

President Abby Wertz called the October 3, 2016 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Frank Schnee, Tony Wirebach, Mike Martin, Rod Soliday and Bill Langjahr. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Kevin Musheno, Police Chief William Schlichter, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Bright, David Rohrbach, David Randler, Vernon Bright, Lori Brown and Geneva Aulenbach of the Reading Eagle.

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr and second by Mr. Schnee and unanimously carried, meeting minutes of the September 6, 2016 council meeting were approved.

**VISITORS & CITIZENS-** All visitors were observing.

**MAYOR** – Absent.

**SOLICITOR.** Solicitor Musheno advised Council that David and Jane Rohrbach have signed the Construction Easement Agreement and it was ready for Council's approval and signature. On a motion by Mr. Wirebach, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimous approval by Council, motion passed.

**ENGINEER-** The Engineer's report included the submission of the final MS4 report and NPDES permit renewal for 2018.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Next meeting is scheduled for October 19th. The review for the Dean Baim subdivision plan for South Freeman Street included thirty-one (31) points that need to be addressed before proceeding. Determination of cancellation of the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be made on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MANAGER** – Ms. Heilman asked Council to let her know if anyone had any interest in attending the PEL breakfast scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Schlichter reported 111 calls and 73 officer contacts for the month of September. He advised Council that extended holiday curfew would be from October 20<sup>th</sup> thru November 6<sup>th</sup>. All minors must be in no later than 9PM during the extended curfew. Also, Chief Schlichter advised Council that it has been determined to close roads down on the day of the Jack Frost Parade at 3PM (or, perhaps, two or three minutes earlier) to allow for people to get to their destinations by the time the parade starts.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES-** On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, 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** – 2017 budget process is nearly complete and should be ready to advertise by the November meeting.

**Personnel:** Next meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM.

**Fire Protection/Safety** – Mr. Martin reported the Fire Company has begun their collections. A committee has been formed to study the feasibility of purchasing a new tanker for the Fire Company. Several fundraisers are planned to help support this possibility. Manager asked Mr. Martin to provide information on the planned fundraisers in order to put it on the Borough's Facebook page to help promote/support their efforts.

**Streets/Highways/Sewer** –The monthly meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet.

**Parks & Recreation** –No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Marshall** – Mr. Marshall advised Council that during the course of planning the new brick additions to the Henry P. Robeson park, it was noted that the Veterans' Wall is in need of some repair and sealing. He explained this should have been done awhile ago and, in order to avoid further deterioration, he would like to get it done before winter. He explained that he has received one sealed bid for the work

and is awaiting a second one. Council decided to hold the workshop meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 as advertised to open the bids and award the work. Mr. Marshall thinks the cost should not exceed \$2,500.

**Langjahr** – No report.

**Soliday**- No report.

**Wirebach**- Mr. Wirebach advised Council that he, Mr. Martin and Ms. Heilman attended the Municipal Law Forum presented by Kozloff-Stoudt. He felt the forum was very informative and well presented.

**Martin**- Mr. Martin advised Council that he, Mr. Wirebach and Mr. Schnee attended the Economic Development Regional Dinner. Although very informative, he felt it had little impact on the Borough as there is very little room left to develop in the Borough.

**Schnee**- Mr. Schnee advised Council that after discussing the Veterans' brick expansion in HPR Park with Mr. Rohrbach, and visiting the memorial in Womelsdorf, he feels the effort being made to honor veterans is a respectable one and he is satisfied with those efforts.

Mr. Schnee advised Council that a 3.9% increase for the police budget is being sought since the grant application to add an additional officer has been denied.

**Wertz** – No report.

**Mayor Gartner**- Absent.

**NEW BUSINESS** – David Bright asked Council to consider meeting at 7PM instead of 7:30 in 2017. Council will take it under advisement. Mr. Randler asked if Borough has been contacted regarding the placement of mini cell towers. He suggested those of us involved in the joint zoning ordinance will need to meet soon and address this issue and make changes, as needed, to the current ordinance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

- WRJA meeting Treasurer's Report and meeting minutes.
- Kraft Codes July and August property maintenance reports.

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, seconded by Mr. Martin, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lisa Heilman  
Manager/Treasurer/Secretary  
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