

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2018

(Recording A 03)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Kelly Bricker, Larry Hartman, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Attorney Chris Coyle (filling in for Tom Harlan)

Absent: Matt Johnson, Mark Brubaker, Tom Harlan

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

Mr. Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **August 2018** minutes. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the August 2018 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Jay D Wenger asked if the use of the small, decorative fire pits was permissible within the borough. Discussion followed. After research, **Ordinance #234** was quoted as “no person or persons shall set or maintain any fire...” **Except** “out of door fires commonly known as charcoal fires or similar fires where the express purpose for and utilization of such fire is the cooking and preparation of food, are permitted”.

Communications:

The borough received the **2016 Recycling Grant**, from PA DEP, in the amount of **\$848.00**. President Seldomridge stated the council had discussed, in a previous meeting, to use the grant funds towards new Richland Borough signs to be placed in several locations, as you are entering Richland. He suggested 3 metal signs to replace the old signs, which had deteriorated and had to be taken down. He asked the council to think about it until next meeting.

A Building Permit was received, from Lebanon Planning and Zoning, for Carl and Lorie Hursh, who purchased one of the rear buildings at the old Leffler property, to build a concrete barrier wall on the property.

An appeal was received from the Lebanon County Conservation District asking the borough for funds for their Farm Land Preservation Program. After discussion Jim Niethammer made a

motion to give \$1000 to the Lebanon County Farmland Preservation Program; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

The borough received a check for \$3,616.70, from Comcast, for the Quarterly Franchise Fee.

Eagle Disposal notified the borough they collected 5.34 Tons of Recycling the month of July.

The borough received an email, from Mike Snyder, of USDA-NRCS Lebanon Field Office, regarding any landowners with storm related damage which is threatening life and property to notify their municipality to contact their department of the name and damages.

President Seldomridge announced the Playground Attendance Report was made available for review. The average attendance was 14 per day, which is up from recent years.

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. Travis Randler made a motion to pay all the invoices submitted for payment; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Financial Report:

The monthly financial report wasn't received in time for meeting.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee –Jim Niethammer, Water Committee Chairman, stated Chris Jones of Liquid Engineering, gave him a quote to recoat the interior of the tank and do some other minor repairs to prolong its life. Because of the cost we will have to open it up for bids. The tank should last another 25 years if we do this maintenance and repair.

Jim further stated we had a lightning strike, or an electrical surge, at the tank a few months back. Dave, from Kohl Brothers made a suggestion, at that time, to come in and incorporate a new programmable leveling system, to run along with the new mixer. This leveling system would make the tank run a lot smoother. The cost would be \$1500. Kelly Bricker made a motion for Dave, from Kohl Brothers, to come in and set up the new leveling system, in the tank; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

The pump is in the casing of the new well. The next step is the testing of the well, which needs a dry period, before it can be tested.

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 – 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 members present voting yes.

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

Code Enforcement Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the August 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 – none received

MRJA Report – none received, because the MRJA Board will only meet the following week.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Seldomridge stated the borough solicitor had reviewed the refuse bids and found them to be in order. Eagle Disposal was the low bidder. He questioned if the borough wants to do a 1, year, 3 year or 5 year contract. After discussion, Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the **5 year contract** from **Eagle Disposal**; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. President Seldomridge announced Perri Shanaman had done the math and there would be a slight rate hike for the residents. The rate, for the refuse billing for the next 5 years, would be **\$225** per household.

President Seldomridge stated last month the Wilsons came to the borough meeting asking for some assistance with the repair of the access road to the reservoir. President Seldomridge spoke to Gene Roth, the owner of the land the road runs through. They reached an agreement that, if the borough purchases the pipe and installs it, the Wilsons and Mr. Roth would purchase the stone. Jim Niethammer made a motion for the borough to purchase the pipe and install it on the access road to the reservoir; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **2019 MMO for the Police Pension of \$33,735.00**. Jim Niethammer made the motion to approve the 2019 MMO for the Police Pension; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **2019 MMO for the Non Police Pension of \$35, 732.00**. Travis Randler made a motion to approve the 2019 MMO for the Non Police Pension; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

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