

President Abby Wertz called the December 3, 2012 meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Ron Becker, Jr., Michael Kocher, Bob Pierce, Frank Schnee and Dave Rohrbach. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief Scott Wagner and Secretary Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, David Bright, Lori Brown and Todd Sauber(Scout Master Troop 479). On a motion by Mr. Schnee, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – Lori Brown asked the status of the tree trimming/removal on Penn Avenue. Council advised Ms. Brown that the project has been temporarily put on hold. Mr. Sauber advised Council that more flags were needed for the Scouts to line Penn Avenue for special patriotic holidays. They are in need of 600-800 more. Mr. Marshall made a motion to purchase, minimally, 1,000 more pieces (depending on price break). Mr. Becker seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved. Mr. Sauber advised Council that the Boy Scouts do an annual “giving tree” food drive at the local grocery stores, where all food is donated to St. Daniel’s church. He advised Council the scouts are seeking new leadership. Council advised Mr. Sauber to advertise/contribute articles in the Borough’s quarterly newsletter. David Bright advised Council the flag deposit box being put in front of the Borough Hall by the P.O.S.of A. is in the process of being made.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner discussed changing the snow ordinance as it pertains to moving vehicles following a snow/ice event. He feels our ordinance should remain as it is, requiring vehicles to move within 12 hours of ALL snow events, not just those in which a snow emergency is called. Mr. Schnee suggested the only thing that needed to be revised about our ordinance is the penalty, which should be changed to a minimum of \$15.00. Mr. Schnee made the motion to change the penalty charged to a minimum of \$15.00 and to direct Solicitor George to advertise the change to the ordinance for adoption. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor George presented the following resolutions for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2012-2

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 2013.

RESOLUTION 2012-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF
 THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING A DELINQUENT TAX
 COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2013 FOR THE BOROUGH
 OF ROBESONIA.

RESOLUTION 2012-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
 BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY,
 PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING THE SALARIES AND WAGES
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013.

Council Members	\$ 540.00	\$ 45.00/mo
Mayor	\$ 0.00	No salary
Secretary/Treasurer	\$32,785.00	\$2,732.07/mo
Tax Collector		\$2.00 per each bill collected
Part-Time Clerical		\$12.23/hrs
Custodian (p/t)		\$13.63/hr
Sidewalk Inspector (p/t)		80% of fees
Highway Superintendent	\$34,192.00	\$16.44/hour
Part-Time Highway		\$ 11.50/hr

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, all resolutions were passed as presented. Mr. Marshall made a motion, and Mr. Becker seconded, to appoint Randy Gartner to a 5-year term to the Womelsdorf-Robesonia Water Authority Board. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. George advised Council he needs to advertise the Tax Ordinance for 2013. Mr. Becker made the motion, Mr. Marshall seconded, and Council unanimously approved, to direct Solicitor George to advertise the tax ordinance for adoption at the January meeting.

ENGINEER – The engineer’s report was included in the packet.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for December 19th, 2012, if needed.

SECRETARY – Secretary submitted request from DA John Adams’ office for consideration of a donation to Crime Alert Berks. Mayor recommended the Borough contribute, noting it is a worthwhile organization. Council directed Secretary to prepare a list of annual donations to every organization to which the Borough contributes for the January meeting.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Wagner has asked everyone to remind their friends and neighbors to lock their vehicles since there have recent vehicle break-ins. He also advised Council that Chad Eberly would be leaving the department, and he was the only officer qualified to do bike patrol. They have since hired a new part-timer, Brian Dilliplane, who is also qualified to do bike patrol.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Becker seconded 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 – 2013 budget was advertised for adoption. The tax rate of 4.4 mils shall remain the same. Total budget is \$1,329,708.00. Mr. Schnee made a motion to adopt the 2013 budget and Mr. Marshall seconded. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Fire Protection/Safety – No report

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Meeting minutes from the November 19th meeting were included in agenda packet.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Becker advised Council that he is still waiting to hear back from Sue Williams from the Conrad Weiser YMCA Camp to discuss the possibility of them taking over the summer playground program. Vernon Bright thanked Garry Degler and the Wernersville CCC workers for their help on the ball field this summer

Personnel: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – No report.

Schnee – Mr. Schnee advised Council he is still working with Kraft Codes Enforcement to fix the water run-off issue at 378 West Penn Avenue.

Becker- No report.

Rohrbach – No report.

Pierce- Mr. Pierce stated the road crew did a great job with the Christmas lights/banners this year.

Kocher- No report.

Wertz - Ms. Wertz reported on her findings regarding a resident alert call system. Based on cost and recommendations, she recommends the borough consider SwiftReach. The set-up fee would be waived and the annual cost (\$1395) could be shared with the Water Authority. Two calls are allowed per month. Mayor Gartner will discuss with the Water Authority at their next board meeting.

Mayor Gartner: Mayor Gartner thanked everyone involved in the three nice events held in the Borough over the weekend of December ½. The Life Begins at 75 Banquet was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Spirit of Christmas Trail and Furnace Open House Tours were also attended and enjoyed by many.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS – None

On a motion by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Secretary