

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2016

(Recording A 14)

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

Absent: Dan Auman, Travis Randler

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

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the July 5, 2016 Borough Council Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

There were no citizen's comments.

Communications:

President Seldomridge informed council of the following communications:

1. The borough received an Emergency Resolution, from the Lebanon County Commissioners, imposing a temporary County-Wide Burn Ban On Open Fires, effective July 27, 2016, due to severe dry conditions.
2. Eagle Disposal sent the borough notification they collected **6.35 Tons of Recycling** for the month of June.
3. The Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority sent the borough an invitation to their Annual Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Hayrides at the Landfill September 6 at 6 PM.

Invoices:

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

Financial Report:

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Reported a Water Committee Meeting will take place Friday August 19, in the Borough Office, at 8:30AM, with Jeff Steckbeck. They also reported the Mixer Permit was submitted that day.

Highway Committee – nothing to report

Property Committee – Reported there are two locust trees, along the edge of Moehlmann Field, that are in bad shape. They are full of bugs, per Dwight Belleman, and very out of shape due to the way PPL trimmed them some years back. He suggested getting a price to cut those two down and another price to prune the other three trees, along the property, that need pruning. After discussion, borough council gave him permission to get quotes on both jobs. Dwight also pointed out the Moehlmann Memorial is in need of repair. It is deteriorating and Dwight and John removed the overgrown shrubbery, surrounding it, that day. Dwight stated he feels we should contact the Moehlmann family to decide how to move forward with the repair of the memorial. Discussion followed and it was decided to contact the family.

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – nothing to report

Reports:

Road Supervisor's Report – The water level of the reservoir was discussed. Presently the water level is fine, but Dwight feels we need to re-address the level in September. Jim Niethammer 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 – Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report – Jim Niethammer 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 present voting yes.

Police Report – Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the July State Police Report, submitted by Sgt. Mark Tice of the Jonestown Barracks; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

MRJA Report – President Seldomridge stated the MRJA Reports, for June and July, were available for review.

Zoning – nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge informed the council members PPL was in town that day started the LED Street Light Replacement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to pass **Resolution #279** authorizing the President or Secretary of the Richland Borough to apply to PA Department of Transportation for receipt of Richland Borough Annual Liquid Fuels Allocation. Jim Niethammer made the motion to authorize applying for the PA DOT Liquid Fuels Allocation; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. A motion was asked for, by President Seldomridge, to move forward and apply for a waiver or obtain a permit for the **PA DEP NPDES Stormwater Permit** regarding stormwater discharges from small municipal systems. Discussion followed. Dwight stated it is a 5 year program and will cost the borough \$20,000 just to do the study. Jim Niethammer made a motion to move forward with applying for the waiver or permit for PA DEP NPDES Stormwater Permit; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
3. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve **Ordinance #382** authorizing Richland Borough to guarantee 30% of the MRJA refinancing of their bond. Millcreek Township will provide 70% of the guarantee. Jim Niethammer made the motion to approve Ordinance #382; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
4. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to move forward with the **development of Well #7**, which would include putting the well on line and the bidding process. Larry Hartman made a motion to move forward with the development of Well #7; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. Dwight Belleman reported the loggers are now logging out on the

top. He and John will be posting the property, per the council's request, when it gets cooler.

President Seldomridge announced the borough council would be going into Executive Session at 7:35 PM to discuss the Employee Handbook. No notes were taken.

Borough Council came out of Executive Session at 8:20 with President Seldomridge announcing they discussed the Employee Handbook.

President Seldomridge stated he wants the Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, to get started on the Budget and will have preliminary paperwork for the next meeting.

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; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary