

January 8, 2013

Regular monthly meeting of the Richland Borough Council was conducted on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the Richland Borough Hall, 5 Pine St., Richland, Pa. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Owen Landes. Members present were James Niethammer, Chris Strause, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Dennis Seldomridge and Michelle Voydik. Also present were Mayor Ron Steiner, Road Sup. Dwight Belleman and solicitor Thomas Harlan.

Motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Ms. Voydik to accept the December 2012 treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Niethammer to appoint Daniel Culhane to a 5 year term on the board of GLRA. Motion passed unanimously.

Copy of letter from Pa. State Police to solicitor indicating their intent to provide coverage to the borough was given to council.

Dan Culhane discussed the installation of new lights in the borough shop and presented council with a bid for this work. Mr. Culhane was informed that council is not ready to pursue this project.

Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Hartman to accept John Johnson's resignation from Millcreek/Richland Joint Sewer Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Niethammer to approve second reading of Ordinance #372 setting 2013 borough tax rate at 1.89 mills. Motion passed unanimously.

Tabled request for borough to appoint a representative to EIT board and gave request to solicitor to determine action needed by council.

Mr. Belleman informed council that he was told by PennDOT that they will be repairing North Race St. Mr. Belleman will contact borough engineer to discuss procedures borough must follow in order to have North Race St. property owners bring their properties up to borough curb and pavement requirements.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Confirmed information on letter received from Lebanon County Bureau of Elections concerning borough public office vacancies to be placed on 2013 primary election ballot.

Motion by Mr. Seldomridge, seconded Ms. Voydik to approve the list of Richland Special Fire Police and their 2013 Non-emergency duty list. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to appoint Keystone Collection Group and Lebanon County Treasurer as tax collectors for the borough. Ms. Voydik raised the question of who collects the delinquent taxes for the borough. Solicitor will look into this.

Letter from UGI asking for borough street repair intentions for 2013 so they may do any work planned for these streets before borough makes repairs to the streets. Letter was give to Mr. Hartman.

Letter from Humane Society describing changes to the charges for animals and the duties of the Humane Society. A new contract was included for borough approval. Information was given to solicitor to review and make recommendations to council.

Mr. Landes discussed the accident involving the new dump truck during recent snow plowing. Motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded Mr. Mueller to purchase a cinder spreader for the pick-up truck at a cost of \$4600. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Hartman to purchase parts for truck repair thru borough's Costar membership in order to receive the available discount for these parts. Firm making repairs will include these costs on their bill to the borough. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Hartman to accept the road department report for December, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

#### COMMITTEES

Highway, Property, Finance, Recreation, Public Safety -- Nothing to report.

Water - Mr. Niethammer requested an executive session.

Executive session called at 8:35 P.M. Motion by Mr. Niethammer, seconded Mr. Mueller to adjourn executive session at 9:00 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niethammer asked that decision on handling of property owners who have not installed back-flo valves be tabled in order to give solicitor time to provide council with options.

Motion by Mr. Strause, seconded Mr. Seldomridge to adjourn at 9:10 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary