

President Abby Wertz called the July 1, 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, Frank Schnee and Mike Kocher. Councilman David Rohrbach was absent. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, 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 and Steve DeLucas of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Schnee, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting were approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Lori Brown was following up on the parking issue discussed at the June meeting and opted to wait to speak until it was discussed under old business.

MAYOR – Absent.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George advised Council that notifications have been sent to the property owners of the foreclosed properties. Liens will be filed.

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, South Church Street water main replacement, and the streambank restoration. Secretary reminded Engineer, David Bright, that liquid fuels money will be used to pay for the stormwater culvert project and PennDOT Municipal Services Representative will need to see the bid specs 14 days in advance of advertising. Engineer, David Bright, sought approval to advertise bid upon receipt of approval of the Highway Occupancy Permit and PennDOT Municipal Services Representative's approval. Mr. Marshall made the motion, Mr. Schnee seconded, and Council unanimously passed the motion.

Upon a request from Engineer, David Bright, Mr. Marshall made the motion to direct Council President to sign the MS4 Notice of Intent to renew the permit. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved. President Wertz signed the NOI.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for July 17th, 2013, if needed.

SECRETARY – Secretary thanked Chief Wagner for his service to the Police Department and wished him well in his retirement.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Wagner advised Council that the street fair was uneventful and a great success. The fireworks were great.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Schnee and unanimously carried, the bills were ordered paid as presented, including those paid prior to the meeting to avoid penalties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration – Preliminary budget work will start in July.

Fire Protection/Safety – Next meeting, July 2, at the Fire Company

Streets/Highways/Sewer – June Street Meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Marshall advised Council that two bids were received for the Streambank Restoration project. Both were opened at 7:15 pm. Flyway Excavating bid \$19,930.00. D.P. Randler bid \$17,988.01. Mr. Becker made the motion to award the project to D.P. Randler Landscaping. Mr. Schnee seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Mr. Marshall then showed Council pictures of a problem area arising from stones being washed out of a driveway along Freeman Street (Amy Derr property) and into the stormwater pipes, clogging the pipes and causing flooding on the road. Mr. Marshall advised Council that the Murdough Landscaping property along Oak Avenue was creating a similar situation on Penn Avenue. Both property owners will be sent letters to address the problems created by the stone run-off from their properties.

Mr. Marshall also asked permission to seek pricing for trash/recycling receptacles and cement pads to be paid for by the Mainstreet Beautification Grant. Council agreed. Mr. Marshall will obtain pricing for the July 15th Street Meeting.

Parks & Recreation – Secretary advised Council that the feedback on the playground program has been very positive so far this season. Mr. Becker advised Council the next Rec Board meeting is scheduled for July 18th at 6:30 pm.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – No report.

Schnee – No report.

Becker- On behalf of the Mayor, Mr. Becker thanked all the volunteers for their time and effort in making the annual street fair a success. President Abby Wertz presented the plaque the Borough received on Saturday night at the street fair, in recognition of the Borough's 100th Anniversary of Incorporation.

Pierce- The Western Berks Police Commission meeting will be held in Wernersville at 7PM on July 2nd. The new Chief, Bill Schlicter, will be sworn in.

Rohrbach – Absent.

Kocher- No report..

Wertz - No report.

Mayor Gartner: Absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Council is still awaiting a response from the Robesonia Municipal Authority regarding the renewal of the agreement. The subject again came up about any letters going out from Council must be run by Council for approval before sending.

Tenant parking at 17/19 West Penn Avenue was discussed. Property owner, Randy Criss, has not yet submitted a copy of his tenant lease as requested. Lori Brown informed Council that the tenants at 17 have moved out and the tenant from 19 has relocated to 17 W. Penn. She also informed Council that a fence erected at the rear of the property will prohibit the tenants of 19 West Penn Avenue from entering the property from the rear. The question of whether a fence permit was ever obtained to erect the fence was brought up. Secretary and Assistance Zoning Officer will look into the matter and work on resolving the issue.

NEW BUSINESS –No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- Monthly Police Report.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary