

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

(Recording A 07)

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

Absent: Kelly Bricker

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

Citizen's Comments:

There were no Citizen's Comments.

Communications:

- President Seldomridge stated Cleason and Mary J Nolt have a farm that is partially in the Richland Borough and partially in Millcreek Township. They wish to apply to have their farm put in Farmland Preservation; and need the Borough's approval to have the borough portion of the farmland put into the Millcreek Township ASA, since Richland doesn't have an ASA. After discussion, Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Nolt's application for the Richland portion of their farm to be preserved in the Millcreek Township ASA; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.
- The borough received an Annual Appeal notice, from the Lebanon County Agricultural Preservation. After discussion it was decided to table the appeal.
- PPL sent the Richland Borough a notice they will be in the area, replacing meters, in the next few months.
- Eagle Disposal notified us they had **5.08 Tons of Recycling** for the month of **August**
- We received a notice from Lebanon Co EMA regarding an updated Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Perri is to contact Mike Belleman, our EMA Coordinator, to work with us on submitting a plan.

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; Travis 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; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Committee Chairman Jim Niethammer announced he would like to pay off the water tank loan early and save the borough \$20,000 in interest money. After discussion Matt Johnson made a motion to **pay the \$169,000 balance owed for the water tank**; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. Dwight Belleman stated the new well has been approved by DEP and the Delaware River Basin but it has been too wet to run the test for the well.

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 – John Mueller questioned the item on the report regarding researching the purchase of a new GMC Pickup. He was told it would be discussed under new business. Jim Niethammer made a motion to accept the Road Supervisor's Report, submitted by Dwight Belleman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

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

Code Enforcement Report – Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Bob Rittle; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. John Mueller mentioned the property on the corner of Linden and Poplar Sts, across from Shirley Weinhold is in violation and the owner should be contacted. Perri made note of it to give the complaint to Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Rittle.

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

MRJA Report – Was made available for review

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Tom Harlan stated he has been reviewing information regarding the placement of handicap signs in Richland. He will have to do some further research and create an ordinance and a resolution. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **2018 MMO for the Police Pension in the amount of \$27,809**. Jim Niethammer made the motion to approve the Police Pension 2018 MMO for \$27,809; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. The president asked for a motion to approve the **2018 MMO for the Non Police Pension in the amount of \$33,689**. Matt Johnson made the motion to approve the Non Police Pension 2018 MMO for \$33,689; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
3. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **2017/2018 Winter Penn DOT Contract for \$16,112.29**. Larry Hartman made the motion to approve the 2017/2018 Penn DOT Contract; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
4. The president asked for a motion to renew the **Capital Blue Contract** for the term **12/1/17-11/30/18**. Jim Niethammer made a motion to renew the Capital Blue Contract; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
5. The purchase of a new GMC Pickup Truck was further discussed. Present pickup has major rust areas underneath, as well as needing other repairs, and new tires. Pickup presently has trade in value, which it won't have in a few years. The funds, for the truck, are available in the Equipment Fund and no loan would be needed to purchase the vehicle, under the Co-Stars Program. Larry Hartman stated he feels the trade in is a good deal and made a motion to purchase the **new GMC Pickup Truck from Penske**; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with 5 council members voting yes and 1 council member, John Mueller, voting no.

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; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary