

President Abby Wertz called the March 2, 2015 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Tony Wirebach, Bob Pierce, Rod Soliday, Bill Langjahr, Mike Kocher and Junior Council member, Grayson Ziegler. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Mayor Randall Gartner, Police Chief Bill Schlichter and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler, Frank Schnee, Vernon Bright, David Bright, Lori Brown and Erica Ziegler. On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, seconded by Mr. Soliday and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the February 2, 2015 Council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Lori Brown advised Council that she submitted a complaint regarding the tenant at 19 West Penn Avenue parking in front of the property along West Penn Avenue. The zoning variance granted to property owner Randy Criss mandated the tenants at 19 West Penn Avenue to park in the rear of the property. She asked the status of her complaint. Borough Manager Lisa Heilman advised Ms. Brown that a letter had been sent to Mr. Criss by the Zoning Officer reminding him of his, and his tenant's, responsibilities. Ms. Heilman offered to provide a copy of the letter to Ms. Brown following the meeting. Ms. Heilman also advised Council that the Zoning Officer suggested the violation of this parking proviso would be difficult to win in court as the parking in front of the property is considered public parking, allowing for anyone to park there. Ms. Brown then advised Council she is tired of being told that her zoning variance is being looked at as well. She maintains she has done nothing wrong that would violate her facts of finding.

Frank Schnee sought the latest status on the proposed Police Charter Agreement changes. Mr. Kocher advised that he expects/hopes to hear some positive feedback at the Police Commission meeting scheduled for March 3 at 7PM in Wernersville.

David Randler advised Council that a meeting is being planned for the Joint Zoning Board in the near future and he would recommend full councils/boards be present for the meeting since the ongoing issue of the ACRE lawsuit will be discussed and possibly voted on.

MAYOR – No report

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George advised Council that the amendment of Section 2 of Ordinance 2013-2 (Operation and Parking of Motor Vehicles during Snow Emergencies) will be postponed till the April 6 meeting due to an advertising error. The amendment needed to be readvertised (for which costs the law firm will be liable).

ENGINEER- There was no Engineer's report for February.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting, scheduled for March 18th, if needed.

MANAGER – Ms. Heilman advised Council that Little People's Nursery School is seeking the use of the tot lot pavilion for their annual year-end party (May 21 & 22, 9AM to noon) and for the tennis courts for their annual bike rally (May 5 & 6, 9:30AM to noon/Rain dates May 7 & 8). Mr. Pierce made the motion to approve the dates and waive the fees. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Heilman presented a request from Shade Tree Commission Chairman, John Ravert, to approve awarding the bid for tree work along Penn Avenue to be paid from the Beautification Grant money. Three bids were obtained for the work. The bids were as follows:

Summer Mountain Tree Service- \$600

Stoltzfus Professional Tree Service- \$650

Murdough Landscaping Service- \$910

Mr. Marshall made the motion to award the bid to Summer Mountain Tree Service at \$600. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF: Due to illness, Chief Schlichter had to leave the meeting early. It was announced that the next Police Commission meeting would be held in Wernersville on Tuesday, March 03 at 7:00 PM.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Langjahr 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 – Mr. Soliday advised Council that the new radios just purchased by the county are neither water or heat resistant and there is nothing in place to replace them should they fail. It would then be up to the municipality to replace them should that happen. Mr. Randler advised Council that this subject was discussed at the Heidelberg Township meeting and he feels that a class action lawsuit should be considered

against the county. He feels that if enough municipalities got involved in it, we may be able to get some action from the county on the matter. He suggested we should contact the County Commissioners and have them attend a meeting to explain how this happened and what, if anything, the County intends to do to rectify the situation.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Meeting minutes from the February meeting were included in the agenda packet. Ms. Heilman advised Council that our most recent order of salt, which was ordered two weeks prior, has not yet been delivered. We're not sure what the situation is....whether the salt supply is running short or is being diverted elsewhere. Mr. Degler advised Council that our salt supply is currently sufficient to get us through the rest of the winter. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he and Ms. Heilman met with Gary Wentzel of Miller Municipal Supply for a demonstration of the street sign inventory program they've developed to help municipalities comply with the mandate. He told Council that the maximum amount it would cost for the program (based on a per sign cost) would be \$4,000. Mayor Gartner suggested we ignore the mandate since there are currently no ramifications if the mandate is ignored. Council agreed and the matter was tabled.

Parks & Recreation –Mr. Wirebach advised Council that all three of last year's playground leaders are returning this year. He suggested we require pre-registration for all children wanting to attend the playground program. He will work with the Borough Manager to develop a registration form which can be filled out online and put on the Borough's website. Erica Ziegler suggested the Borough charge a small fee for children to join playground (which could be used to help defray costs for supplies/field trips, etc). Ms. Heilman felt that many families in town may not have the means to pay. The question of whether the Borough's liability insurance covers our playground program was discussed. Borough Manager to contact Harding-Yost Insurance for clarification on that matter.

Mr. Wirebach also reported that he has submitted requests for two quotes so far for the spraying of the ball field. He is hoping to get one more quote to report back at the April meeting.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall sought Council's approval to purchase five new trash/recycling receptacles from the Beautification Grant money. He obtained two bids for four receptacles and the low bidder was Kettle Creek Corporation for \$5,053. He would like to add one more receptacle to the order. Mr. Langjahr made the motion to approve the purchase and Mr. Wirebach seconded. Council unanimously approved the purchase.

David Bright suggested Council should consider the purchase of some type of message board with some of the remaining Beautification Grant money. Council will take it under consideration.

Wirebach - No report.

Langjahr – No report.

Soliday- No report.

Pierce . Mr. Pierce also noted that this winter has kept our street crew particularly busy and that they are doing a great job.

Kocher- No report

Wertz – No report.

Ziegler- No report.

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner noted that the Friends of the Furnace Annual Dinner will be held on March 31st at Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill. John Ravert will be speaking on his hike along the Appalachian Trail.

NEW BUSINESS – Tony Wirebach told Council that he will be working with Lisa Heilman on obtaining cloud storage for the Borough's needs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Representatives from Heidelberg & North Heidelberg Townships and Robesonia Borough met to discuss the cost sharing of Workers Compensation Insurance. Abby Wertz collated information for five years of the Fire Company's services. She sent out her report for everyone to look over before setting up a meeting between the three municipalities again to discuss the fairest way to divide the costs.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- WRJA Treasurer's Report and meeting minutes for January.
- Monthly police report and Commission meeting minutes.

Mr. Pierce asked why we are still not receiving meeting minutes from the Robesonia Municipal Authority. We did speak with them about this last year and have had no response to date

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

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Treasurer
Borough of Robesonia