

President Abby Wertz called the April 1, 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, David Rohrbach, Frank Schnee and Mike 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 David Randler, Vernon Bright, David Bright and Carol Duran of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Schnee, seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting were approved with the correction of a typo to Mr. Kocher's name under payment of invoices.

**VISITORS & CITIZENS** – All visitors were observing.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Gartner advised Council that he has Solicitor George looking into the pros and cons of taking over the Municipal Authority and will keep Council apprised of his findings. He has also asked Engineer, David Bright, to seek costs for inspecting the Borough's bridges. Mr. Bright will provide cost estimates.

**SOLICITOR** – Solicitor George advised Council that the lien filed against 26 North Church Street has been satisfied and will be released.

**ENGINEER** – The engineer's report was included in the agenda packet and included work on the MS4 permit, stormwater drainage issues at Tony's Restaurant, and the repair of the stormwater culvert under West Penn Avenue.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Next meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, if needed.

**SECRETARY** – Secretary reminded everyone of the PEL breakfast on April 25<sup>th</sup> and asked anyone interested in attending to notify her no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Presented the agreement with the Robeson Community Library to rent the borough property for \$1.00 to hold a vendor sale in conjunction with their spring book sale on May 11<sup>th</sup>. On a motion by Ms. Wertz, second by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, Council agreed to rent the property to the library for \$1.00. Secretary to sign agreement. Presented an invitation from Wernersville Borough to participate in their Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> if interested. Council was not interested in participating this year.

David Bright reminded Council of the POSofA Memorial Day service to be held at HPR Memorial Park on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and asked all available Council Members to attend. Mayor Gartner will help again this year.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Wagner advised Council the pharmaceutical drop box has been placed in the Wernersville Borough Hall lobby. He also asked Council to pass on to all their residents the importance of reporting an incident to Berks Radio **at the time it is happening.**

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES-** On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Becker 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fire Company

**Streets/Highways/Sewer** – March Street Meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he met with A.H. Moyer to discuss the repair of the stormwater culvert under West Penn Avenue. A.H. Moyer suggested a temporary repair would cost not more than \$6,900. A permanent repair would cost less than \$75,000. He also advised Council that PennDOT has revised their HOP application process to be able to provide the permit within fifteen (15) days, provided all data and plans submitted are in proper order. He is still awaiting the photos/video from Jon Belinski of SSM to better determine if a temporary repair or permanent repair is the best course of action. He will keep Council advised.

**Parks & Recreation** – Mr. Becker advised Council that he is still waiting to hear from Sue Williams of the South Mountain YMCA Camp on the finalization of the legal issues. Solicitor George will contact their solicitor to see if the process can be expedited. The next Rec Board meeting will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

**Personnel:** No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Marshall** – No report.

**Schnee** – Mr. Schnee advised Council that he spoke to the bank manager at the Wells Fargo Bank regarding their request for limited parking in front of the bank, explaining to them that their request will be kept on file and considered when other changes need to be made as well. Council's response was also presented to them in writing.

**Becker-** No report.

**Rohrbach** – Mr. Rohrbach advised Council that the trash COG has been working on the recycling promotion grant. He notified Council that the holiday pick-up schedule has changed. In the past, pick-up was provided on the holidays of Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Future pick-ups will be provided on the day following the

holiday. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's will still be picked up the following day as it was previously. The Trash COG has also negotiated free recycling pick-up for the volunteer Fire Companies in all three boroughs. Several recycling containers shall be provided to the Fire Company to get them started. Mr. Rohrbach recommended one container be used for the paper/cardboard recycling (in a clear bag) while the others can be used for glass, plastic and aluminum single-stream recycling.

**Pierce-** Mr. Pierce advised Council that the current contract with the Western Berks Regional Police Department is scheduled to expire at the end of 2013. He advised Council the WBRP Commission is currently seeking a replacement Chief since Chief Wagner will be retiring in August. They are also considering adding another full-time employee. The current contract for the officers expires this year and negotiations will take place this year for their new contract. Mr. Rohrbach made the motion to continue contracting with Western Berks Regional Police Department for another three years. Mr. Schnee seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

**Kocher-** No report.

**Wertz -** No report.

**Mayor Gartner:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Chief Wagner notified Council that the vandals involved in throwing rocks at vehicles were apprehended and South Heidelberg Township will take the lead in filing on behalf of all five municipalities involved in the incidents.

**NEW BUSINESS** –No report.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lisa Heilman  
Secretary