for the truck bed, which now has a “For Sale” sign on it. He asked for some direction from council. After discussion, Kelly Bricker made a motion for the Code Enforcement Officer to send the owners a letter giving them 10 days to remove the truck bed or fines would be imposed; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Bob Rittle; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Police Report – No report was submitted

MRJA Report – Was made available for review

OLD BUSINESS:

President Seldomridge informed council notification was received, from the Commonwealth of PA, Richland did not receive the grant for the well or the mixer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge reported **David Spohn’s property**, at **210 E Main Street** is going up for **Sheriff’s Sale**. He asked for a motion to attach the **Richland Borough Water bill** and the **2017 Refuse Invoice**, plus fees and penalties, to the Sheriff’s Sale. Larry Hartman made the motion; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. The borough secretary will inform the solicitor of the motion.
2. President Seldomridge informed the council because of the many Right to Know requests for copies of all, or several, borough ordinances, our solicitor’s office suggested we put the ordinances on our website. He further stated this would eliminate many hours of borough secretary preparation for each request. Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, obtained a quote, from JDM, of **\$.10 per page**, and **\$25.00 per hour**, to scan all the ordinances onto a flash drive. The flash drive would then be sent to our web designer, who would place the ordinances on our website. **Total estimate** would be around **\$400**. Kelly Bricker made the motion to have our ordinances scanned and put on our website, to save borough time and money on future RTK requests; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. President Seldomridge stated this project wouldn’t be completed overnight, but would be started as soon as possible.
3. **Direct Energy** sent the borough a **renewal** notice of their contract. They are offering to lower our kwh rate to **\$.0699/kwh**, for one year, with no cancellation fee. Jim Niethammer made a motion to renew the contract with Direct Energy, at a rate of \$.0699, with no cancellation fee; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.
4. John Johnson reported he had just spoken to former council member, Chris Strause,

regarding the low water pressure at the home of Joan Steiner. Chris stated he didn't know the schedule of the tank filling. John Johnson stated it takes 6 hours to fill the tank and the pressure on this side of the railroad track goes down when the tank is filling, but as it fills, the pressure comes up.

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

Since there were no comments, Jim Niethammer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary