

President Abby Wertz called the October 5, 2015 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Tony Wirebach, Rod Soliday, Frank Schnee, Bill Langjahr and Jr. Council Member Grayson Ziegler. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Mayor Randall Gartner, Police Chief Bill Schlichter and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler, David Bright, Vernon Bright, David Rohrbach and Val Racis of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, seconded by Mr. Soliday and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the September 8, 2015 Council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – All citizens and visitors were observing.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner reminded everyone that the RCA will be holding their Frankenballs Crawl fundraiser on Saturday, October 10th with registration starting at noon. The cost is \$10/pp and will include a walking tour of the four bars in the borough, ending at the Fire Company where there will be food and music. Mayor Gartner asked Council for their support to approve having Spotts, Stevens & McCoy, at an approximate cost of \$500, prepare a written report to be sent to PennDOT to obtain permission to limit left turns from South Church Street onto West Penn Avenue. Mr. Schnee made the motion with Mr. Langjahr seconding, to authorize SSM to prepare the report. Council approved unanimously. Mayor Gartner asked the status of putting the proposed road work for 2016 out for bid. The unwillingness of the Borough's current Municipal Services Rep from PennDOT to assist in preparing the bid packet was discussed. It was decided that Mr. Marshall and Ms. Heilman would contact his immediate supervisor to discuss being assigned another representative. The email from Engineer David Bright regarding the renewal of the Highway Occupancy Permit for the storm sewer repair in the 300 block of West Penn Avenue was discussed. Mr. Bright feels a renewal is not necessary since PennDOT will be repairing the storm sewer as part of their 422 Betterment Project.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George presented Council with the final amended Charter Agreement with the revised wording for approval. After going over the new wording, Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve the revised Charter Agreement. Mr. Schnee seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

ENGINEER – The Engineer's report for September included the email on the Highway Occupancy Permit renewal and the No Turn on South Church Street work.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting, scheduled for October 21st, if needed.

MANAGER – Manager notified Council that a letter of resignation has been received from Robert Pierce. Mr. Marshall made the motion to accept, with regret, Mr. Pierce's resignation. Mr. Langjahr seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved. Ms. Heilman reminded Council that a new member needs to be appointed within 30 days.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Schlichter advised Council that 62 calls and 38 contacts were made in September. He advised Council that he and Mayor Gartner met with Reverend Weiser regarding the Jack Frost Parade and everything is good to go with the Fire Police as well. Ms. Heilman advised that she has put the parade route on the Borough's Facebook page, along with the notice that the streets on the Parade route would be shut down at 2PM that day and that no parking along the parade route would be allowed between noon and six the day of the parade. Also, a robo-call will be put out the week of the parade to remind residents of the parade and street closures/no parking.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration – Work is nearly complete on the 2016 budget and it should be ready for adoption at the November meeting.

Fire Protection/Safety – Mr. Soliday reported the Fire Company would be around during the current week for collections. Ms. Heilman reported that the Fire Chief has told her that the community is very generous when donating and it's extremely appreciated and helpful to them.

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

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall advised Council that he received three bids to do the curb work in front of the borough hall and in front of HPR Park. He argued his point for replacing the entire curb (85') in front of the Borough Hall and Council concurred. The prices he obtained for the curb work are as follows:

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| Bertolet Construction: | \$105.55/linear foot |
| Dennis Rick Construction: | \$66.66/linear foot |
| DP Randler Landscaping: | \$64.00/linear foot |

Mr. Langjahr made the motion to award the curb replacement project in front of the Borough Hall only to DP Randler Landscaping. Mr. Soliday seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Schnee made the motion to wait till spring to do the curb in front of the HPR Park and to award the bid to DP Randler Landscaping, with the caveat for a concrete price adjustment at that time. Mr. Langjahr seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

The issue of adding bricks to the Veteran's Wall was discussed. Mr. Rohrbach advised Council that he had spoken with Albert Weaver about that possibility and Mr. Weaver advised him that we would be better to find a spot in the park to build an additional, smaller wall. Mr. Rohrbach suggested we design a brick order form and require a \$10 deposit with each order to ensure willingness to proceed when it is decided where/how big to build the wall. Mr. Langjahr suggested we plan for the future when planning the new wall.

The question was asked whether the Borough has received the signed contract from the owner of West Penn Avenue for the replacement of all their curbing in spring. Ms. Heilman advised Council the contract has not yet been received. It was suggested another, more strongly-worded letter be sent to the owner with a definitive deadline in which to receive the contract.

Wirebach – No report.

Langjahr – No report.

Soliday- No report.

Schnee- Mr. Schnee reported he has 5 people interested in purchasing bricks for the Veteran's Memorial Wall at the HPR Park. Mr. Schnee asked the status of the proposed in-laws quarters at 100 East Penn Avenue. Ms. Heilman reported that Mr. Mulberry stated they are still planning at this point to move forward but the \$5,000 tapping fee required by the Robesonian Municipal Authority was slowing down the process.

Wertz – No report.

Ziegler- Mr. Ziegler asked when Trick or Treat Night will be held in the Borough. Ms. Heilman advised Council it would be held on Saturday, October 31st, from 6-9 PM.

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner thanked the Borough Manager for working with Codes Enforcement to get some of the shoddier properties cleaned up. Mr. Gartner advised Council that he feels the next time the Borough sends out letters for curb/sidewalk replacement, we need to take a slightly different approach by including whether the curbs/sidewalks need repair or replacement. He told Council about a situation where a resident was repairing his curbing when it really should have been replaced. When told this, the resident just continued going about doing what he was doing even though he was given a Stop Work Order. He asked whether the Borough's sidewalk ordinance could be enforced by the police. The matter will be considered by the police department when they receive a copy of the Borough's ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –No report.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- WRJA Treasurer's Report minutes for August
- Kraft Codes monthly report.
- Police report and meeting minutes for September

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, seconded by Mr. Wirebach and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Treasurer
Borough of Robesonian