

President Abby Wertz called the May 6, 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, and David Rohrbach. Frank Schnee and Mike Kocher were absent. 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, Lori Brown, Gerry Ochs and Todd Sauber. On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting were approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Lori Brown explained to Council that several weeks prior she had submitted a complaint to the Borough regarding the neighbors allowing their dogs to run at large and defecate on neighboring properties. The Secretary sent out warning letters to the pets' owners and the landlord of the properties. She states they are still allowing the animals to run at large and are retaliating by parking their vehicles in front of her candy shop. Chief Wagner advised her to contact the police via the non-emergency number when she witnesses the dogs running at large and they can address the matter when it is occurring. She questioned whether the parking can be enforced by forcing Mr. Criss, the landlord, to require his tenants park in the rear of the property. Council advised Ms. Brown they would look at the Zoning Hearing findings to determine whether the verbiage in the findings dictates enforced rear-lot parking.

David Bright, on behalf of POSofA, handed out reminders of the Remembrance Ceremony to be held at the HPR Park on May 23rd at 6:30PM.

Mr. Ochs notified Council that the Fire Company will reimburse the Borough for all but \$1,000 of the first payment for the new emergency radios as agreed upon. He advised Council the first radios have been installed and are working well.

Todd Sauber, representing the local Boy Scout troop, asked whether the Borough has purchased additional flags to be placed along the street for the major patriotic holidays. Secretary will order between 500 and 1,000 immediately. He also asked if he could include a request in the Borough's summer newsletter for additional help from families, etc. in placing the flags. He will include his email address in the article for people to contact him if interested.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner advised Council that Robesonia Borough made the most recent edition of the Pennsylvania magazine for our keystone marker.

SOLICITOR – No report.

ENGINEER – The engineer's report was included in the agenda packet and included work on the MS4 permit, streambank restoration work at the Furnace Street bridge and the repair of the stormwater culvert under West Penn Avenue. Mr. Marshall made the motion to direct SSM to complete and submit the MS4 permit. Mr. Rohrbach seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved. Mr. Marshall advised Council that the streambank restoration work at Furnace Street bridge, at the advice of the Solicitor, should be put out for bid unless a cost estimate under \$18,700 is received. Mr. Marshall advised Council that L&M Zimmerman will do the required core-borings for the West Penn Avenue stormwater culvert project for approximately \$1,000 (UGI advised they would charge approximately \$2,000 for the same work). Mr. Rohrbach made a motion, which Mr. Becker seconded, to direct L&M Zimmerman to perform the work. Council approved unanimously. Spotts, Stevens & McCoy was directed, on a motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Becker and unanimous Council approval, to prepare the drawings, submit the HOP application to PennDOT and prepare the bid packets upon obtaining the HOP at a cost of \$12,700.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2013, if needed.

SECRETARY – Secretary submitted request from South Heidelberg Township to participate in the Community Shredding Event to be held in mid/late September at the National Penn Bank. Last year the Borough paid \$24.73 to participate. Mr. Rohrbach made the motion, and Mr. Pierce seconded, to participate in the event. Council unanimously approved.

Secretary then presented a request from the Bern Township Police Department for Fire Police Assistance for the World War II weekend (June 7-9). Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the participation of the Robesonia Fire Police, if they wished to participate. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Wagner advised Council that nine applications were received for the position of Chief of the WBRPD upon his retirement. The field has been narrowed down to four. Also, Chief Wagner sought approval from Council for Fire Police to assist at the annual Street Fair. Mr. Becker made the motion, and Mr. Marshall seconded, to approve the request for Fire Police assistance. Council unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Becker, second by Mr. Pierce 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, May 7th at the Fire Company

Streets/Highways/Sewer – April Street Meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Marshall advised Council that the Streets Committee is recommending closures, as needed, by the Water Authority while performing the water main replacement along South Church Street. School buses and emergency vehicles will be allowed through, when possible. Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve the requested closures. Mr. Rohrbach seconded and Council unanimously approved.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Becker advised Council that the Rec Board meeting was held on April 18th at 6:30PM. It is the recommendation of the Rec Board to keep the baselines as they are, for now. (Reading Softball League had requested a 10' extension to the baselines). He also advised Council that instead of the usual candy bars and money that was being distributed at the Halloween Parade, the Rec Board has chosen, instead, to sponsor a trophy for the Halloween Parade this year. The upcoming Playground program was discussed. Solicitor George will attempt to contact the YMCA camp's solicitor once again to determine their position on what, if anything, will be required.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – No report.

Schnee – Absent.

Becker- No report.

Rohrbach – Mr. Rohrbach discussed his concerns with the renewal of the agreement with the Robesonian Municipal Authority. He feels several questions should be asked, and answered, before Council agrees to another renewal.

i.e. Why do we never receive any meeting minutes or treasurer's/financial reports from them? Are these paid positions? Do they have any type of plan in place for the repair/replacement of the aging lines? Why do they not cut off their delinquent clients and make them keep up to date with their bills? Should we consider a shorter term than the 50 years suggested? Council directed Mr. Rohrbach to provide the questions, in writing, to the RMA.

Mr. Rohrbach then passed out copies of the two articles recently published in the Reading Eagle and the merchandiser about the COG's efforts and success in increasing recycling in the three involved boroughs.

Pierce- Mr. Pierce questioned who paints, and regulates, the yellow curb lines in the Borough. Mr. Marshall explained that much of the curb painting is regulated by PennDOT, but the Borough paints them.

Kocher- Absent..

Wertz - No report.

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner advised Council that the Friends of the Furnace have a lot of new displays at their museum. If interested in a tour, please let him know. Also, the Vendor Sale/Craft Show will be held on the third weekend in August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – SSM was asked to quote costs for inspecting bridges. Mr. Bright advised Council that SSM has no certified inspectors on its staff.

NEW BUSINESS –No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- Womelsdorf-Robesonian Water Authority meeting minutes and treasurer's report
- Monthly Code Enforcement Report
- Monthly Police Report.
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On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary