

# **Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 1, 2015**

**(Recording B16)**

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

**Absent:** Jim Niethammer

President Dennis Seldomridge called the meeting to order, at 7 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the August 4 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, and also Maybelle Morgan. Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present voting yes.

## **Opening of Sealed Trash Bids:**

**Eagle Disposal** of East Earl, PA, Bid the Following:

**Option 1:** (Trash only)

**1 Yr Contract: \$108,810.00 3 Yr Contract: \$336,229.90 Five Yr Contract: \$577,200.00**

**Option 2:** (Trash and Recycling)

**1 Yr Contract: \$116,833.00 3 Yr Contract: \$361,170.00 Five Yr Contract: \$620,000.00**

**Lebanon Farms Disposal**, of Schaefferstown, PA, Bid the Following:

**Option 1:** (Trash Only)

**1 Yr Contract: \$117,936.00 3 Yr Contract: \$360,126.00 Five Yr Contract: \$611,793.00**

**Option 2:** (Trash and Recycling)

**1 Yr Contract: \$130,923.00 3 Yr Contract: \$399,087.00 Five Yr Contract: \$676,728.00**

After discussion, and conferring with Borough Solicitor Tom Harlan, it was decided since we have a new bidder, who is out of the county, the bid award would be tabled until next meeting.

This will allow time for Attorney Harlan to review the bids and allow the borough to research and decide on a 1, 3 or 5 year contract and if the borough will go with recycling or not. Larry Hartman made a motion to table the trash bid award until the October Borough Council Meeting; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

### **Citizens Comments:**

**Michelle Voydik** asked what is so interesting in her yard. She complained of many people driving past and looking into her yard. She would appreciate if everyone would allow them their privacy and not look into their yard as they are driving by.

**Brendon Allen** asked what the present amount of the trash bid is. Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman stated each household presently pays \$215 per year, under the old contract.

**Lori Hartman** asked if the State Police could set up speed traps on Main Street because of the excessive speeding. Several other citizens commented that speeding is also an issue on Poplar Street. The Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, was instructed to notify the PA State Police of the issue.

President Seldomridge stated the invoices, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, have been reviewed by Dan Auman and he found them all in order. He asked for a motion to approve the submitted invoices. Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the submitted invoices for payment; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present voting yes.

### **Report from Gift:**

After council reviewed the report from Gift Associates, Dan Auman made a motion to approve the report; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

### **Communications:**

President Seldomridge reported the Lebanon Co Agricultural Board is looking for donations to preserve farmland in Lebanon County. 18 municipalities contributed \$85,000 last year. Larry Hartman made a motion to table the decision until after the Borough Council works on the 2016 Budget; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Water Committee** – Dan Auman reported the Water Committee had a meeting August 19 with Steckbeck Engineering and a geologist. They discussed Well #7, which was drilled in 2007 as a test well. He reported it would take one year to obtain the permits to move forward with the development of this well, for borough usage, and 3 years to complete the project. The total estimate for the project is \$250,000. Matt Johnson made a motion to move forward with the

project and seek funding; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

The Water Committee presented **Resolution #275**, which amends Section 14, Part 2 of the Rules and Regulations of the Richland Water Company. All users will be billed as full customers with the exception of the Richland Library, the Neptune Fire Co, the Richland Fire Police and the Boy Scouts. John Mueller made a motion to accept Resolution #275; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

**Highway Committee** – nothing to report

**Property Committee** – nothing to report

**Safety Committee** – nothing to report

**Finance Committee** – nothing to report

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

**Zoning** – nothing to report

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

**Code Enforcement Report** – Dan Auman made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arnold; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

**MRJA Report** – Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the MRJA Report for July; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

**State Police Report** – None received

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

1. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve **Resolution #273** adopting the Lebanon County 2015 Mitigation Plan. Dan Auman made a motion to accept Resolution #273; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.
2. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **2016 MMO** for the Non-Police Pension Fund, in the amount of \$14,505.00, submitted by Chief Administrator, Perri

Shanaman. The amount of the MMO is a \$5,182 savings from previous years, due to the fact PMRS doesn't have the high fees RJ Hall had. Larry Hartman made the motion to accept the MMO; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

3. The 9U ELCO Baseball Team requested the use of the Moehlmann Field, for practice only, the month of September and the first two weeks of October. They also reported one of their players accidentally broke a window in the Borough Shop. Dwight Belleman was able to repair the window very reasonably. Larry Hartman made a motion for the 9U ELCO Baseball Team to use the Moehlmann Field, for practice, in September and the first two weeks of October; Dan Auman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge announced the Borough Council would go into **Executive Session** to discuss employee issues. No notes were taken, nor was the session recorded. When the council came out of the session, President Seldomridge announced they had the session to discuss employee issues.

President Seldomridge asked if there are any more comments for the good of the borough. Since there were no comments, Larry Hartman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all present members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary