

President Abby Wertz called the November 2, 2015 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Rod Soliday, Frank Schnee, Bill Langjahr. Tony Wirebach and Jr. Councilman, Grayson Ziegler were absent. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Mayor Randall Gartner, Police Sargent Matt Planer and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler, David Bright, Robert Garmer, Mike Bulino (The Seltzer Group) 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 October 5, 2015 Council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Mike Bulino of the Seltzer Group discussed MRM Property Liability Trust insurance (part of the Keystone Insurer's Group) with Council. He explained that annual dividends are paid to its members (full dividends paid after 5 years...which can be up to 70% of premium). He also explained that it is only for property/liability packages and does not include workers' compensation packages. David Randler advised Council that the Jack Frost parade was really nice and Garry Degler's trailer worked really well for the Judge's Stand. He thanked Mr. Degler for the use of the trailer. Bob Garmer, on behalf of his wife, Cindy, addressed Mayor Gartner's comments in the newsletter regarding curb cuts for the handicapped. He explained that his wife is wheelchair-bound and navigating certain areas in the Borough is very difficult due to irregular, or no, curb cuts. Mayor Gartner explained that his comments were only meant to remind people that the many state and federal mandates are very cost prohibitive when considering infrastructure improvements in the borough. Mr. Garmer asked only that the Borough take a look at the curbs and inventory those that need to be installed/improved. As the Borough's Judge of Elections, Mr. Garmer reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday.

MAYOR – No report.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George reminded Council that Rod Soliday needs to be appointed to the Robesonia Municipal Authority. Mr. Marshall made that motion and Mr. Langjahr seconded. Council approved unanimously. Mr. Marshall then made the motion to appoint Vernon Bright to the Council seat left vacant by Bob Pierce's resignation. Mr. Langjahr seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously, with Mr. Schnee abstaining from the vote.

ENGINEER- No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting, scheduled for November 18th, if needed.

MANAGER – Manager reminded Council that Congressman Costello will be here at the Borough Hall on Thursday, November 12 from 8AM to 9AM. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

POLICE CHIEF: Sargent Planer advised Council that the parade was very well run from the Police Department's perspective. He also gave the monthly police report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration –The 2016 budget is complete and ready for advertising. The total budget is \$1,480,667 (a 6.3% increase over 2015). Motion to advertise the budget was made by Mr. Schnee, with Mr. Langjahr seconding the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Fire Protection/Safety – No report.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – No report.

Parks & Recreation –No report.

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall advised Council that he pulled all the flowers out of the planters and thanked DP Randler Mulch & Landscaping for the donation of the pumpkins in the planters.

Wirebach – Absent.

Langjahr – No report.

Soliday- No report.

Schnee- Mr. Schnee reported he attended the Borough's Association meeting and advised Council they are hoping for better attendance in the future. Their meetings are limited to one (1) hour. He highly recommends everyone to attend the Kozloff-Stoudt legislative update.

Wertz – Ms. Wertz thanked Trinity Lutheran Church for the great parade. She asked the status of Ed Hong's curb replacement contract. Mr. Randler reported he had spoken to Mr. Hong who thinks he could replace part of his curb and repair a portion. Mr. Randler suggested that there is nothing there to repair and the entire curb length needs to be replaced. Mr. Hong suggested he knew nothing about the property at 114 West Penn so Ms. Wertz directed Borough

Manager to send Mr. Hong one last letter, certified, return receipt requested advising him the entire curb must be replaced and the Borough needs to have a signed contract in place by the end of November.

Ziegler- Absent

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner advised Council that he has spoken to Albert Weaver regarding the possibility of adding new bricks to the HPR Park memorial wall. Mr. Weaver said the bricks along the top could be added more easily than those along the bottom. He quoted a price of \$1,500 but Mr. Gartner was unsure if that was for everything or only those along the top. He will get clarification before next meeting. He advised Council that the Veteran's Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th. Anyone interested in walking is advised to be at the Womelsdorf VFW or Johnny & Hons Smokehaus between 8:15 and 8:45 to catch a shuttle to Wernersville where the walk will begin. Mayor Gartner then advised everyone the Robesonian Fair Committee will be holding a Cheesesteak & Burger Night on November 20th starting at 5PM. Come on out and support the Street Fair!

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Langjahr reported that Kreitzer Sanitation is being bought out by County Waste and that the WRW COG is waiting to meet with Jonas Kreitzer and someone from County Waste to discuss the current contract.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –The Bus Shelter Agreement still needs to be finalized. Mr. Randler suggested the idea of putting names on the bus shelter (to honor certain people?) At 8:27 Council convened for an Executive Session.

Regular session reconvened at 8:49 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- Kraft Codes monthly report.

On a motion by Mr. Soliday, seconded by Mr. Schnee and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Treasurer
Borough of Robesonian