

# **Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 6, 2015**

**(Recording B07)**

**Present:** Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Matt Johnson, John Mueller, Larry Hartman, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Attorney Roberta Gantea (representing Solicitor Tom Harlan)

**Absent:** Dan Auman, Tom Harlan

Dennis Seldomridge called the meeting to order, at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve last month's minutes; Larry Hartman seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members voting yes.

## **Election of Officers:**

Dennis Seldomridge asked for a motion for President of Borough Council. Larry Hartman nominated Dennis Seldomridge for President; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked for a nomination for Vice President of Borough Council. Larry Hartman made a motion to nominate Jim Niethammer for Vice President of Borough Council; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to keep the committees the same as 2014, since the present members on the present committees are working out well. Travis Randler made a motion to keep the members of the committees the same as 2014; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

**Citizens Comments:** There were no citizen's comments

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the invoices he had reviewed, submitted for payment by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve and pay the invoices; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

**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** – Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the Road Supervisor's Report, submitted by Road Supervisor, Dwight Belleman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

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

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

**MRJSA Report** – Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the MRJSA Report; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

**State Police Report** – Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the State Police Report, submitted by Commander Mike Tice; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

### **Old Business:**

1. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve **Ordinance #376** regulating the Richland Borough Taxes, for the year 2015, at **1.89 mills**; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.
2. Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve **Ordinance #377** to move the **Police Pension Fund to PMRS**; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.
3. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve **Ordinance #378** to move the **Non Uniform Pension Fund to PMRS**; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.
4. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the Snow Plow List submitted by Road Supervisor, Dwight Belleman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

### **New Business:**

1. President Seldomridge announced, since there were no signups for the Rec Board, he would like a motion to “suspend” the Rec Board until further notice. He further announced the Richland Borough Council would take over the responsibilities of the Summer Playground Program, including the hiring. Larry Hartman made a motion to “suspend” the Rec Board until further notice; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge further announced the shed, which was donated to the Richland Rec Board and presently sits on Borough property, will remain the property of the Borough. Beverly Allen, past President of the Richland Rec Board, stated at the last meeting of the Richland Rec Board they donated the shed to the Richland Heritage Society. The former Rec Board joined the Richland Heritage Society. President Seldomridge stated he had contacted the president of the Myerstown Rotary who, along with Bud Mitstifer, had donated the shed to the Richland Rec Board. Ms. Allen stated she had contacted the rotary also and was given permission to donate the shed to the Richland Heritage Society. Discussion followed regarding the ownership of the shed as well as the use of borough owned portable crosswalk signs being placed, without the borough's permission, in random non crosswalk locations by the former Richland Rec Board. John Johnson read documentation he received from the State of PA regarding the ownership and permitted placement of the portable crosswalk signs.

After further discussion regarding the lack of anyone signing up for the Richland Rec Board, Jim Niethammer made a motion to extend the right to sign up for the Richland Rec Board until March 1<sup>st</sup>; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Should we get enough signups, we would then remove the suspension of the Richland Rec Board.

2. President Seldomridge stated our Street Lighting Contract has ended. John Johnson is looking into LED lighting for our street lights.
3. President Seldomridge announced the Christmas Tree Pickup, by Lebanon Farms Disposal, will be Tuesday January 13. He asked Doug Stump if he could please place that announcement in the Lebanon Daily News when he writes the article about tonight's meeting.

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

Jim Niethammer made a motion to adjourn; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary