

Richland Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019

(Recording A22)

Present: Dennis Seldomridge, Jim Niethammer, Kelly Bricker, Larry Hartman, Mayor Ray Shanaman, Attorney Tom Harlan

Absent: Matt Johnson, Mark Brubaker, Travis Randler

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

Citizen's Comments:

There were no Citizen's Comments

Communications:

The borough received a distribution check, for **\$461.48**, from **2019 PURTA** (Public Utility Realty Tax)

Eagle Disposal reported they collected **3.90 Tons of Recycling** for the month of **September 2019**.

The **Myerstown Borough** sent the Richland Borough notification they will no longer participate in the **Lebanon County Code Appeals Board**, as established by the Intermunicipal Agreement. They will be hiring a third party instead.

Invoices:

The president stated Jim Niethammer 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; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Financial Report:

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee – Chairman Jim Niethammer stated a Step Down Test has been done on the new well. They need to schedule a 72 hour pump test. Womelsdorf/Newmanstown Water Authority was discussed, but was tabled for now, because of needing to do an analysis and cost.

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

Office Report – Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the **October Office Report**, submitted by Borough Secretary, Perri Shanaman; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all council members present voting yes.

Code Enforcement Report – Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the **October Code Enforcement Report**, submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Robert Rittle; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

MRJA Report – The report was made available for review.

Police Report – Jim Niethammer made a motion to approve the **September 2019 State Police Report**; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Seldomridge informed the council **Steckbeck Engineering** is writing the **Marcellus Shale Grant Application** for the replacement of the Playground Equipment. Steckbeck needs to know if council wants to apply through the County, with a 50% match, or directly through the DCED Dept at the State, with a 15% match. After discussion, Jim Niethammer made a motion to apply for the Marcellus Shale Grant directly through DCED; Kelly Bricker seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The president asked for a motion to approve the **First Reading of the 2020 Proposed Budget**. Kelly Bricker made a motion to approve the First Reading of the 2020 Proposed Budget; Larry Hartman seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
2. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to **advertise the viewing of the Proposed 2020 Budget**, in the **Lebanon Daily News**. Larry Hartman made a motion to advertise the viewing of the proposed 2020 budget in the Lebanon Daily News; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
3. The president asked the council to think of someone to serve as **head of the Vacancy Board**. Doug Good served previously, but he moved out of town this past month.
4. President Seldomridge asked for a motion to **cease Red Rose Sanitation Services**, for the Moehlmann Field, **until Spring**. Kelly Bricker made a motion to cease the Red Rose Sanitation Service until Spring; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.
5. The borough received a **renewal notice from Direct Energy**. The rates are going up about a penny per kilowatt hour. After discussion, it was agreed to table the decision to renew, until Jim Niethammer did some research into the rate.
6. The president announced the **Tree Lighting Service** will be held **Saturday evening November 23**, at the Town Tree at **5:30 PM**.
7. President Seldomridge further announced the **last day of leaf picking** will be **November 27**, weather permitting.

The president asked if there was anything else.

Since there was nothing, Jim Niethammer 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