

A regular meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Richland Borough Building. The President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present were: President Kelly Bricker, Vice President James Niethammer, President Pro Tem Larry Hartman, Councilmembers Travis Randler, Robert Rittle, Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman, Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Schnoke, and Interim Secretary Lisa A. Brubaker. Absent was Mayor Ray Shanaman and councilmember Mark Brubaker.

President Bricker called the Richland Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President asked for a motion to approve the previous months minutes. A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Larry Hartman, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 6, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

President Bricker opened the floor for citizens' and visitors' comments. There were five (5) persons present.

Morgan Michael – 31 W. Main Street – Noise issue with neighbor, vengeance by music. Has contacted the state police but state police stated nothing could be done since there is no ordinance in place pertaining to this issue. Code enforcement officer Robert Rittle stated we will work on this and try to have something in place by the end of the year. President Bricker stated this is a priority and that we will keep Morgan updated on the progress of this issue and urged her to call the Borough with any updates.

Andy Kriss – 34 N. Race Street – October movie night was a success with 249 people in attendance, and all the food trucks present sold out. Going to have recognition and gifts for Christmas lights and decorations, inquired if the Borough would like to participate in the judging. Would also like to get the local businesses to make signs to display at pool location. Halloween handed out candy at the Union House and was out by 7:15 pm. President Bricker thanked Andy for everything he is doing and stated she would get back to him regarding the judging of the Christmas lights.

Jay D. Wenger – 109 E. Main Street – Nothing to report.

Michelle Voydik – 29 N. Race Street – Nothing to report.

Andrew Voydik – 29 N. Race Street - Nothing to report.

The following Committee reports were presented to Council: Water Report, Highway Report, Property Report, Finance Report, Safety Report, and Personnel Report.

Water Committee – 72-hour pump test completed, went well, pumped 150 gallons per minute, just waiting on lab results. President Bricker attended the Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Authority meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020 with Dan Becker.

Highway Committee – Nothing to report.

Property Committee – Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – meeting October 23, 2020 with Dwight Belleman, John Johnson & Rebecca Schnoke to discuss health plan.

Finance Committee – Continuing to work on budget.

Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Matthew Johnson, to accept the Committee Reports. Motion unanimously carried.

The following reports were presented to Council: Mayor Report, Road Supervisor Report, Office Report, Solicitor Report, Code Enforcement, and State Police Report.

Mayor Report – Nothing to report.

Road Supervisor's Report – There were no questions on the report.

Water Report – no impact on local wells.

Office Report – reception of water bills being paid at the Borough Office has gone over very well, only complaint is not being able to pay online or with credit cards, which will be an option for the next billing.

Solicitor's Report – There were no questions on the report.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – verbal report given due to technical difficulties.

Police Report – There were no questions on the report.

MRJA Report – Their meeting will be held November 2, 2020. There were no questions on the report.

A motion was made Larry Hartman, seconded by Travis Randler, to accept the Officials Reports. Motion unanimously carried.

Financial Report for October 2020 was not received from Gift Associates, will be submitted for review at the next meeting.

The invoices were presented. A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by James Niethammer, to pay all the invoices submitted for payment to Gift Associates; Motion unanimously carried.

The following communications were received:

Signs have been received and will be put up in Spring; PURTA funds received \$524.06, Received Liquid fuels audit there were no issues, September Monthly Municipal Report from Eagle Disposal; Millcreek-Richland Joint Authority Reports; Zoning Permits received for Cameron Strause and Victoria Arnt.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business

A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by James Niethammer to approve the 2021 Proposed Budgets, and authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise it open for inspection; Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Matthew Johnson, seconded by Larry Hartman to approve the agreement from Stanilla, Seigel, and Maser to perform the 2020 Borough Audit; Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Larry Hartman to approve resolution 2020-05 for Leaf Collection; Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Larry Hartman, seconded by James Niethammer to approve the intermunicipal Agreement with South Lebanon Township for Leaf Collection Services; Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by Matthew Johnson to approve the purchase of a Credit Card reader for \$54.89; Motion unanimously carried.

Information submitted by resident police officer Connor Arnt who gathered information from a state police officer, supporting the replacement of speed limit signs previously knocked down by accidents and main street being posted incorrectly as 25 mph and should be corrected to reflect 35 mph. President Bricker stated to table this issue to confer with the highway committee and the engineer as the consensus is that 35 Mph is too fast for Main Street.

President Bricker announced the Council will recess the Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. reconvening the Regular Session.

A motion was made by Robert Rittle, seconded by James Niethammer to approve the Capital Blue Health Care Insurance Renewal of the Blue GOLD PPO plan 500 deductible with 15% employee contribution; Motion carried 5- yes and 1-abstained, Councilmember Matthew Johnson Abstained as his brother is an employee of Richland Borough.

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

Seeing none. A motion was made by James Niethammer, seconded by Travis Randler, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rebecca Schnoke,
Richland Borough Secretary