

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2019

(Recording A18)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Kelly Bricker, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, Mark Brubaker, Attorney Tom Harlan

Absent: Jim Niethammer, Travis Randler, Mayor Ray Shanaman

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 **July 2019** minutes. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the July 2019 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:

The **Lebanon Co Conservation District** sent the borough a letter, informing the borough of the desire of **Daniel, Jennifer, Dale, Sherri and Darren Brubaker** to **preserve** their property consisting of **112.53 Acres, located at 7 Walnut St**. The letter informed the borough council there is no need to take any action on the matter at this time.

The **Lebanon County Agricultural Land Preservation Board** sent the borough a certificate recognizing the **\$1,000 Pledge for 2019**.

The **2019 Summer Playground Average Attendance** was **8.5** children per day. The first few weeks it was continuously raining so that may have had something to do with the attendance.

There were **4 Building Permits** issued to the following citizens: **James and Tiffany Gogets**, of 122 E Main St, for an **above ground pool**; **Kenneth & Maxine Wilkerson**, of 112 Vine St, for a **pergola**; **Titus Nolt**, of 206 W Linden St, for the **demolition of a chicken house**; **Shawn & Kristina Stoever**, of 1 Chestnut St, for an **above ground pool**.

The Borough Received an email from **Stefan Teichert of Tour Davita**, regarding a charity bicycle event that moves from state to state each year. They are planning on biking through Richland Borough **Tuesday, Sept 24**, and wanted the borough's approval to be on three state owned streets, Linden, Race and Chestnut. After discussion, the council suggested having Travis Randler, Chairman of the Safety Committee, coordinate the event with the Richland Fire Police.

The **Womelsdorf Fire Police** sent the borough a letter asking for approval for the **Richland Fire Police** to aid them with a motorcycle procession to be held in their town, **Sunday, August 25**. Mark Brubaker made a motion to approve the Richland Fire Police assistance with the Womelsdorf event; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

The borough's web designer, Wade Mauger, sent the borough council an email thanking them for his raise.

The borough received a copy of the letter written to Jay Batdorf, by our Solicitor Tom Harlan, regarding three years' worth of unpaid refuse bills.

Eagle Disposal reported they collected **5.78 Tons of Recycling** for the month of **June 2019**.

Invoices:

The president stated Mark Brubaker had reviewed the invoices, submitted for payment by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman, and found them to be in order. Kelly Bricker 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:

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **June Financial Report**, submitted by Gift Associates. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the June Financial Report; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried by all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – President Seldomridge stated the committee had met with the Newmanstown/Womelsdorf Water Authority regarding a letter they sent the borough back in April. They want the borough to look at alternatives to the \$5 Million main line replacement. It was basically a discussion at this point.

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 – Mark Brubaker made a motion to accept the **July Road Supervisor's Report**, submitted by Road Supervisor Dwight Belleman; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Office Report – Mark Brubaker made a motion to approve the **July Office Report**, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes. There was a short discussion on the Door Monitor quote, but Dennis Seldomridge stated they would bring it up in Old Business.

Code Enforcement Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Robert Rittle; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

MRJA Report – The report was made available for review.

Police Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the May, June and July 2019 State Police Reports; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Choice Communications submitted a quote for a **Door Security System**. After discussion, Mark Brubaker suggested looking at some of the municipalities, who have installed the system, to see what they have done. Kelly Bricker stated she would be able to visit some of the locations the following Friday.

Kelly Bricker received another price for the aeration and overseeding of the Moehlmann Field. After discussion Mark Brubaker made a motion to have **Green Acres do the aeration and overseeding of the Moehlmann Field, after the baseball season**; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Dwight Belleman submitted a quote for the replacement of the Playground Equipment, from The Playground Pros of Newmanstown, to be used for applying for the Grant. After discussion Kelly Bricker made a motion to move forward with **applying for the grant for the \$100,000 Playground Replacement Equipment**; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. This will need to be coordinated with Jim Niethammer regarding the writing of the Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dwight Belleman informed the council there are several trees at Pine and Park Sts that should be trimmed and one should be removed. He obtained a quote from **Eberly Tree Trimming** with an estimate to **remove 1 tree and trim 3 for \$550**. After discussion Kelly Bricker made a motion to have Eberly Tree Trimming remove one tree and trim 3; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Dwight Belleman also stated they had their main lawn mower in for service and it needs hydraulic service work amounting to \$1000-\$1,200. The mower is now out of warranty. To trade the mower in, with the government discount, Eblings would allow **\$5,000 for the trade in** value and the borough could obtain a new **X-mark mower, with a 5 year warranty, for \$5,100**. After discussion, Larry Hartman made a motion to trade in the present mower and purchase a new Xmark mower; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked if there were any more comments for the Good of the Borough.

The president stated the mayor, Ray Shanaman, was in the hospital.

Since there were no other comments, the president asked for a motion to adjourn. Kelly Bricker made a motion to adjourn; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary