

President Abby Wertz called the June 6, 2016 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Tony Wirebach, Frank Schnee, Rod Soliday, Mike Martin, Bill Langjahr and Junior Council member, Grayson Ziegler. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Mayor Randall Gartner, Police Chief William Schlichter, Road Supervisor Garry Degler and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were Vernon Bright, David Randler, David Bright, Lori Brown, Jeff Gerhart and Geneva Aulenbach of the Reading Eagle.

On a motion by Mr. Wirebach and second by Mr. Soliday and unanimously carried, meeting minutes of the May 2, 2016 council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS- David Bright thanked Council for their attendance at the Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony held at the Henry P. Robeson Park. Everyone felt the program went really well. Lori Brown stated that the rain spouting at 19 West Penn Avenue has still not been completely repaired since the repairs that were done are not going to correct the problem of the rain pooling between the buildings. Jeff Gerhart asked Council to consider appointing a second member from the Council to the Western Berks Joint Planning Commission. He feels that since he's not been privy to the ongoing litigation matter (as he was when he served on Council), it would be better to appoint someone who is still in the know. He has offered to stay on as an alternate. Mr. Marshall made the motion to appoint Frank Schnee as a regular and Jeff Gerhart as the alternate. Mr. Langjahr seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously. Mr. Randler advised Council that the scheduled June 16th WBJPC meeting has been cancelled. He thinks it will be rescheduled for the third Thursday in July. Again, a quorum will need to be present.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner reminded everyone of the upcoming Street Fair on June 24/25. He also advised Council that he repaired the light in the HPR Park rather than replace it and saved the Borough \$325 in the process. He advised Council that he's spoken to the Police Department about ramping up patrols at the tot lot pavilion/tot lot area to attempt to thwart some of the vandalism/bad behavior that has been occurring there. Mayor Gartner also advised Council that he has been working with Jack Keener (who has been working with Kathy Horvath at DEP and Tom Marks of Marks Environmental) on obtaining a good estimate on the cost of clean-up of the Breininger property being offered to the Borough.

SOLICITOR. Solicitor George presented the following ordinance for approval:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER XXIV ENTITLED "TAXATION, SPECIAL", PART 1 ENTITLED "EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS", TO: (1) AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "COLLECTOR", "LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT", "TAX", AND "TAXING AUTHORITY", AND ADD A DEFINITION FOR "TAXPAYER"; AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE ENGAGEMENT OF A THIRD-PARTY COLLECTION AGENCY TO PURSUE AND COLLECT DELINQUENT TAX IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS

Mr. Martin made the motion to approve Ordinance 2016-2. Mr. Langjahr seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

ENGINEER- The Engineer's report included their participation in obtaining a quote from Wexcon for the Borough's portion of the West Penn Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement. Mr. Marshall advised Council that Wexcon's quote was over \$15,000 and considerably higher than we were expecting. Council directed Mr. Bright to seek bids from other contractors for the work. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve SSM to proceed on the preparation of the annual MS4 report. Mr. Langjahr seconded

the motion and Council approved unanimously. Mayor Gartner asked the status of the NO LEFT TURN recommendation for South Church Street. Mr. Marshall suggested the Borough wait to make any moves in that direction until the Route 422 Betterment Project is complete since quite a bit of the crown will be removed in that portion of the road that currently hinders sightlines. Council concurred.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting, scheduled for June 15th. There is a sketch plan review needed on a proposed subdivision by Dean Baim for 238 South Freeman Street.

MANAGER – No report.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Schlichter advised Council that there were 78 calls in May and a total of 331 calls for the year in Robesonia.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, second by Mr. Marshall 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. An Executive Session was called by Ms. Wertz to discuss personnel issues at 7:51. Regular session reconvened at 8:10.

Fire Protection/Safety – Mr. Martin reported the next meeting is scheduled for 6/7/16. All are welcome to attend. Mr. Martin advised Council that Fire Chief Gerry Ochs is out of the hospital and on the mend. He advised Council the Fire Company will be operating the ice cream stand at the street fair and we are in good shape for Fire Police at the street fair.

Streets/Highways/Sewer –May meeting minutes were included in agenda packet. Mr. Marshall advised Council that following some pricing work, he would like to propose the Borough hire Industrial Grounds Maintenance at a cost of \$2,450 for two days work. Mr. Wirebach made the motion to hire the recommended company with Mr. Schnee seconding. Council approved unanimously.

Parks & Recreation –Mr. Wirebach noted that playground registrations were up from last year including more children from Heidelberg Township. Also, Mr. Wirebach asked the Borough Manager to contact TrueGreen again to clarify mailing address for Borough since he keeps getting all the correspondence.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – No report

Langjahr – No report.

Soliday- Mr. Soliday asked the Finance Committee to consider the purchase of two new 410A A/C units to replace the 21-year-old models currently in use. His co-worker will get pricing for two new units. He suggested the newer models would be much more energy efficient than the older models being replaced.

Wirebach- No report.

Martin- Mr. Martin thanked Mayor Gartner and Mr. Marshall for their assistance in the placement and removal of the American flags for the Memorial Day holiday. He will be needing assistance again for the July 4th holiday. He asked Borough Manager to order 144 more flags since each time the flags are placed, a few are broken or frayed and need replacing.

Schnee- Mr. Schnee sought the status of the additional bricks for the Veteran's Memorial. Mayor Gartner advised he has received no new information from Mr. Rohrbach on the new bricks. Mr. Schnee suggested that a new playground sign should be considered for the south side of the ballfield along South Church Street.

Wertz – No report.

Ziegler- No report.

Mayor Gartner- Mayor Gartner thanked Harvey and Sally Marshall for their help in placing the flags for Memorial Day. He asked the status of the pipes that are stored on Lincoln Avenue. It was explained

that the pipes were placed there by UGI as part of their project to replace the main gas line along Penn Avenue prior to the Route 422 Betterment project.

NEW BUSINESS – Engineer David Bright advised Council that the swale in CW Village needs to be cleaned out again. There is a lot of debris in the swale again and he feels the issues start at the Gregro and Gamby properties. When Mr. Gregro removed the retaining wall, the area was never stabilized. Council directed Mr. Bright to pull the plan on the CW Village and determine what is needed to restore the swale to its original state.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Ms. Wertz asked the status of the curb repair project. She directed the Borough Manager to have the Inspector do a final inspection and to return the list of properties that have not had the curbs repaired. Bids are then to be obtained to do the curb repair work and file liens against the property owners of those properties.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- WRJA meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report.
- WBRPD Treasurers Report, monthly report and meeting minutes.
- Kraft Codes monthly property maintenance report.

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Langjahr and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Treasurer/Secretary
Borough of Robesonia