

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019

(Recording A 06 & A07)

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

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 **January 2019** minutes. Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the January 2019 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Matt Shirk introduced himself and stated he is running for Lebanon County Commissioner in 2019. He informed the council of his intention to attend two borough council, or township meetings, annually, in the county.

Brendan Allen thanked the borough for having the On Line Payment Option for the water bill. He felt it was an excellent idea.

Communications:

President Seldomridge announced the borough had received a check for \$1,154.00, for the 2017 Recycling Grant.

Building Permits, received by the borough, were for: **Scott Rittle, of 202 S Park St**, to enclose a porch; and **SRC Properties** to place an illuminated in ground sign at **308 Poplar Street**, and **James Gogets** for a fence at **122 E Main St**.

ELCO Youth Baseball emailed the council a request for the use of the Moehlmann Field from near the end of March, through the end of June; and again August through the beginning of November. Mark Brubaker made a motion for ELCO Youth Baseball to use the Moehlmann Field; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge stated **George Savich** requested an **additional EDU**, for his establishment. After discussion, Kelly Bricker made a motion for George Savich to have one more EDU. President Seldomridge stated Kelly Bricker made the motion for George Savich to

have one more EDU, if he wishes to move forward; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Lebanon County Conservation District announced its Tire Collection **Wednesday April 17, 8AM-6 PM.**

Eagle Disposal sent the borough the **Monthly Recycling Report.** They collected **5 Tons** the month of **December.**

Norm Parrish, from PA One Call System, sent the borough a **Proclamation** to adopt April as PA 811 Safe Digging Month. Jim Niethammer made the motion to declare **April as the PA 811 Safe Digging Month;** Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge distributed the recently submitted **Richland Fire Police Annual Report.**

The president announced **Street Sweeping is scheduled for April 1 and 2** beginning between **6 and 7 AM.**

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

Financial Report:

The president asked for a motion to approve the **January Financial Report,** submitted by Gift Associates. Travis Randler made a motion to approve the January Financial Report; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried by all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Water Committee Chairman, Jim Niethammer, stated the Water Committee met February 5, 2019, regarding the existing 100 year old water main pipe. The borough needs to find an engineering firm to quote a price for the installation of 3 miles of pipe from the reservoir into town. The job would be performed in three phases and will run approximately \$2 Million for the pipe only.

Highway Committee –President Seldomridge asked Committee Chairman, Larry Hartman, if he is going to get with the Road Crew this Spring. Larry stated they have already discussed getting proposals for what needs to be done.

Property Committee – Kelly Bricker brought up an issue with the lack of snow removal on the sidewalks within the designated amount of time. She received a lot of positive feedback on the street snow removal performed by our road crew and complimented them.

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Safety Committee – Travis Randler reminded everyone that snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after snowfall. President Seldomridge intervened and asked Doug Stump to stress this in his article, for the paper, as citizens are not cleaning off their sidewalks. If it continues we may have to start writing down addresses and notifying the Code Enforcement Officer.

Reports:

Road Supervisor's Report – Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the **January 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 – Mark Brubaker made a motion to approve the **January Office Report**, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report – Travis Randler made a motion to approve the **January Code Enforcement Report**, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Rittle; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Dennis Seldomridge advised the borough secretary she is to be getting a quote, within the next few days, per the first item on the report. He stated let's see if that happens.

Police Report – Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the **January State Police Report**; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

MRJA Report – The **January MRJA Report** was made available for review.

Bill Batdorf gave a **2018 Neptune Fire Co Report**, which is attached to the minutes. After the report was given, a short discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Niethammer gave an update, from the Water Department. He stated last fall the borough was looking into going in, with Womelsdorf, to purchase a leak detector system. However, now Womelsdorf is going, on their own, to purchase something different. He stated the Water Department would like to purchase a Correlating Noise Logger called Sound Senz. It would have 4 Sound Units and would record over several days to determine the location of the leak (s). The quote for the 4 Pods, all the equipment and one day of training is \$13,250. Jim further stated what the borough has now is antiquated and, if it is a real windy day, like we had during the last major leak, they can't hear anything. This equipment will last a long time, is water proof (can

actually put it under water). Larry Hartman verified how accurate this type of system is, because they borrowed one during the last major water leak they had, & it was excellent. Jim Niethammer made a motion to **purchase the Correlating Noise Logger, called Sound Senz, for \$13,250, along with the purchase of a laptop**, to go with the system; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Jim Niethammer and Larry Hartman expressed interest in attending the training for the system.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to allow any business, who submitted a request for a waiver to the refuse billing, to allow them to have a dumpster, at their own expense, be granted the waiver. Kelly Bricker reclused herself from voting, since her husband submitted one of the letters. Larry Hartman made a motion to give the businesses, who submitted a letter, a waiver; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members, with the exception of Kelly Bricker, voting yes.

The president asked for a motion to pay the **2019 MMO** for the two borough pensions; **\$33,735** for the **Police Pension** and **\$35,732** for the **Borough Pension**, when they are due in the fall. Matt Johnson made a motion to pay the MMOs for the two borough pensions; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to pass **Resolution #291**, changing the water rates to a **\$60.00 minimum charge, plus a \$5.00 per 1,000 gallon** rate, **effective the Second Quarter** of 2019. Matt Johnson made a motion to change the water rates to a \$60.00 minimum charge, plus a \$5.00 per 1,000 gallon rate, effective the Second Quarter; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

The president stated the borough council would like to adjourn and go into **Executive Session to discuss pending litigation**. The council went into session at **7:43 PM**. No notes were taken, during the executive session. The council came out of executive session at **8:27 PM** and the president stated they were in executive session, to discuss the **Sokol** situation; and the council decided not be appeal the judge's decision. He further stated Tom Harlan would be looking into coordinating the conditions that were attached to the order.

Jim Niethammer stated he should have made a reference the borough will needs to get 3 quotes for the correlator; therefore, the guys will be making calls to get 3 quotes, and then we will move forward with the cheapest one we can find.

President Seldomridge asked if there were any comments for the good of the borough.

Brendan Allen stated the grate, at New and Race Streets, is deteriorating and should be looked at. Dennis stated it is a state road and asked Larry Hartman if he or the guys would contact the state on the grate deterioration.

The president asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim Niethammer made a motion to adjourn; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary