

May 7, 2013

Regular meeting of the Richland Borough Council was conducted on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Dennis Seldomridge, James Niethammer, John Mueller, Michelle Voydik, Chris Strause and Larry Hartman. Also present were Road Sup. Dwight Belleman, Asst. Road Sup. John Johnson and Solicitor Thomas Harlan.

Motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded Mr. Niethammer to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to accept the minutes of the special meeting of April 22, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Voydik, seconded Mr. Strause to accept the April 2013 treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Randy Maurer of Associated Building Inspections, Inc. spoke to council of the methods his company would use to do property code enforcement duties including providing Mr. Belleman with generic forms to be used for ordinance violations in the borough. His enforcement duties would be complaint driven and his company would not be inspecting all properties in the borough on a random basis.

A discussion of keeping chickens in a residential area followed. Citizens expressed pros and cons on the idea. Solicitor Thomas Harlan ended the discussion by informing council and the citizens that all problems of this nature must be handled by Lebanon County Planning Department who will hand down their decision on these matters. Anyone not agreeing with this decision, including council, has the right to challenge this decision thru legal methods.

COMMITTEES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Building permits for Daniel Brubaker, Jesse Lehman, and Thomas Hickernell received.

Solicitor explained to council the letter received from Sidney Nolt's attorneys regarding the plans for the Richland View building project.

Notice from the county that ban on open burning has been rescinded.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to approve the second reading of Ordinance #373 adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to approve the protocol dated September 13, 2011, to pay validated out-of-county claims for tax years prior to 2008 and for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Belleman informed council the water line has been installed at the carnival grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to hire Associated Building Inspections, Inc. to do code enforcement duties for the borough and use their fee schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Hartman to appoint three members to the Board of appeals as required by the International Property Maintenance Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Hartman to hire Douglas Stump as ordinance enforcement officer for the borough. The position will pay \$10.00 per hour plus \$.55 mileage allowance. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Hartman to install new ceiling and lighting in the borough shop at a cost of \$8100. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Belleman informed council fire hydrant flushing is scheduled for daytime hours of May 14th, 15th, and 16th.

Mr. Niethammer brought up the subject of the last water line break and told council the borough employees should not hesitate to call in outside help if it is needed. Mr. Belleman and Mr. Johnson were so informed.

Solicitor informed council they are within their rights to withhold water supply to the community pool unless they receive a copy of their up to date liability insurance, a check valve is installed and they either install a handicap lift or provide proof they have been granted an exception.

After a discussion of the borough's Zoning Hearing Board appointees the solicitor was instructed to prepare a revised resolution which would provide for three members and two alternates.

Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Hartman to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary