

President Abby Wertz called the January 7, 2013 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Ron Becker, Jr., Bob Pierce, Frank Schnee and Dave Rohrbach. Council Member Mike Kocher was absent. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief Scott Wagner and Secretary Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, David Bright, Lori Brown and Vernon Bright. On a motion by Mr. Schnee, seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

**VISITORS & CITIZENS** – All visitors were observing and had no comments.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Gartner discussed the need to repair the curbing in the front of the Borough Hall in spring. He advised Council that the Borough would be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of incorporating and sought Council's input for ideas on how to celebrate. A memorabilia display at the Street Fair, along with a plaque presentation from PSAB, was discussed. Secretary to complete paperwork and submit to PSAB to set up plaque presentation. Also, posting to the Borough website and in the quarterly newsletter were suggested.

**SOLICITOR** – Solicitor George presented the following ordinances for adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013 – 1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE TAX RATES UPON REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA AND ESTABLISHING AND FIXING DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES FOR THE SAME FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013.**

On a motion by Mr. Becker, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried by Council, motion passed.

**ORDINANCE 2013-2**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING REGULATIONS AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 1996-2 AND PARTIALLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 1996-4 AND 2006-2 FOR OPERATION AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES BY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PENALTIES.**

On a motion by Mr. Schnee, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried by Council, motion passed.

Solicitor George then presented proposed Ordinance 2013-3, regulating the truck traffic on South Church Street. Mr. Rohrbach made a motion to direct Solicitor George to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the February meeting. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion and Council passed unanimously.

The following appointments for 2013 were presented for approval:

- PLGIT and National Penn Bank- Robesonia Branch- as the Borough's depository
- Mogel, Speidel, Bobb & Kershner as Borough Solicitors at a rate of \$200/meeting, \$150/hour for partner, \$100/hour for associate
- Technicon Enterprises II, Inc. as Borough Zoning Officials at an hourly rate of \$93.00/senior engineer, \$80.50/engineer, \$49.50/zoning official, \$42.75/clerical
- Spotts, Stevens & McCoy as Borough Engineers at an hourly rate of \$115.00/Senior Engineer, \$105.00/engineer, \$38.00/clerical.
- CIA (Jerry Farro) as Borough's Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Accessibility and Commercial Building Inspector.
- Kraft Code Services as the Borough Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officials
- Bill Langjahr as Assistant Zoning Officer
- Robert J. Davidson & Associates as Borough Auditors at a rate of \$4,750.00/ yr.
- Lisa Heilman as Borough Secretary/ Treasurer
- Vernon Bright, Vacancy Board, 4 year term
- Richard Kuchar, Robesonia Municipal Authority, 5 year term
- Richard Dissinger, Robesonia Parks & Recreation Board, 5 year term
- James Burrus, Robesonia Planning Commission, 5 year term

Mr. Schnee made the motion, and Mr. Becker seconded, to approve the 2013 appointments. Council approved unanimously.

**ENGINEER** – The engineer’s report was included in the packet.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2013, if needed.

**SECRETARY** – Secretary submitted request from library for approval of new trustees, Penny Talbert, Larry Bashore and Lori Brown and for the approval of the use of the Council room for requested 2013 dates. Mr. Schnee made the motion to approve both requests. Mr. Becker seconded and Council unanimously approved.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Wagner wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES-** Motion by Mr. Becker seconded by Mr. Schnee and unanimously carried, the bills were ordered paid as presented, including those paid prior to the meeting to avoid penalties.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Finance/Administration** – 2012 final budget and year-end balance sheets were included in agenda packet. Ms. Wertz advised Council that since the final meeting of 2013 falls on Christmas, the Finance Committee will hold their meeting, if necessary, on the advertised Workshop Meeting date (December 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Fire Protection/Safety** – No report

**Streets/Highways/Sewer** – No report.

**Parks & Recreation** – Mr. Becker advised Council Sue Williams from the Conrad Weiser YMCA Camp will be attending the January 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to present rates and recommendations for the summer playground program. Also attending the meeting will be the baseball organizations interested in using the Robesonía ball fields in 2013.

**Personnel:** No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Marshall** – Mr. Marshall notified Council that he has obtained a quote for \$1,675.00 from Door Solutions for the repair of the rear library door, the rear, double Council room door, the front, double Council room door and the front library double doors. They should be performing the work by end of January.

**Schnee** – Mr. Schnee suggested that the Post Office is not recycling all that they could be. He feels a letter should be sent to the Post Office encouraging more diligence in their recycling efforts.

**Becker-** No report.

**Rohrbach** – Mr. Rohrbach advised Council that the Trash COG met for their annual meeting and their goal this year is to work on increasing the recycling tonnage. Mr. Rohrbach is working with the Environmental Advisory Council and schools toward this goal.

**Pierce-** Mr. Pierce stated the road crew is doing a great job.

**Kocher-** Absent

**Wertz** - No report.

**Mayor Gartner:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Secretary provided Council with the contributions made to civic/community/environmental organizations for 2012 as requested at the December meeting in order to make a determination of what, if anything, to contribute to Crime Alert Berks. All members feel it is a worthy organization. Mr. Marshall made a motion to donate \$250. Mr. Schnee seconded and Council unanimously approved. Secretary reminded everyone that the annual meeting of the Western Berks Joint Planning Commission would be held at the Robesonía Borough Hall on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

David Bright asked if any more thought had been given to using some of the Beautification Grant money to purchase a borough business sign to be placed at the end of town. Mike Kocher will be involved in determination of purchase.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Schnee advised Council that he has an interest in serving on the Finance Committee since his position with the Western Berks Regional Police Commission ended at the end of 2012. It was recommended he simply attend the meetings, if interested, and be reconsidered at the 2014 reorganizational meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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