

President Abby Wertz called the February 4, 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 Mike Kocher. Council Member David Rohrbach was absent. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Police Chief Scott Wagner and Secretary Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Pastor Bill Weiser, Lori Brown, Bonnie Page of the Western Berks Ambulance Association, Vernon Bright and Karen Feick of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Schnee, seconded by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting were approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Pastor Bill Weiser approached Council on the possibility of having a larger Halloween parade with the assistance of Trinity Lutheran Church. He also advised Council that, due to the popularity of the tot lot, the church is willing to assist in enlarging the tot lot. Discussion will be held on both topics at the scheduled workshop meeting on February 19. The Recreation Board will be encouraged to attend as well. Pastor Weiser will attend.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner asked Council to consider donating approximately \$1,000 to the Street Fair Committee since the Borough will be celebrating the 100-year anniversary of incorporation and the Committee is planning to incorporate that celebration with the Street Fair. The money would be used at the discretion of the Street Fair Committee.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George presented the following ordinance for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 3
AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING VEHICULAR ACCESS
AND ACTIONS ON WEST PENN AVENUE (STATE ROUTE 422) AND OTHER
ROADS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA,
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA TO POST SIGNS
RESTRICTING SUCH TRAFFIC AND ALLOWING ENFORCEMENT
OF SUCH RESTRICTIONS

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

ENGINEER – The engineer's report was included in the packet. There was some discussion on the repair of the stormwater trench under West Penn Avenue. Several council members were interested in viewing the videotape of the failing stormwater trench provided by Captain Clog .

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2013, if needed, although Mr. Schnee knew of nothing upcoming.

SECRETARY – Secretary submitted a request from Wells Fargo Bank, requesting a limited parking sign be placed at the front of the bank. There is currently a limited time parking sign on the east side of the bank and they also have a parking lot at the rear of the property. Mr. Schnee believes it's not worth spending the money to adopt an ordinance for one parking space as indicated in the letter from the bank. Council should consider waiting until their request could be combined with another one before being considered for approval at that time in an effort to save money. Council concurred. Mr. Schnee will advise the bank of Council's decision.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Wagner asked Council how they would like the Police Department to handle the new traffic restrictions on South Church Street. Council requested warnings be given for the first 90 days, then start ticketing those who fail to comply.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Schnee seconded by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, Secretary was directed to pay the Reading Eagle bill for \$183.55 that came in too late to be included in the bill list. On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the bills were ordered paid as presented, including those paid prior to the meeting to avoid penalties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration – No report

Fire Protection/Safety – Next meeting, February 5th, at the Fire Company

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Mr. Marshall sought Council's approval to rent a crack sealer from Seal Master for one week this spring to allow our street department to do as much crack sealing as possible to preserve the streets we can. The cost is \$1800 for the crack sealer and \$1,728/pallet for the material. Two pallets are recommended. Mr. Schnee made the motion, and Mr. Kocher seconded, to place the order for the rental and purchase of materials. Council unanimously passed. Mr. Marshall also requested Council's approval to piggyback on the Water Authority's project on South Church Street. He advised Council there are two problem spots on South Church Street (under the railroad

bridge and and at the Mountain Road culvert) for which he would like to seek bids as an addendum on the Water Authority's bid since it would be more reasonable to have it done in conjunction with their project. Mr. Becker made the motion and Mr. Pierce seconded to include the Borough's bid with the Water Authority's when it is done. Council unanimously agreed.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Becker contacted Sue Williams from the Conrad Weiser YMCA Camp to see where we stand with the contracted playground services. Ms. Williams reported it is still in the legal department. She will send Mr. Becker something to include in our spring newsletter.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – No report.

Schnee – Mr. Schnee suggested that the Post Office is not recycling all that they could be. He will continue to observe and pursue this problem. He also advised Council that Kraft Codes is still in the process of pursuing 378 West Penn Avenue on the water run-off problem.

Becker- No report.

Rohrbach – Absent

Pierce- No report.

Kocher- No report.

Wertz - Ms. Wertz reported the library is interested in holding a couple of events this year in an effort to increase revenues. In conjunction with the book sale, they would like to have a vendor sale set up in front of the borough hall under tents. Additionally, they would like to hold an electronics recycling event at the rear of the building on the playground. Council determined it should be done as in the past with whomever was holding the Street Fair. An agreement will be signed for the use of the borough property for the sum of \$1.00 and the Borough will be provided with a certificate of liability insurance.

Mayor Gartner: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The digital sign at the east end of Womelsdorf is one-sided. Ms. Wertz reported that she is still awaiting contact from the Water Authority to get information on the phone alert system they use.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Randler extended an offer from Heidelberg Township to purchase our old copier for \$200.00. Mr. Marshall made the motion to accept the \$200 offer from Heidelberg Township with the proviso they pick it up. Mr. Schnee seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed. Motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary