

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2018

(Recording A 02)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Kelly Bricker, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, Mark Brubaker, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Attorney Tom Harlan

Absent: Jim Niethammer

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 **July 2018** minutes. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the July 2018 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

President Seldomridge announced the council would open the refuse bids. He proceeded to open the two bids submitted. Bid results are as follows:

Eagle Disposal, of East Earl, PA:

1 year: \$120,393.00; 3 years: \$369,603.00; 5 years: \$633,555.00

Lebanon Farms Disposal, of Schaefferstown, PA:

1 year: \$149,666.40; 3 years: \$460,371.60; 5 years: \$786,240.00

President Seldomridge stated the bid would not be awarded until the solicitor had the chance to review the bid. The bid will be rewarded at the September meeting.

Citizen's Comments:

President Seldomridge announced if anyone was present who wanted to discuss the pool, it would be discussed with them under Old Business.

Andrew Kriss complained about the overgrown bushes and weeds at the former Gill residence. The neighbors asked the person presently mowing the lawn, to remove the weeds and trim the overgrown bushes, and his answer was he is only given a set amount of money to mow the lawn. No extra money is provided for weeding and trimming. Discussion followed. Attorney Tom Harlan will research who the mortgage company is, for the property, and then we can send them a letter notifying them of the need to trim the bushes and have the weeds removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of Rod and Gun Road, Newmanstown, stated with the heavy rains the creek is overflowing and washing out the road they use as a right of way to their property; the borough also uses the same right of way, to the reservoir. There is a pipe broken and the road does not belong to the borough or the Wilsons. The owner of the property, Gene Roth, is not interested in repairing the issue. After discussion, President Seldomridge stated he will speak to Mr. Roth, to determine if the issue can be corrected.

Communications:

The borough received an email, from the Lebanon County Farm Preservation, with documentation attached. Burnell and Darlene Martin wish to place the 17.7 Acres of their farmland, which runs adjacent to Richland Heights, into the Farm Preservation Program. The remainder of their farm has been previously placed in the program; they now wish to place the remaining 17.7 Acres into the program. After discussion, Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the Martins placing the 17.7 Acres of their farm, which runs adjacent to Richland Heights, into the Farm Preservation Program; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

President Seldomridge showed borough council a copy of the Merchandiser ad they approved last month, which will be placed in the special edition of the Merchandiser, commemorating the Myerstown 250th Anniversary.

Robert Clauser III, of 109 Church St., along with Rebekah and Zachary Smith, of 9 W Main St., were given building permits for a fence for their respective properties.

The borough received a check for **\$1,432.70**, from the Commonwealth of PA, for **Severe Winter Adjustment**.

Eagle Disposal sent the borough a notice they collected **3.73 Tons of Recycling** for the month of June.

The borough received a quote, from the Lebanon Co GIS Department, for creating a new, **official zoning map** of the borough. The last official map was done in 1992. The cost would be **\$250.00** and would include (1) creating the zoning map and getting the map signed as official, (2) one signed copy and an extra official full-sized copy, (3) 10 copies of ordinance-sized maps. (4) an electronic copy to place on the website. After discussion Kelly Bricker made a motion to have the Lebanon Co GIS Department create a new, official zoning map; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. The borough secretary, Perri Shanaman, was instructed to find out the size of the map provided, as the borough council is requesting the largest size they have available.

Invoices:

President Seldomridge stated Mark Brubaker 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; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Financial Report:

Travis Randler made a motion to approve the June and July Financial Report, submitted by Gift Associates; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – The well test is presently on hold because of the excess rain we have been experiencing

Highway Committee – Larry Hartman, Highway Committee Chairman, stated the borough had storm pipe repair performed the previous Saturday. With the heavy rains the evening before, the storm pipe collapsed causing a large sink hole on Main St. He stressed the need for the Highway Committee to have a meeting with the engineer, Jeff Steckbeck, regarding the cost of running cameras through the lines to determine what the storm pipes look like inside. Slipline was also discussed. It was stated, even though Main Street is a State Road, the borough is responsible for the storm drains. Discussion followed. Dwight Belleman will contact Jeff Steckbeck with suggested dates and times for a meeting between Jeff and the committee. Dwight is also going to check with Hackman Paving, to get a status on when they will be performing the various street repairs throughout the borough.

Property Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – Nothing to report

Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Reports:

Road Supervisor's Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to accept the Road Supervisor's Report, submitted by Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. Dwight announced they will be flushing the fire hydrants in the next week or 2. The residents will be notified on the fire company sign located in front of the firehall.

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

Police Report – none received

MRJA Report – President Seldomridge stated the June and July MRJA Report was available for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andy Kriss announced a new 12 person Richland Swimming Pool Association Board has been formed and he is president. He further stated he hand picked the members of the board and they are moving forward with the repair and upkeep of the pool property. The roof has been repaired and the pool has been treated for West Nile Virus. The pool needs to be drained and backfilled; they are looking for volunteers for the process, as well as donations of back fill.

Attorney Rich Raiders introduced himself and stated he is working with the Pool Board. He stated, at the present time, the board is asking the council to engage in conversation.

Solicitor Tom Harlan stated he doesn't know how they can be legally constituted. Attorney Raiders stated he will be preparing paperwork, to submit to the Attorney General, regarding the non-profit organization.

Holly Mulhern, the new board treasurer, stated she has been looking into insurance for the property and, to date, no one has agreed to insure them. She further stated they have no money.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

At **8:05 PM**, President Seldomridge announced the borough council was going into **Executive Session**, to discuss standing litigation, and adjourned the meeting. No notes were taken during this time.

President Seldomridge **reconvened** the meeting at **8:23 PM**, stating the borough council had gone into Executive Session to discuss standing litigation.

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. Matt Johnson made the motion to adjourn; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary