

June 4, 2013

Regular meeting of the Richland Borough Council was conducted on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at the Richland Borough Hall, 5 Pine St., Richland, Pa. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Owen Landes. Members present were Chris Strause, Dennis Seldomridge, James Niethammer, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, and Michelle Voydik. Also present were Solicitor Thomas Harlan and Road Sup. Dwight Belleman.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Hartman to accept the treasurer's report for May, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded Mr. Mueller to accept the road department report for May, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Church of the Brethren asked for permission to use Moehlmann Park to hold their summer picnic on August 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Hartman to approve request providing the borough is furnished proof of the church liability insurance coverage. Motion passed unanimously.

A citizen brought up the subject of speeding on North Race St. He was told to contact the Pa. state police.

A citizen asked if the borough could install a recycling program. Mr. Landes will form a committee to gather information on this subject and report to council. He asked the individual to return to the August meeting for an answer to her question.

Amy Davis from Richland Community Library reported on their planned summer programs and other activities at the library.

#### COMMITTEES

Water, Highway, Property, Finance, Public Safety - Nothing to report.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Richland Community Library letter asking council to keep in place their \$7500 donation which the borough had agreed to pay toward repairing the library roof. This money would be used for other projects needed at the library. Motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to donate the \$7500 to the library. Motion passed unanimously.

Letters from two legal firms regarding the concerns expressed by Sydney Nolt about the possibility of damage to his property from water running from the Richland View development. Solicitor explained to council the reasons these letters were prepared.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Belleman reported 40 properties have not installed back flow valves and will be facing a \$50 penalty on their next water bill, he also reported the borough has one more year remaining on their contract with PP&L for street lighting, and that Jeff Steckbeck has been in touch with him regarding the North Race St. curb and sidewalk issue.

Mr. Belleman was instructed that no water will be furnished to the swimming pool until the borough receives proof of insurance and information on the status of the lift for handicapped individuals.

Ms. Voydik reported she has a list of the pool stockholders which she will bring to council.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Hartman to reduce by \$200 the bill received for street sweeping due to extra costs incurred by the borough when the work was not done in a satisfactory manner. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor was instructed to prepare an amendment to Ordinance #220 to allow the appointment of two alternates to the zoning board rather than one as the present ordinance states.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Belleman reported Jeff Steckbeck informed him that there may be grants available to the borough to offset some of the costs to property owners on North Race St. who may need to make repairs to their curb or sidewalks. If the borough would advertise for a single contractor to do the North Race St. work, the prevailing wage rate would need to be paid. The borough should compare costs before deciding on the way they want to proceed with this idea. Mr. Landes suggested the Highway Committee meet with Jeff Steckbeck to discuss this project and that Thomas Harlan and Jeff Steckbeck meet to discuss this matter.

Mr. Belleman said there is a borough building which should be demolished prior to doing a borough walk around with Douglas Stump, the ordinance enforcement officer.

Mr. Landes reported meeting with Randy Maurer, the code enforcement officer, and Douglas Stump, the ordinance enforcement officer, on how complaints will be handled. Mr. Stump will be authorized to purchase a cell phone to be used for borough business. Mr. Maurer will supply complaint forms to Mr. Stump which will be used in his job with the borough.

Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary

