

## **Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 6, 2015**

**(Recording B1)**

**Present:** Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Dan Auman, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Travis Randler, Solicitor Tom Harlan, Mayor Ray Shanaman

President 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 the September 1 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Matt Johnson had one correction to the September minutes. In the paragraph stating John Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Water Committee Report, that name should be corrected to reflect John Mueller's name. Dan Auman made a motion to accept the minutes with the above referenced name being corrected; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present voting yes.

President Seldomridge announced they need to award the Trash Bid, which was tabled at the September meeting to allow research of Eagle Disposal. He stated, by law, the Borough Council must award the lowest bidder. Larry Hartman stated he had originally thought perhaps a one year contract should be awarded, because Eagle Disposal is new to the Borough; however, after Perri's and Solicitor Tom Harlan's research, everything we learned about them was good and, if we would go with a one year contract and put out the bid again next year, the price could go up. Therefore, he felt we should go with a three year contract and include recycling. Dan Auman agreed with Larry. Discussion followed. Larry Hartman made a motion to award a three year refuse contract, with recycling, in the amount of \$361,170.00, to Eagle Disposal of East Earl, PA; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; President Seldomridge asked for a show of hands for awarding the contract to Eagle Disposal; all Borough Council members raised their hands and unanimously voted to award the 3 year contract to Eagle Disposal. President Seldomridge informed the Eagle Disposal representatives, who were present at the meeting, Eagle must contact the Borough and make arrangements for learning the refuse route as well as other matters. The Eagle representatives agreed to do so.

### **Citizens Comments:**

**Brendon Allen** thanked the Borough Council for going with recycling in the new refuse contract.

**Mark Brubaker** stated he was at the meeting representing the Neptune Fire Company to ask the Borough Council to contribute more funds towards the Fire Company. President Seldomridge asked that he bring it up under New Business.

**Elaine Snyder** stated she won't recycle. She also informed the group she has to fix her curbing with liquid cement every year at 409 Oak Street. She complained of a large gap between the curbing and the street. Discussion followed. President Seldomridge asked the Road Committee to take a look at the issue and report back to the Borough. Ms. Snyder also complained of people who blow their grass and snow out into the street.

**Sally Schaeffer** thanked the Borough Council for going with recycling.

**Lori Hartman** asked if we called the PA State Police about the speeding on Main Street. She was told Perri Shanaman, Borough Secretary, notified Sgt Tice the morning following the September 1 Council Meeting. Ms. Hartman also asked the outcome of the chicken court case with the Allens. Solicitor Harlan stated both cases, the Voydiks and the Allens, were won by the Borough.

### **Communications:**

President Seldomridge stated the Borough received notification, from Penn DOT, they will be receiving an estimated \$42,722.00, in Liquid Fuel Money, in 2016.

The Borough received a check for \$8,947.00 for the Fire Relief Association, which must be deposited in Richland Borough's account and a check must then be written to the Neptune Fire Company for said amount.

Met Ed is holding a free workshop regarding LED street lighting, in November, at Cabela's. Dennis Seldomridge is registered to attend this workshop. Dan Auman intervened at this point to inform the group he had contacted Met Ed regarding the four street lights, in the Borough, that are owned by Met-Ed. He was told it will be very expensive to do four LED street lights because the minimum to do is 12.

### **Invoice Approval:**

Finance Chairman, Jim Niethammer reported he reviewed the invoices and found them all to be in order. Dan Auman made a motion to approve the invoices for payment; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members 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 voting yes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Water Committee** – Jim Niethammer questioned if Tom Harlan has checked into the financing for the proposed new well. Solicitor Harlan stated he is checking into it.

**Highway Committee** – Larry Hartman stated he and the borough guys will check out the curb to street crack issue on Oak Street

**Property Committee** – nothing to report

**Safety Committee** – nothing to report

**Finance Committee** – nothing to report

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

**Zoning** – nothing to report

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

**Code Enforcement Report** – President Seldomridge spoke about the sinkhole on Poplar Street, in Glenn Brightbill's yard. Discussion followed. 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 present members voting yes.

**MRJA Report** – Travis Randler made a motion to approve the MRJA Reports for September and October; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

**State Police Report** – Jim Niethammer made a motion to accept the State Police Report, submitted by Sgt Mark Tice of the PA State Police Jonestown Barracks; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Dan Auman commended John Johnson for stepping up to the plate and going through the process of obtaining his pesticide license.

### **Old Business:**

Dwight Belleman stated he obtained two quotes for new overhead garage doors for the Borough Building. Sherk Dorr quoted \$7,089.00; Cornwell Door quoted \$6,660.00. He further stated these doors were already in the 2015 budget, have 2 inch insulation and are rated R-18, with windows. Jim Niethammer made a motion to have Cornwell Door replace the overhead garage doors; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Dwight further announced a gentleman was coming the next day to give us a price on installing new carpet in the meeting room and office. This was also in the budget for 2015.

### **New Business:**

1. President Seldomridge stated the Borough needs to set Trick or Treat Night. Discussion followed. Larry Hartman made a motion to set Trick or Treat Night for Thursday,

October 29 6-8 PM; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Perri Shanaman asked if the fire company (who had members present) would let the Fire Police know, or if she should notify them. Fire Co President, Colleen Marks, stated she would notify them.

2. Mark Brubaker, representing the Neptune Fire Company, stated the Fire Company is in need of supplemental funds to allow them to give proper coverage to the Richland Borough. The fire company presently relies on donations and fund raisers. With the rising costs of training and equipment, and the large decline in donations, they can no longer operate properly with their present funds. Colleen Marks, Fire Co President, stated out of 1200 donation letters sent out, they only received 127 donations and those were largely from Sr. Citizens. Discussion followed.
3. Dwight Belleman presented the Borough Council with a flyer from Sawyer Forestry Company giving us a price to timber the land up at the reservoir. Dwight would like to put it out on bid and check with Joe Brackman, who we used before. Discussion followed. Matt Johnson made a motion to move forward with getting bids for timbering the land at the reservoir; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge announced the Borough Council would go into **Executive Session**, at 8:10 PM, to discuss wages and litigation. No notes were taken, nor was the session recorded. When the council came out of the session, at 8:55 PM President Seldomridge stated they had the session to discuss employee salaries and litigation.

Larry Hartman made a motion to move forward authorizing the advertisement of a .3 mills Fire Tax; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked if there are any more comments for the good of the borough. Since there were no comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary