

President Abby Wertz called the September 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, Frank Schnee and David Rohrbach. Council Member Mike Kocher was absent. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Jason Ulrich, Police Chief Bill Schlichter, Mayor Randall Gartner and Secretary Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Vernon Bright, David Bright, Lori Brown, Donald & Darlene Noll, John & Pam Seiger, Patricia Bechtel, Barry Kalbach and Steve DeLucas of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Schnee, seconded by Pierce and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the August 5, 2013 meeting were approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Barry Kalbach discussed the flooding of July 22nd. He feels the pipe under North Church Street is not big enough to handle flooding situations. He asked whether a detention basin may help. It was suggested that the field acts as a giant detention basin. Pat Bechtel, Don & Dolly Knoll, and John & Pam Seiger were also there to discuss the flooding and clean-up. Council suggested they contact Pastor Bill Weiser of Trinity Lutheran Church to ask for help from their volunteers (as he suggested at the August meeting). Possible contact could be made with Deb Hosler of Juvenile Probation to see if there were any local kids in need of community service, too.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner invited everyone to a program on the Furnace on September 17th at 6:30pm at Furnace Creek Manor.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor Ulrich advised Council that the Robesonia Municipal Authority is willing to go along with a 10-yr. agreement extension. Mr. Pierce made the motion to accept the 10 year extension, Mr. Marshall seconded and Council unanimously agreed. Motion passed. Next, Solicitor Ulrich presented the following Hazard Mitigation Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2013-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ADOPT THE HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR ROBESONIA BOROUGH.

On a motion by Mr. Rohrbach, second by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, Resolution 2013-1 passed.

ENGINEER – The engineer's report was included in the agenda packet and included application renewal of the MS4 permit and submission of the MS4 report in June, the repair of the stormwater culvert under West Penn Avenue and the South Church Street water main replacement. The detention basin in Conrad Weiser Village was also addressed.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2013, if needed.

SECRETARY – Secretary submitted request from the Robesonia Community Library to close parking on the west side of South Brooke Street in front of the Borough Hall/Library on September 5th for a fundraiser. Council approved. Submitted the 2014 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$4,732.00. Mr. Schnee made the motion to accept the 2014 MMO. Mr. Becker seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Schlichter advised Council that he will have one person following up on the ordinance violation letters sent out by the borough. Chief Schlichter asked Council to advise its citizens that bicycles can now be registered with the Police Department. This enables them to more easily find the owner when bikes are stolen and found or returned. Secretary will post a notice on the Borough's website and FB pages and put a notice in the winter newsletter.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Marshall, 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 – Budget work continues on the 2014 budget.

Fire Protection/Safety – No report.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – August meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he spoke with several PennDOT representatives regarding the proposed 2016 PennDOT project involving all of Penn Avenue through the town. He suggested that in light of their recommendations, Council consider postponing the replacement of the stormwater sewer under West Penn Avenue and consider doing the temporary fix till that time when PennDOT does their street project and we can coordinate the replacement of the stormsewer pipe with their project. The temporary fix will cost approximately \$3,000-\$4,000. When asked by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bright felt the engineering done to date on this project would still be valid at the time of the replacement (with some minor changes possible). Mr. Schnee made the motion to obtain three telephonic bids for the temporary repair of the stormsewer pipe. Mr. Pierce seconded and Council unanimously concurred. Motion passed.

Parks & Recreation – August meeting minutes from the Trinity Halloween Parade Committee were included in the agenda packet. The plans are coming along very well for the parade. Mr. Bright informed Council that the Berkshire Red Sox will not be using the Robesonia baseball field next year.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall informed Council that the infield of the baseball field will be roped off during the circus. Mr. Schnee made the motion to order (and pay for) portable toilets for 2 days for the circus. Mr. Pierce seconded and Council unanimously agreed.

Schnee – Mr. Schnee advised Council that the Center for Excellence in Local Government is currently evaluating the participation of the Berks County Mayor's Association and the Borough's Association and trying to determine their relevance and needs. He suggested the Borough's participation in this evaluation would be greatly appreciated.

Becker- No report.

Pierce- Mr. Pierce advised Council that the next WBRPD Commission meeting is scheduled for September 10th in Wernersville. He also advised Council that the Robesonia Municipal Authority meeting minutes and treasurer's report are in their agenda packets and should be reviewed.

Rohrbach – Mr. Rohrbach asked the status of the schoolhouse apartments. The vegetation has been cleaned up. Mr. Rohrbach advised the Secretary to have the Street Supervisor check the stairwell for standing water and trash.

Kocher- Absent.

Wertz - Ms. Wertz and Mr. Marshall advised Council that there are several storm sewers/culverts in Conrad Weiser Village in dire need of repair. They suggested that four of them, in particular, should be addressed in the very near future.

Mayor Gartner: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Council was advised that Mr. Criss, owner of 17/19 West Penn Avenue had never received a copy of the Facts of Finding of his zoning hearing. A copy of the findings were sent to Mr. Criss via Certified Mail, for which he signed. Ms. Brown notified Council that his tenants were still parking in front of the property. Council felt that it would be difficult to enforce at this time since Mr. Criss had never received the hard copy of the findings, but going forward could expect Mr. Criss to force his new tenants (or current tenants should the lease renew) to comply.

NEW BUSINESS –No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- Monthly Police Report.
- July Monthly Property Maintenance Report.
- Robesonia Municipal Authority meeting minutes and treasurer's report.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Rohrbach and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary