

President Abby Wertz called the June 3, 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 Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Police Chief Scott Wagner and Secretary Lisa Heilman. Mayor Randy Gartner was absent. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Vernon Bright, David Bright, Lori Brown, Tony Wirebach and Steve DeLucas of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting were approved. Mr. Schnee and Mr. Kocher abstained from voting since both were absent from the May meeting.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Lori Brown was following up on the parking issue discussed at the May meeting. Mr. Schnee advised Council that the Zoning Board issued a directive in their findings following the zoning hearing at which Mr. Criss sought a variance to allow the downstairs of his property at 19 West Penn Avenue to be converted into an apartment. At that meeting, Mrs. Brown expressed her concerns regarding parking for the tenants at Mr. Criss' property. The Written Decision of the Zoning Hearing Board states that "Applicant shall have in his tenant leases that tenants shall have no more than two (2) cars parked at the property, and shall utilize for parking the off-street spaces located in the rear of the Property." Mr. Schnee advised Mrs. Brown that he will attempt to obtain a copy of the tenant lease provided by Mr. Criss to his tenants at 19 West Penn to certify the lease is written as directed.

MAYOR – Absent.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor Ulrich advised Council that the bids received for the streambank restoration project were all higher than the Borough was looking to spend and, as such, would be discarded. Bidders will be asked to resubmit bids till the next meeting.

ENGINEER – The engineer's report was included in the agenda packet and included work on the MS4 permit, the repair of the stormwater culvert under West Penn Avenue. Mr. Pierce made the motion to direct SSM to submit the MS4 permit as presented to Council. Mr. Rohrbach seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2013, if needed.

SECRETARY – Secretary advised Council she moved another \$30,000 into the bridge account from the General Account and another \$10,000 into the General Equipment fund. Only \$10,000 remains to be funded for the Bridge Account for 2013. Also, advised Council that she was approached by a 5th grade teacher to use the tot lot pavilion for Wednesday and Thursday. Permission was granted and the teacher was advised on the proper procedure to rent the tot lot pavilion for next year's year-end parties.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Wagner advised Council that the kids who destroyed the flags along Penn Avenue on Memorial Day weekend were caught. Council thanked Chief Wagner for the Police Department's quick and thorough job.

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, June 4th at the Fire Company

Streets/Highways/Sewer – May Street Meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Marshall made a motion to conditionally award the bid for the South Church Street stormwater culvert project, at a cost of \$5,000, to B.P. Paterson, Inc. of King of Prussia. Mr. Schnee seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Becker and Mr. Marshall advised Council that they were approached by Charlia Koch regarding the possibility of planting two trees next to her property to protect it from flying foul balls from the two ballfields. Mr. Becker suggested the possibility of using some of the ballfield income to purchase and plant the trees. Mr. Marshall advised Council that the trees selected for planting would cost \$150.00 each. Mr. Becker made the motion, Mr. Pierce seconded and Council unanimously agreed to purchase and plant the two trees as requested. The Playground program is moving forward. The signed agreement has been turned back over to the Conrad Weiser YMCA Camp for their final approval/signatures. Program will start June 17th.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – No report.

Schnee – Mr. Schnee asked how often 136 Landis Ave. would be mowed by Borough personnel. Mr. Marshall advised that the vacant property maintenance is on a two week schedule. He also asked the status of 29 and 33 South Wayne Street, stating the grass at those properties is getting very high. Secretary will send letter to property owner (both properties are currently vacant).

Becker- Mr. Becker asked if the letter regarding the trimming of trees was sent to John Ravert, chairman of the Shade Tree Commission. The letter has been written but not yet sent. Will be mailed by week's end.

Rohrbach – Mr. Rohrbach discussed his concerns with the condition of the schoolhouse apartments. He stated that the outside basement stairs have standing water and an old stroller laying in them. Council directed Borough Secretary to send a letter to the property owner to clean up the property. He then asked if we were going to have an audit review from last year. Secretary advised Council that both auditors that performed our audit each year had passed away last year. Secretary will contact audit form owner (who is doing the audit this year) to determine his availability to come to a Council meeting and give Council a review of the Borough's fiscal health based on this year's audit. Mr. Rohrbach asked the approximate balance in the Beautification grant fund. Approximate balance is \$34,000.00 Mr. Marshall suggested he would still like to place several trash/recycling receptacles along Penn Avenue in front of those businesses most likely to generate waste. A sign at the east entrance to town was discussed as was the placement of the second bus shelter. Mr. Rohrbach told Council that the flower pots look really nice this year. Mr. Rohrbach then asked if the Borough's website was currently up to date. Secretary stated she would check and bring up to date if necessary.

Pierce- Mr. Pierce advised Council that the Police Commission would start interviewing candidates for the Chief Position on Tuesday, June 7th.

Kocher- No report..

Wertz - No report.

Mayor Gartner: Absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The Robesonia Municipal Authority will be meeting in June and the Borough's concerns regarding the renewal of the agreement would be addressed at that time.

NEW BUSINESS –No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Water Authority meeting minutes and treasurer's report
- Monthly Police Report.
- June Police schedule

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Kocher and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary