

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2019

(Recording A15)

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.

The president asked for a motion to approve the **April 2019** minutes. Mark Brubaker made a motion to approve the April 2019 minutes, submitted by Borough Secretary Perri Shanaman; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Holly Mulhern, who arrived late for Citizen's Comments, but was allowed her to speak her concerns, stated New Street, between their property and the former Gill property, is cracked down the middle and the right side has dropped. She also stated North Race Street, in front of their home, has dropped down further than before. After discussion, Larry Hartman asked John Johnson if he could take a look at the situation. John stated he will. President Seldomridge asked John Johnson to call PA DOT regarding North Race in front of the Mulhern home. John Johnson said he would call PA DOT.

Communications:

President Seldomridge announced the borough had received an invitation to a **Press Conference Wednesday, May 15**, for local government officials, in support of the Restore PA Initiative, with **Governor Wolf in the Capitol Rotunda**.

The Borough received a copy of a signed proposal, from **Century Home Improvements** of Elizabethtown, PA, for the repair of the **garage behind the pizza shop** on E Main St, which is owned by Mancino. Repair is to begin in 6 wks.

A copy was received, of the **2018 Recycling Grant Application**, which was sent to DEP.

The president informed the council portions of the playground equipment are bad. It has graffiti scratched into it and two sections have parts, which are unsafe. President Seldomridge distributed pictures of the bad playground equipment, to the council, and asked for a motion to remove the bad sections and get a quote on new equipment. Larry Hartman made the motion to remove the bad sections of the playground equipment and get quotes for new sections; Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes. Dumpsters would also need to be ordered to dispose of the equipment.

Eagle Disposal reported they collected **4.32 Tons of Recycling** for the month of **March 2019**.

Invoices:

The president stated Matt Johnson 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; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Financial Report:

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – John Johnson stated the water Committee met with the Engineer, regarding the upcoming project. He reported Steckbeck is working on it. John also stated **Hydrant Flushing** would be the week of **June 3, 2019**.

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

Office Report – Mark Brubaker made a motion to approve the **April Office Report**, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes. President Seldomridge questioned Attorney Harlan about Jay Batdorf’s unpaid refuse bills for this year and previous years. After discussion, Mark Brubaker made a motion for Attorney Harlan to send Jay Batdorf a letter giving him the amount to be paid, by June 4, or suffer further consequences; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report – Travis Randler made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Police Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the **March State Police Report**; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all member present voting yes.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to participate in the **2019 Lebanon County Liquid Fuels County Aid Program**. Mark Brubaker made a motion to participate in the Lebanon County Liquid Fuels County Aid Program; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. The president informed each council member they had a copy of **three policies**, in their meeting packet, which they need to take home and review. He stated the borough insurance company is mandating the council adopt these three policies. President Seldomridge asked the council to take the three drafts home to review and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss and adopt them.
3. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the **2018 Richland Borough Audit**, prepared by Garcia, Garman and Shea. Larry Hartman made the motion to approve the audit, Travis Randler seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present.

President Seldomridge announced the council wanted to go into Executive Session **to discuss employee issues**. Borough Council went into **Executive Session** at **7:30 PM**. No notes were taken during that time.

The president **reconvened** the regular meeting, at **7:50 PM**, stating the council had gone into Executive Session to discuss employee issues. President Seldomridge stated the borough council had received three applications for playground employment.

He asked for a motion to employ **Logan Ruth as Playground Director**, at a rate of **\$11.00 per hour**. Kelly Bricker made the motion to employ Logan Ruth as Playground Director, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour; Mark Brubaker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

The president asked for a motion to employ **Devon Rosengrant as Assistant Playground Director**, at a rate of **\$10.00 per hour**. Kelly Bricker made the motion to employ Devon Rosengrant

President Seldomridge asked for a motion to employ **Jenae Ulrich** as the **Alternate Playground Employee** at a rate of **\$10.00 per hour**. Kelly Bricker made the motion to hire Jenae Ulrich as the Alternate Playground Employee at a rate of \$10.00 per hour; Mark Brubaker 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. Attorney Tom Harlan discussed the **Fiorini property subdivision, wishing to have their own sewer**, on their two lots for sale. Lebanon County Planning and Zoning **denied** their request 4/17/19. The county sent the borough a copy of the denial letter along with paperwork to sign, within 60 days, to accept their decision. Travis Randler made a motion to accept the Lebanon County Planning Denial, regarding the Fiorini property; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was passed with all members present voting yes.

The president asked for a motion to adjourn. Larry Hartman 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