

President Abby Wertz called the June 5, 2017 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Frank Schnee, Mike Martin, Tony Wirebach and Rod Soliday. Bill Langjahr was absent. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Andrew George and Streets Supervisor Garry Degler and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were Vernon Bright, Lori Brown, David Bright, David Rohrbach, David Randler, Greyson Ziegler and Val Laxis of the Reading Eagle.

On a motion by Mr. Schnee and second by Mr. Soliday and unanimously carried, meeting minutes of the May 1, 2017 council meeting were approved.

**VISITORS & CITIZENS-** Mr. Randler asked the status of the SR422 project since the water main will be getting replaced. Mr. Randler was told that according to the most recent email received from PennDOT, the entire project is to be complete by November. Larry Leisey, the PennDOT project manager, will be sending out email updates every Friday to keep everyone updated. He then discussed his objections to a proposed 40x60 pole building at 111 North Church Street. He feels a building of this size would change the entire neighborhood. Manager advised everyone there is a zoning hearing scheduled at the Borough Hall for this matter on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Mr. Schnee asked Mr. Randler the status of the Joint Zoning following the most recent meeting. Mr. Randler advised Council that we are not doing anything with the Joint Comprehensive Plan since nobody really looks at that. The best suggestion was to update the colorized zoning maps and text (per the ACRE lawsuit) to include addressing medical marijuana and mini cell towers.

Vernon Bright asked as Zoning Committee Chairman for Council's thoughts on the proposed pole building being proposed. He feels that a building 2-1/2 times the size of what is currently allowed by the zoning ordinance may be excessive for that neighborhood. He advised Council that Sinking Spring had just turned down a 1,600 sq. ft. building for the same reason. Council had little input but Mr. Schnee advised him he would be attending the zoning hearing.

**MAYOR –** Mayor Gartner reminded everyone that the Street Fair is coming up on June 23/24. He also advised Council that Jack Keener has invited all interested parties in visiting a project similar to the one proposed here in the Borough that he is currently building in Lebanon. Mayor asked if anything is being done about the three signs at the corner of N. Brooke & W. Penn at the Shear Magic salon. Manager advised Council that she is in the process of sending a letter to the owner of the property advising them they are not in compliance with the current zoning ordinance.

**SOLICITOR.** Solicitor George advised Council that he represented the Borough at the DJ Court in the matter of property maintenance/rental inspections for James Graziano of 400/402 West Penn Ave. We won the case and DJ Young fined him enough to get his attention.

**ENGINEER-** The Engineer's Report was included in the agenda packet and included ongoing work on the MS4 permit renewal, an update on the RMA's sanitary sewer replacement project and an update on the Dean Baim subdivision.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Mr. Schnee advised Council the next PC meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>, if necessary. Dean Baim is planning to install the driveway to his subdivision. Jack Keener submitted two sets of new plans to the Borough (one to forward to Technicon for review and one for our files). Council feels that Mr. Keener needs to start over with the subdivision/land development process with the new sets of plans. Manager was directed to send letter to Mr. Keener advising him of same.

**MANAGER** – Advised Council the Trinity Lutheran Church sponsored circus will be held on June 10/11 and that proceeds benefit the Jack Frost Parade.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Schlichter did not attend the meeting.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES-** On a motion by Mr. Schnee, second by Mr. Martin 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.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Fire Protection/Safety** – Mr. Martin advised Council that the Fire Company received \$400 in donations in memory of Skip Dries. He will be meeting with the Police Chief to firm up parking/traffic for the Street Fair. The Fire Company parking lot will be paved on June 12/13. 2017 is the last year for emergency radio payments.

**Streets/Highways/Sewer** – Mr. Marshall advised Council that he will put notices on the doors of those living in the 200 & 300 blocks of West Penn Avenue when the borough has the street work done on West Oak Avenue including suggestions on where to park for the 2-3 days needed to complete the road work.

**Parks & Recreation** – Playground registrations are rolling in.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Marshall** – Mr. Marshall reported that the heat pump for the office is no longer operable. Two bids were received to replace the heat pump: UGI-\$10,900; Heath Nell- \$7,850. Rod Soliday suggested now may be a good time to contact UGI about the possibility of running the line for gas heat (forced hot air). Mr. Marshall made the motion to purchase two window unit air conditioners for the office to be used until such time a more permanent fix can be decided upon. Mr. Wirebach seconded the motion and council agreed unanimously.

**Langjahr** – Absent.

**Soliday** – Mr. Soliday advised Council that he attended the grand opening of the new Penn State Health St. Joseph's medical facility and feels it will be a great asset to the community. He met the three doctors working there and Senator Argall.

**Wirebach** – No report.

**Martin** – Mr. Martin reported that he and Mr. Marshall will be attending the final MS4 workshop in the series of three on Thursday, June 8.

**Schnee** – Mr. Schnee advised Council that he is still working on the house number matter. Greyson Ziegler asked where things stand on the new bricks for the HPR Memorial Park. Manager told him the brick sales are being taken and an article was included in the summer newsletter seeking more sales.

**Wertz** – Ms. Wertz asked if there has been any movement on the Breininger property. Mayor Gartner advised her that the Water Authority is waiting to hear back from Carl Engleman to set up a meeting for the sale of the portion of the Breininger property to the Authority.

**Mayor Gartner** – Mayor Gartner asked the status of the Labor Day Car Show. Manager has been working with Shawn Kelchner and it is moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Borough Manager sent Solicitor some guidelines and sample ordinance obtained from PSATS on Act 172. Council asked to have the same information sent to them.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

- WRJA meeting minutes.
- Western Berks Police Monthly reports (April & May) and Meeting Minutes (May)

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wirebach, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lisa Heilman  
Manager/Treasurer/Secretary  
Borough of Robesonia