

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2017

(Recording A 21)

Present: Jim Niethammer, Kelly Bricker, Matt Johnson, Larry Hartman, John Mueller, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Solicitor Tom Harlan

Absent: Dennis Seldomridge, Travis Randler

Mayor Ray Shanaman called the January **Re-Organizational Borough Council Meeting** to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shanaman announced the borough council would hold the election of officers. He asked for a motion for **President of Borough Council**. Jim Niethammer made a motion to elect **Dennis Seldomridge** as President of Council; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Shanaman asked for a motion for **Vice President** of Borough Council. Larry Hartman made a motion to elect **Jim Niethammer** as Vice President; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Vice President Jim Niethammer ran the meeting from this point forward.

Vice President Niethammer asked for a motion for President Pro-Tem of Borough Council. John Mueller made a motion to elect **Larry Hartman** as **President Pro-Tem**; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Per VP Niethammer, **Doug Good** has agreed to serve another year as **Vacancy Board Chairman**. He asked for a motion to have Doug Good serve another year as Vacancy Board Chairman. Kelly Bricker made the motion; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Vice President Niethammer announced the following **Committees for 2017** are:

1. **Water** – Chairman: Jim Niethammer; Members: Dennis Seldomridge, Matt Johnson
2. **Highway** – Chairman: Larry Hartman; Members: John Mueller, Matt Johnson
3. **Public Safety** – Chairman: Dennis Seldomridge; Members: Jim Niethammer, Travis Randler
4. **Property** – Chairman: John Mueller; Members: Larry Hartman and Kelly Bricker
5. **Finance** – Chairman: Jim Niethammer; Members: All Council Members
6. **Recreation** – All Council Members

Mr. Niethammer asked for a motion for the following:

1. A motion to have **Perri Shanaman** as the **Secretary/Treasurer** of the Richland Borough. Kelly Bricker made the motion; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. A motion to have **Steckbeck Engineering** as the **Richland Borough Engineering Firm**. Larry Hartman made the motion; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
3. A motion to have **Henry and Beaver LLP** as the **Richland Borough Solicitor**. Matt Johnson made the motion; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
4. A motion to have **Robert Rittle** as the **Code Enforcement Officer**. VP Niethammer introduced Mr. Rittle, who was present at the meeting. Larry Hartman made the motion; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
5. A motion to have **Garcia, Garmen and Shea** to be the **Auditor** for Richland Borough. Kelly Bricker made the motion; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
6. A motion for **Jonestown Bank and Trust** to be the **Richland Borough Depository**. John Mueller made the motion; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

VP Niethammer asked for a motion to approve the December 6, 2016 Borough Council Meeting Minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

There were no citizen's comments.

Communications:

After Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, sent the PA State Police an email asking if they could monitor Poplar Street for speeding, the borough received a reply they would have someone monitoring the street periodically.

Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, submitted a report of the savings of the LED Street Lights. She compared October, November and December, of 2016, to July, August and September of 2016. The **average savings**, per month, we **\$163.20**, noting the lights were on more during October, November and December because of shorter days. Therefore, more savings are anticipated.

ELCO Youth Baseball asked to use the Moehlmann Field for their Spring and Fall team practices. Discussion followed. A Port a Potty will be provided, as the bathrooms are no longer in use. The room where equipment was formerly stored is now being made into a file room to store our records. The borough secretary is to inform the teams the equipment area will no longer be available.

Invoices:

VP Niethammer stated he had reviewed the invoices, prior to meeting, submitted for payment by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, and found them to be in order. Matt Johnson made a motion to pay all the invoices submitted for payment; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Financial Report:

Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the Financial Report, submitted by Gift Associates; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – The committee reported they met with Steckbeck Engineering, and geologist CJ Conapinski of Carlisle Grey, concerning the new well. The plan is to move the new well 50 feet from the original test well location because they felt the casing of the test well would collapse, since it's been so long since it was drilled. The test well will be abandoned once the piping is removed.

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

Office Report –Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report – No report

Police Report –Matt Johnson made a motion to accept the December State Police Report, submitted by the Jonestown Barracks of the PA State Police; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

MRJA Report – No report was received

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice President Niethammer stated **Ordinance #383**, setting the **2017 Tax Rate at 2.49 Mills** and the **Fire Tax at .3 mills**, was passed at last month's borough council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tallman Aerial Spraying, Inc. is offering a quote of \$50-\$55 an Acre to spray for Gypsy Moth in the area of the woodland we own. It would cost the borough about \$10,000. The County is doing nothing – it is up to the landowners. Discussion followed. It was asked if the spraying is safe for watershed areas. A decision must be made by March.

Solicitor Tom Harlan asked that he be notified, when the invoices for the new well start coming in, so we can make the first draw on the loan we obtained.

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VP Niethammer asked if there were any comments for the good of the borough.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary