

President Abby Wertz called the June 2, 2014 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Ron Becker, Jr., Bob Pierce, Rod Soliday, Mike Kocher and Bill Langjahr. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief Bill Schlichter, Mayor Randall Gartner and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were Vernon Bright, David Randler, David Bright, Lori Brown, Tony Wirebach, Frank Schnee, , Garry Degler, and Bob Ludgate. On a motion by Mr. Becker seconded by Mr. Kocher and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the May 5, 2014 Council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Frank Schnee advised Council of the intentions of the newly reorganized Berks County Boroughs Association (a merger of the Borough Councils Association and the Mayors Association). They will meet only approximately 4 times/year. The annual Clambake is scheduled for July 18th. Manager asked anyone interested in attending to please let her know by the end of June.

Bob Ludgate, on behalf of Sinking Spring Borough, was seeking Councils' support for the reconfiguration of SR 422 (Penn Avenue) through Sinking Spring, in conjunction with PennDOT's SR 422 Betterment Project. Mr. Ludgate presented a concept plan to Council depicting the different stages of the plan, explaining the financial challenges they face to complete the project and their thoughts on the financial and practical feasibility of doing, at least, a portion of the proposed project while PennDOT is doing the portion of the SR 422 Betterment Project through the Sinking Spring Borough. Mr. Ludgate answered a few questions from Council. Mr. Langjahr made the motion, and Mr. Becker seconded, to submit a letter of support to Sinking Spring Borough to support this project. Mr. Ludgate advised manager to submit the letter to Regina Shade, the Sinking Spring borough manager.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner reminded everyone that the Robeson Street Fair will be held on June 27th and 28th. He asked everyone to spread the word and get out and support the fair. Mayor Gartner asked the manager to look through the ordinances from the early to mid 1990's to see if there was something included about stormwater runoff from neighboring properties.

SOLICITOR – No business.

ENGINEER – No Engineer's report for May.

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

MANAGER – Ms. Heilman presented Council with bids submitted for tree work that the Shade Tree Commission had requested. She explained that the bids went out as two separate bids....one for work on Penn Avenue that would be paid through the beautification grant, the other for the removal of 8 trees along the side streets to be paid out of the general fund. The bids for the removal of 2 trees on Penn Avenue were as follows: Stoltzfus Tree Service- \$390.00; Summer Mountain Tree Service- \$425.00; Murdough Landscaping- \$550.00 On a motion by Mr. Becker, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, Council awarded the bid to Stoltzfus Tree Service.

The bids for the removal of 8 trees along the side streets were as follows:

Summer Mountain Tree Service-\$1,600.00; Stoltzfus Tree Service- \$1,690.00; Murdough Landscaping \$2,355.00

On a motion by Mr. Becker, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, Council awarded the bid to Summer Mountain Tree Service.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Schlichter advised Council that the WBRPD's Buckle Up details in May went very well. He also advised Council the PD will be fingerprinting children during the Street Fair. Chief Schlichter also reminded Council of the bike rally being held at the CW Middle School on June 14th for children ages 8 to 12. Mr. Marshall made the motion to block off South Brooke Street on Friday night, June 27th for the car show held in conjunction with the street fair. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

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 – No report.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Meeting minutes from May meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Becker expressed his appreciation for how nice the Henry P Robeson park looked for the Memorial Remembrance ceremony. Mr. Marshall brought up the subject of possibly vacating Mountain Road since Marvin Shucker gated the road at the end of his property which disqualifies Mountain Road for liquid fuels eligibility. Council directed

Solicitor George to write a letter to Marvin Shucker of 101 Mountain Road advising him of the Borough's intent to vacate the street if he refuses to remove the gate and allow the Borough access to the street and turnaround at the end. Mr. Marshall also brought up the subject of the driveway to the new Williams residence being built in Heidelberg Township. The driveway will come out onto Freeman Street. There are already issues with stormwater runoff from that direction. Mr. Williams will be advised of the Borough's zoning requirement of having the first 20' of driveway from the street paved to reduce washout issues. Dennis Smaglinski and John Hoffert both observed the potential runoff/washout issues and addressed them with Mr. Williams. Measures will be taken to reduce the risk of potential problems. Both Mssrs. Smaglinski and Hoffert suggested the bigger problem comes from the Amy Fisher property. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he was in contact with Ms. Fisher last week and showed her the problems being created by the runoff from her property. She told Mr. Marshall she would have the issues repaired within two weeks. Her tenant, George Fulton, would be the best means to contact her in the future should there be any further problems.

Parks & Recreation –Borough Manager will be meeting with two of the three new playground leaders on June 4th to get the program started.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall made the suggestion to have JetPay Payroll Service track the police sick/personal/vacation/comp time in order to avoid human computation error. He will attend Police Commission meeting to discuss the possibility with the commission.

Langjahr – No report.

Becker- Mr. Becker advised Garry Degler, streets supervisor, that there is a tree limb hanging off a tree at 48 West Penn Avenue. Mr. Marshall suggested that John Ravert be contacted to schedule another tree trimming day around the borough since there are many tree limbs, aided by the weight of the leaves, that are hanging too low over the streets and sidewalks that should be trimmed.

Soliday- Mr. Soliday advised Mr. Degler that there seems to be an excessive amount of rainwater gathering on South Elm Street and that there may be a problem there that merits watching.

Pierce- No report.

Kocher- No report.

Wertz - No report

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner suggested that South Elm Street in front of the Borough garage is in need of repair and should be considered to be included in the South Church Street project. Mayor Gartner asked if Mr. Marshall had a chance to look over the curbs along Penn Avenue to determine those in need of repair. Mr. Marshall advised him he had not had the opportunity to do so. The Mayor and Mr. Marshall will work together to gather the list of curbs in need of repair along Penn Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS – Manager reminded Council that District Attorney will be attending the scheduled June 17th workshop meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- WRJA Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Monthly police report and Commission meeting minutes. Chief Schlichter advised Council that the wrong reports had been included in the agenda packet. Manager noted that the reports included in the packet were those distributed by Mr. Kocher earlier. The reports provided separate from the packet were the correct ones.
- Code enforcement report.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Langjahr and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager
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