

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

(Recording A 08)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, Kelly Bricker, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Solicitor Tom Harlan

Absent: John Mueller

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 **September 2017** minutes. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the September 2017 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

George Savich, owner of the Union House, at 12 E Main St., asked permission to place 4 High Efficiency Washers and 4 Dryers in the former ice cream shop area of the Union House, for his tenants only. He stated he had been at the MRJA meeting, the evening before, and they had no problem with it because of the 4 EJU's he presently pays for. After discussion, Kelly Bricker made a motion to allow George Savich to have 4 washers and 4 dryers, for the tenants only, in the former ice cream shop location of the Union House; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Justin Rohr questioned the water pressure, as well as citizens parking in the yellow curb area near the corner of Peach Alley and Church St. It was explained that water pressure is low, at times, due to the tank filling. After discussion, it was decided Perri should call the State Police to inquire if they can enforce the parking violation.

Communications:

1. President Seldomridge announced the borough had received a thank you note, from the Richland Fire Police, for the borough's annual donation.
2. Representative Russ Diamond sent the borough an invitation to a Concealed Carry and Gun Safety Seminar Thursday, November 16, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Goodwill Fire Company in Myerstown.
3. Richland Church of the Brethren sent the borough an inquiry regarding next year's Community Outreach Day. Because a storm blew through this year's event and took down one of the tents/awnings they set up to provide shade, they would like to hire a

professional to install a 20X30 or 20X40 tent onto the Moehlman Field next year. Before they make the arrangements, they wanted permission to have the tent installed. After discussion, Travis Randler made a motion to allow the Richland Church of the Brethren to have a large tent installed for next year's Community Outreach Day, as long as no one drives onto the property, and has one of the borough employees present for the installation; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

4. **Heidelberg Township** sent a letter requesting permission to use the Richland Fire Police for their upcoming **Halloween Parade October 28**. Kelly Bricker made a motion to allow the Richland Fire Police to help with the Schaefferstown Halloween Parade October 28; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
5. **Myerstown Borough** also sent a letter to the borough requesting the use of the Richland Fire Police for their upcoming **Holiday Parade November 25 (rain date November 26)**. Larry Hartman made the motion to allow the Richland Fire Police to assist with the Myerstown Holiday Parade; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.
6. Eagle Disposal notified the borough they collected **4.65 Tons of Recycling** the month of **August**.
7. The Borough received a Building Permit for William and Leslie Bleinstein, at 207 N Race St, for a roof over an existing patio.

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. Matt Johnson 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:

Travis Randler made a motion to approve the Financial Report, submitted by Gift Associates; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Dwight Belleman reported the electric is being hooked up to the mixer the following Thursday; water test of the new well is to be scheduled soon; the area passed the Bog Turtle Study

Highway Committee – Nothing to report

Property Committee – Nothing to report

Finance Committee – Nothing to report

Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Reports:

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

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

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

Police Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the August PA State Police Report; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

MRJA Report – August and September Reports were made available for review

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Tom Harlan submitted Ordinance #384 and Resolution # 287 regarding Handicap Signs. President Seldomridge read the proposed Resolution #287. Several attending citizens, along with several council members, discussed portions of the resolution which may need to be modified. After further discussion, Kelly Bricker recommended the council table the resolution and ordinance; Larry Hartman seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members present voting yes. President Seldomridge stated anyone having any suggestions, for modification of the resolution or ordinance, should submit them to the borough office and the Safety Committee will review them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge stated Jack Kahl, a resident on Poplar St., had donated two benches to the borough. They were placed on the Moehlmann Field near the memorial. Perri was instructed to send Mr. Kahl a thank you letter.
2. The borough council received a request, from the Brubakers, to allow the Richland Borough portion of their farm (45.63 Acres) to be placed in the Jackson Twp ASA Program, since Richland Borough does not have an ASA Program. Jim Niethammer made a motion to allow the Brubakers to place the Richland Borough portion of their farm in the Jackson Twp ASA Program; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

3. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to pass **Resolution #288** complying with the Myerstown Borough changing their ordinance as to what the Industrial Companies may discharge into the sewer system. Jim Niethammer made a motion to pass Resolution #288, regarding the change in Myerstown Borough's Ordinance, stating what Industrial Companies may discharge into the sewer system; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
4. **Leaf Collection** will begin the **week of October 23 and end November 21**.
5. President Seldomridge stated the council needs to set the date for Trick or Treat Night. After discussion, Jim Niethammer made a motion to have **Trick or Treat Night Tuesday, October 31**, which is the same as the County; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

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

Since there were no comments, President Seldomridge asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim Niethammer made the motion to adjourn; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary