

President Abby Wertz called the December 5, 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 and Bill Langjahr. Rod Soliday was absent. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Andrew George, Police Chief William Schlichter, Streets Supervisor Garry Degler and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Bright, David Rohrbach, Vernon Bright 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 November 7, 2016 council meeting were approved.

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

**MAYOR –** Mayor asked for an executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss personnel matters. Meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm.

**SOLICITOR.** Solicitor George presented the following resolutions for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2016-2**

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 2017.

Mr. Marshall made the motion, Mr. Wirebach seconded and Council unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2016-3**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING A DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA.

Mr. Langjahr made the motion, Mr. Martin seconded and Council approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2016-4**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

Mr. Martin made the motion, Mr. Langjahr seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Mr. George sought a motion to advertise the property tax ordinance for approval at the January meeting. The rate shall remain the same at 4.65 mills.

Mr. Martin made the motion, Mr. Langjahr seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Mr. George presented the revised Social Media Policy for adoption. Mr. Schnee made the motion to adopt the policy and Mr. Martin seconded. Council approved unanimously.

**ENGINEER-** There was no engineer's report for the month of November.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Next meeting is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Schnee sought a motion to accept the 90 day extension on the Dean Baim subdivision. Mr. Marshall made the motion to accept the extension and Mr. Langjahr seconded. Council approved unanimously.

**MANAGER** – Ms. Heilman advised Council that they will be receiving \$7,289.00 for their 2014 Recycling Performance Grant from the DEP. Manager presented engagement letter for Reading Tax Solutions as auditor for 2017 at a cost of \$4,400. Mr. Martin made the motion to appoint Reading Tax Solutions, LLC as Borough Auditor for 2017. Mr. Wirebach seconded and Council unanimously approved. Ms. Heilman presented new healthcare costs for borough employees for 2017 along with some proposed co-pay breakdowns. Council asked for more time to look it over and make a determination in time for the December 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Schlichter reported 71 calls and 89 officer contacts for the month of November. He advised Council the Veterans Day walk on November 11 went very well with a lot of assistance from Mike Martin (Fire Police) and Heidelberg Township PD. He advised Council to have

someone at home when expecting package deliveries over the holidays as they've had several packages stolen off of porches in the boroughs.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES-** On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, second by Mr. Schnee 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 has been advertised and is ready for adoption with no tax increase needed. On a motion by Mr. Schnee, second by Mr. Martin and unanimously passed by council the 2017 budget was adopted. Total budget (all five funds) for 2017 = \$1,560,121.00.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Fire Protection/Safety** – Mr. Martin advised Council the next General meeting of the Fire Company is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. A new Sign Committee is being formed to regulate the new digital sign being donated to the Fire Company. He advised Council he would have more information on the new truck purchase at the January meeting.

**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 the two new European Hornbeams have been planted on Charlia Koch's property next to the ballfield.

**Langjahr** – No report.

**Soliday** – Absent.

**Wirebach** – No report

**Martin** – No report.

**Schnee** – Mr. Schnee advised Council that several wrong phone numbers are on the Borough's contact list. He also asked that a date be included somewhere on the list.

**Wertz** – No report.

**Mayor Gartner** – Mayor Gartner advised Council that DP Randler's Christmas party is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at noon and all are invited.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No new business

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

- WRJA meeting Treasurer's Report and meeting minutes.
- Kraft Codes November property maintenance reports.
- Western Berks Regional Police monthly report.

On a motion by Mr. Langjahr, seconded by Mr. Wirebach, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lisa Heilman  
Manager/Treasurer/Secretary  
Borough of Robesonia