

President Abby Wertz called the March 5, 2012 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Frank Schnee, Ron Becker, Jr., David W. Rohrbach, Harvey Marshall, , Bob Pierce and Michael Kocher. 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 Vernon Bright, David Randler, Lori Brown, Al Hartman 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 February 6, 2012 meeting were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Becker, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimous consent by Council, the meeting minutes of the January 17 workshop meeting were approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – All visitors were observing.

MAYOR – No report.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George advised Council that no trash collection report was provided since most have paid in full, with a few exceptions who have been filed against.

ENGINEER – The engineer's report was included in the packet, including updates on the bus shelter and the repair of flood damages.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2012, if needed.

SECRETARY – Presented request from Little People's Nursery School for the use of the tennis court for their annual bike rally on May 8th and May 9th and for the use of the tot lot pavilion for their end-of-year party on May 24th & May 25th. All uses will be for 9:30AM to noon. Fee waivers were also requested. Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve all requests. Mr. Kocher seconded and Council unanimously approved the requests and fee waivers.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Pierce, 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 – On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, Council directed Secretary to transfer \$40,000.00 to bridge fund.

Fire Protection/Safety – Mr. Becker and Mr. Marshall will be attending a meeting on 3/6/12.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Mr. Marshall asked Council to consider placing a stop sign on the south side of the underpass on South Church Street since the concrete repair work done last fall is already falling apart from the traffic and he feels we could minimize that deterioration if we slowed traffic down going through the underpass. He also advised Council that the new truck limit signage must be ordained in order to enforce. Mr. Marshall will discuss with borough engineer and will contact Norfolk Southern to determine any involvement they may have with repairs to the underpass and the railroad bridge behind the borough garage.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Library – No report.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall advised Council the Shade Tree Commission will be meeting on Thursday, March 8th and the tree issue on North Robeson Street would be discussed. He will report back to Council at the April meeting.

Schnee – Mr. Schnee advised Council the Excellence in Local Government office is offering four courses. If anyone is interested in attending, please let him know and he will set it up.

Becker- No report.

Rohrbach – No report.

Pierce- Asked about the conditions at 19 South Robeson Street and 250 West Ruth Avenue. He suggested we have Kraft Codes look behind the shed at 250 West Ruth Avenue. Also, Secretary advised Council we will be having Kraft Codes take a look at 378 West Penn Avenue for some gray water drainage issues that have not been resolved since prior issues were addressed. Mr. Pierce asked if we know how much money Heidelberg and North Heidelberg Townships are contributing to the new radios for the Fire Company.

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Kocher- No report.

Wertz - Ms. Wertz asked if any permits are required for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and wake held at Johnny & Hons. No permit is required.

Mayor Gartner: Mr. Gartner advised Council the basketball lights are in the process of being repaired. He asked that the trees in front of 425 West Penn Avenue be trimmed. Mr. Marshall will advise Street Department. Mayor Gartner asked to have Kraft Code Services be vigilant when inspecting the rental property at 239 West Penn Avenue due to the complaints received by neighbors regarding the number of people living at the property. Mayor Gartner reminded Secretary to send out snow ordinance reminders to all landlords in the borough.

Secretary agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No report.

NEW BUSINESS – No report.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Kocher and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary