

# **Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 6, 2018**

**(Recording A 02)**

**Present:** Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Kelly Bricker, Larry Hartman, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Attorney Tom Harlan

**Absent:** Matt Johnson, Mark Brubaker, Travis Randler

President Seldomridge called the **Richland Borough Council Meeting** to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The president asked for a motion to approve the **October 2018** minutes. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the October 2018 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

## **Citizen's Comments:**

Andrew Kriss, president of the newly formed Richland Community Swimming Pool Board, stated they have been very busy, as a board: they now have an EIN #, the pool is drained, they have been out at the pool busting up the concrete on the bottom, and making necessary repairs to the building. He stated in order to move forward they need money; they have been having fund raisers and asking organizations for donations but he feels they have run into a road block because the borough has not recognized them as a committee. He asked what they have to do to be recognized by the borough. After a lengthy discussion, Solicitor Tom Harlan stated, as told to them at a previous meeting, the borough cannot recognize them until they have the proper documents, either from the Attorney General's Office, or the courts. Their attorney needs to provide these documents to the Richland Borough.

## **Communications:**

President Seldomridge informed the council two building permits were issued to citizens in the borough: One to **Ben Becker, of 30 W Main St** to demo and replace a shed; the other to **Melanie Wolf, of 116 S Race Street**, to replace her front porch.

The president asked the council for a motion to approve the **\$50 fee to the Humane Society** of Lebanon County, for the **2018-2019 Stray Housing Agreement**. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the \$50 Housing Fee to the Humane Society; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Eagle Disposal reported they collected **4.25 Tons of Recycling** in September.

Eagle Disposal sent a notification to the borough asking them to remind the residents to use trash cans with handles, as the ones without handles cause issues to the team collecting the garbage.

Richland Borough received **\$518.87 from PURTA** (Public Utility Realty Tax).

The borough received an updated Industrial Appraisal, due to the questionnaire the borough secretary completed. The mixer and the well needed to be added, even though the well is not on line, to date.

### **Invoices:**

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

### **Financial Report:**

The president asked for a motion to approve the **September Financial Report**, submitted by Gift Associates. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the September Financial Report; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried by all members present voting yes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Water Committee** – Jim Niethammer stated he would bring up the water committee items in either Old or New Business.

**Highway Committee** – Highway Committee Chairman Larry Hartman stated Hackman Paving did the repair work, throughout the town, during October. He further stated he wants to get with Dwight and John, in January, to determine upcoming Spring projects.

**Property Committee** – nothing to report

**Finance Committee** – nothing to report

**Safety Committee** – Jim Niethammer reported for Travis Randler stating Travis is working, with Code Enforcement Officer Bob Rittle, regarding the time-line for notices given to residents.

### **Reports:**

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

**Office Report** – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the **October Office Report**, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

**Code Enforcement Report** – Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the September Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Rittle; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

**Police Report** – Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the **September and October PA State Police Report**, submitted by the Jonestown PA State Police Barracks; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

**MRJA Report** – The **October MRJA Report** was made available for review.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Water Committee Chairman, Jim Niethammer, stated he needs a motion from the council to approve a **\$500 permit fee for repairs to the water tank**. Kelly Bricker made the motion to approve and pay the \$500 permit fee for repairs to the water tank; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **First Reading of the 2019 Proposed Budget** keeping the mills at **2.49** and keeping the **Fire Tax millage at .3 mills**. Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the First Reading of the 2019 Proposed Budget; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. The president asked for a motion to **advertise the public viewing of the 2019 Proposed Budget** in the **Lebanon Daily News**. Kelly Bricker made a motion to advertise the public viewing of the proposed budget in the Lebanon Daily News; Jim Nietheimer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
3. President Seldomridge stated there is an **Air Bnb** operating in a Low Density zoned area, in Richland. Tom Harlan was asked to review the present ordinance, along with information from other towns with Air Bnbs appearing in the residential areas. Attorney Harlan stated the Air Bnbs are a hot thing in the Commonwealth. He suggested the borough hold a workshop, or a Property Committee Meeting, to further discuss the Air Bnbs.
4. President Seldomridge informed the council there is a **recycling grant** available, for **recycling equipment** such as a leaf picker or a vac truck. However, the borough does not presently qualify for the grant, because the borough does not have a recycling ordinance. The grant would give the funds for 90% of the recycling equipment, and the borough

would have to fund the remaining 10%. Attorney Harlan stated the borough would need to weigh the cost of creating an ordinance (\$2,000-\$3,000) in order to qualify for a grant the borough may not receive. Further research and discussion will be needed before making a decision.

5. The president announced the **Tree Lighting Service** would be held **Saturday, Nov 17 at 5:30 PM**, at the **Town Tree**.

The president asked if there were any other comments for the good of the Borough.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary