

President Abby Wertz called the March 7, 2016 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Tony Wirebach, Frank Schnee, Rod Soliday, Bill Langjahr, Mike Martin and Junior Council member, Grayson Ziegler. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Mayor Randall Gartner, Police Chief William Schlichter and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were Joan London (Kozloff-Stoudt), Steve Bensinger (Stackhouse-Bensinger), David Beane (environmental counsel for Barbara Breininger), David Randler, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler, David Bright, Lori Brown and Geneva Aulenbach of the Reading Eagle.

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr and second by Mr. Soliday and unanimously carried, meeting minutes of the February 1, 2016 council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS- Joan London, Steve Bensinger and David Beane spoke on behalf of the Breininger subdivision plan submitted for approval. Mr. Bensinger advised council he was seeking a waiver for the placement of concrete monuments as property markers. Joan London also stated a non-building and development waiver was needed. Frank Schnee advised Council that the Planning Commission recommends at least two monuments be placed if Mr. Randler is agreeable to that. Mr. Randler asked that **four** monuments be placed (one at each corner of the property) and noted that he was okay with the slight variance in numbers between Stackhouse-Bensinger's survey and the survey he had done on his adjoining property earlier. Mr. Schnee made the motion to approve the requested waivers, Mr. Langjahr seconded and council approved unanimously.

Mr. Schnee then made the motion to grant conditional final approval upon completion of all items listed in Zoning Officer, Dennis Smaglinski's, email dated Thursday, February 18th, 2016. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously. All other visitors were observing.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner offered a special thank you to Officer Dan Albright for his work on the hit and run with the Borough truck and also for his detective work upon finding a wallet and determining the owner of the wallet was a friend of the Mayor. Mayor Gartner was able to return the wallet to its grateful owner. Mayor Gartner advised everyone that the Street Fair Committee will be holding a Steak & Cheeseburger Night on Friday March 11 and asked everyone to come out and support the fundraiser for the Street Fair.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George advised Council that a few more (bigger) trash liens have been satisfied.

ENGINEER- There was no engineer's report for the month of February.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting, scheduled for March 16th, if needed.

MANAGER – Ms. Heilman presented the following:

Advised Council an estimate was received for the repair of Bob & Cindy Garmer's fence, that was damaged by our plow at 227 West Ruth Avenue for \$272.00. On a motion by Mr. Wirebach, second by Mr. Martin and unanimous approval by Council, Ms. Heilman will direct the Garmers to have the work performed and the invoice submitted to Borough for payment.

Presented a request to Council from Trinity Lutheran Church for the approval of the Highway Closure/Parade permit for Penn Avenue on Sunday, November 6th for the Jack Frost Parade. Mr. Langjahr made the motion to approve the request with Mr. Martin seconding. Council approved unanimously.

Ms. Heilman reminded Council that if any changes are requested to the existing Joint Zoning Ordinance, they must be submitted to Mickey Balistrieri by the third week in April. Mayor Gartner asked that we make sure the provision to prohibit homes being built along streets with cartways less than 16' be included in the changes submitted.

Ms. Heilman reminded everyone that the Municipal Officials' Dinner is scheduled for March 31st at the Reading Country Club. Anyone interested in attending must have their form turned in to her absolutely no later than March 18th to be registered.

Advised Council that Verdin Clock Company, from whom the town clock was obtained, called to recommend some routine preventive maintenance be done on the clock to ensure its ongoing longevity. They provided a quote of \$580 to do the maintenance. Council recommended finding a local company to receive another quote. Lititz Watch & Clock will be contacted.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Schlichter advised Council that vehicle accidents (both reportable and non-reportable) have been down since the beginning of the year. He advised Council that the speed sign would soon be up since the winter weather is breaking.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, second by Mr. Soliday and unanimously carried, the bills were ordered paid as presented, including those paid prior to the meeting to avoid penalties. Mr. Schnee advised Council that the bills were looked over at the Finance Meeting and were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration – Ms. Heilman advised Council that the Borough is in good shape financially going into March which is typically the month that presents the greatest challenge for bill paying.

Personnel: No report.

Fire Protection/Safety – No report

Streets/Highways/Sewer – No report.

Parks & Recreation –Ms. Heilman advised Council that three bids were received for the spraying of the ballfield, however, all three companies provided bids for what they felt would be the best treatment for the fields. Green Giant recommend three treatments for a total of \$950.00 TruGreen recommended four treatments plus grub control for a total cost of \$875. Siani Pest Control submitted 7 options at rates varying from \$625 to \$1,325. The recommended options came to a total of \$1,250. On a motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Langjahr and unanimously carried, Council approved TruGreen for the 2016 Ballfield maintenance upon confirmation that their quote included both fields (infield and outfield). Mr. Marshall advised Council that the Rockhounds softball organization requested moving the bases on the softball field back three feet. They offered their assistance to do so. Mr. Marshall will meet with the Rec Board Chairman, Mike Zerbe, to determine the feasibility of doing this and report at the April meeting.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall advised Council that he obtained three bids for work on the borough hall roof since it has had two leaks in the past month. Dennis Unger & Son submitted a bid for \$18,500, George Longenecker submitted a bid for \$25,682 and Bachman Roofing submitted a bid for \$24,800 for total roof replacement. However, George Longenecker advised Mr. Marshall that they do not feel a total roof repair is needed. They noticed a few signs of wear but feel with a few minor repairs, particularly to the flat, rubber portion of the roof, several more years could be gotten out of the existing roof. He quoted \$1,796 for the repairs. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the repair of the roof and Mr. Schnee seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed.

Langjahr – No report.

Soliday- N/R

Wirebach- N/R. Mr. Schnee advised Council that Mr. Wirebach had an excellent editorial in the Reading Eagle.

Martin- Mr. Martin advised Council that he attended the second seminar in the series for newly elected municipal officials being held by the Center for Excellence in Local Government which included information on the Right to Know Law and Executive Sessions. He also attended the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce breakfast and found it very informative as well.

Schnee- Mr. Schnee asked the Mayor the status of new bricks for the Veteran's Wall in the HPR Park. Mayor Gartner informed him that he is still waiting to hear from Dave Rohrbach on the bricks.

Wertz – Ms. Wertz would like an updated curb repair list for the April meeting. Council recommended having the sidewalk inspector, Dennis Rick, do the inspection and update the list.

Ziegler- Greyson advised Council and visiting guests that the CW High School Musical committee is seeking sponsors for their program. Anyone interested in helping may contact him for a form.

Mayor Gartner- No report.

NEW BUSINESS – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- WRJA Treasurer's Report and meeting minutes.
- WBRPD Treasurers Report, monthly report and meeting minutes.
- Kraft Codes monthly property maintenance report.

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, seconded by Mr. Martin and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Treasurer/Secretary
Borough of Robesonia