

RICHLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

(Recording B-1 & B-2)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, John Mueller, Larry Hartman, Matt Johnson, Tom Harlan, Mayor Ray Shanaman

Absent: Dan Auman, Travis Randler

President Dennis Seldomridge called the Richland Borough Council Monthly Meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Seldomridge asked for an approval of the October Meeting Minutes submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman. Larry Hartman made the motion to approve the minutes; Matt Johnson seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Citizen's Comments:

Bevan Allen spoke on behalf of the Rec Board. They have three events planned through the end of the year and stated none of the present members feel comfortable having these events without the Borough Council approving the present members on their board. She submitted four names that she asked the council approve – herself, Stacey Marks, Jesse Templin and Kristi Krall. After a brief discussion Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the four board members, presently on the list, through the end of the year; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Bevan then proceeded to submit the financial statements for the Rec Board since 2009. She stated the present Rec Board wants to join another organization in town, with 501 Non Profit Status, to allow them to be eligible for grants. Tom Harlan asked they notify council, in writing, which organization they are planning on joining.

Dan Culhane is our present representative to the Lebanon County Refuse Authority. He asked if the council is planning on replacing him. The council informed him he may continue to go to meetings and receive communications on behalf of the borough.

Financial Report –

Dennis Seldomridge asked for a motion to approve the invoices Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman, submitted for payment and Finance Chairman, Jim Niethammer, reviewed and approved. Matt Johnson made a motion to approve the invoices submitted for payment; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Water Committee Report –

Jim Niethammer stated they need to have a Water Committee Meeting when Dan Auman gets back from vacation. They need to check with Engineer, Jeff Steckbeck, when he would be available to attend the meeting also.

Highway Committee Report –

Larry Hartman stated the crack sealing is about 90 % finished as of that day. They have 1 ½ streets that need to be done. He asked if he could get approval for another \$1000 to finish the crack sealing. He also stated they need to look into tarring and chipping some areas next year. After discussion, Larry made a motion for the Borough Council to approve another \$1000 for the completion of the crack sealing project; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Property Committee – Nothing

Finance Committee – Nothing

Safety Committee – Nothing

Road Supervisor's Report –

Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the Road Supervisor's Report; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. It was also announced the last day for leaf picking will be November 26.

Office Report –

Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the Office Report, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried by all members voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report –

Larry Hartman made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Report, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arnold; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes. Jeff Arnold stated he also informed some citizens of low hanging branches, since the report was written. John Johnson stated he has some other locations he needs to give Jeff that have low hanging branches and will interfere with leaf collection and snow plowing.

MRJSA Report –

Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the MRJSA Report submitted by Jay Wenger; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried by all members voting yes.

Old Business:

Central Booking – This item was tabled at a previous meeting to allow solicitor, Tom Harlan, to do some research. Tom stated many feel it is a county expense. However, most municipalities are going with it so he recommended we go with it because of its reasonable cost. Larry Hartman made a motion to participate in Central Booking and pay our share of the cost; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge stated, after having several meetings and extensive research regarding our present pension manager, the council feels it is in the best interest of the borough to transfer the pension funds from R.J. Hall to PMRS (PA Municipal Retirement System). This move will save the borough and the participants thousands of dollars each year in fees. Jim Niethammer made a motion to move the pension funds to PMRS; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge discussed, with Council, the best way to notify the public of the 2015 Rec Board Sign-ups. It was suggested Doug Stump put it in his newspaper article and also ask the Fire Company to put it on the informational sign placed in front of the fire hall.

The Borough Council went into Executive Session at 7:25 PM and no notes were taken.

The Borough Council came out of Executive Session at 7:47 PM.

President Seldomridge notified the citizens the reason for the Executive Session was to discuss litigation.

New Business:

Tom Harlan stated the council needs to approve and pass a resolution, required by DEP, to change and limit the amount of mercury that can be inducted into the sewer system. He asked they pass Resolution #267, which would limit the amount of mercury businesses and customers can discharge into the waste water system. Millcreek Township is being asked to pass a similar resolution. Jim Niethammer made a motion to pass Resolution #267 changing the amount of mercury allowed to be discharged into the waste water system; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge announced they have reviewed the 2015 Proposed Budget and will advertise, in the Lebanon Daily News, for the ability for the public to review the proposed 2015 Budget during regular office hours – Monday through Friday 9 AM-12 Noon.

He asked for a motion for the “First Reading of the 2015 Budget” to keep the mills at 1.89 Mills. Larry Hartman made the motion to approve the First Reading of the 2015 Budget to keep the mills at 1.89; John Mueller seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

President Seldomridge asked if there is anything else for the good of the Borough.

Since there were no other issues at hand, Jim Niethammer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt Johnson seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted by,

Perri Shanaman

Borough Secretary