

President Abby Wertz called the December 1, 2014 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Tony Wirebach, Bob Pierce, Rod Soliday, Bill Langjahr, Mike Kocher and Junior 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, Bonnie Page of Western Berks Ambulance Association, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler, Frank Schnee, Lori Brown, David Bright, Mark Spotts, Pam Hoffman and Karen Feick of the Reading Eagle. On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Langjahr and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the November 3, 2014 Council meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Frank Schnee advised Council that the Streets Department did a nice job plowing on his street (North Elm Street) during the recent snow event. Bonnie Page, of Western Berks Ambulance, advised Council that they would be making the effort to appear at local Council/Supervisor Meetings either semi-annually or quarterly. She advised Council that they answered 180 calls to date in 2014. Mr. Pierce asked that they provide the numbers for the borough only....not the entire Robesonia zip code in the future. Ms. Page agreed. All other visitors were observing.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner thanked everyone involved in the Burger/Steak night run by the Robesonia Fair Committee. It was well attended and a very successful fundraiser. He asked the status of repainting the Keystone Marker sign at the east end of town. Garry Degler advised him he will make contact with a resource for pricing on the automotive paints needed to do the project. Mayor Gartner also asked if the Streets Department could perform some curb patching in front of the Borough Hall and HPR Park if we get some decent weather in which to do it. He stated we need to set a good example if we are going to ask others to repair their curbs. Garry will make the effort if weather allows.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George presented three of our annual resolutions as follows:

RESOLUTION 2014-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING STATEWIDE TAX RECOVERY
OF 100 NORTH THIRD STREET, SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA,
AS DELINQUENT PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR FOR
THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA FOR THE YEAR 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Pierce, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2014-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF
THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING A
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2015 FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA.

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, second by Mr. Soliday, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2014-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING THE SALARIES AND WAGES
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Robesonia, Berks County, Pennsylvania as follows:

Council Members	\$ 540.00	\$ 45.00/mo
Mayor	\$ 0.00	No salary
Secretary/Treasurer	\$40,979.00	\$3414.92/mo
Tax Collector		\$2.00 per each bill collected
Part-Time Clerical		\$12.48/hrs
Custodian (p/t)		\$14.18/hr
Sidewalk Inspector (p/t)		80% of fees
Highway Superintendent	\$35,573.00	\$17.11/hour
Part-Time Highway		\$ 12.00/hr

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Langjahr, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wirebach made the motion to direct the solicitor to advertise the tax ordinance for 2015. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and Council passed unanimously.

Solicitor George reminded Council that an appointment to the Tax Collection Bureau still needed to be made. Mr. Pierce made a motion to appoint Ron Seaman, and Robin Robertson as alternate, to the Berks County TCC. Mr. Langjahr seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

ENGINEER – There was no Engineer’s report for November.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting, scheduled for December 17th, if needed.

MANAGER – No report.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Schlichter reported that the PD answered 65 calls in Robesonia in the month of November.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- On a motion by Mr. Pierce, 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 – No report

Fire Protection/Safety – Mr. Soliday reported an election of officers was conducted for the Fire Company and there were no changes for 2015.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Meeting minutes from the November meeting were included in the agenda packet.

Parks & Recreation –No report.

Personnel: Performance Evaluations will be conducted on December 5th.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall reported that the planters on Penn Avenue have been moved and decorated for the winter/holidays.

Wirebach - No report.

Langjahr – No report.

Soliday- No report.

Pierce- Thanked the Streets Department for the good job plowing and mentioned that the new decorations in the planters looks very nice.

Kocher- No report.

Wertz - Ms. Wertz thanked everyone who helped with the pots/planters and asked the paper to mention Miss Morgan’s Milkweed Antique’s and Mike Lucky if mentioning the planters in the paper.

Ziegler- No report.

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner thanked everyone involved in the Burger & Steak Night and Maryoke at the Fire Company on November 21st. He mentioned that the fundraiser for the street fair was very successful. Mayor Gartner then advised Council that he spoke with the new owners of 101 Mountain Road and advised them that they would be open to working with the Borough Streets Department on the plowing issue. Garry Degler and Harvey Marshall will make contact with the new owners when they move to the property in mid-December.

NEW BUSINESS – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – We are still awaiting word from Harding-Yost Insurance Agency on the 2015 numbers for the Workers Comp Insurance. The Borough plans to start charging neighboring municipalities that share in the fire services provided by the Pioneer Hose Company but are awaiting final numbers before determining how to bill them. Council directed the Borough Manager to run a SwiftReach test. We must make the effort to get as many telephone contact numbers as possible. The issue of how to contact tenants was discussed. The Borough may include that information in the annual Tenant Registration Forms sent out annually.

COMMUNICATIONS-

- WRJA Treasurer's Report and meeting minutes for October.
- Monthly police report and Commission meeting minutes.
- Code enforcement report.

On a motion by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Langjahr and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Treasurer
Borough of Robesonia