

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

April 19, 2016

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President Abigail Wertz called the April 19, 2016 workshop meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Frank Schnee, Mike Martin, Rod Soliday, Tony Wirebach and Bill Langjahr. Also attending the meeting were Manager Lisa Heilman and visitor David Randler.

VISITORS & CITIZENS - Mr. Randler was observing.

NEW BUSINESS – A request was received from Bernville Borough for Fire Police assistance for their annual Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Langjahr made the motion and Mr. Wirebach seconded to approve the request. Council approved unanimously. Mr. Martin made the observation that they may not be able to provide any assistance because of a conflict with the Wernersville Memorial Day parade. He will check on times and act accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS – The proposed changes to the Joint Zoning Ordinance to comply with the ACRE lawsuit were again discussed. Mr. Schnee made the motion to accept the changes, Mr. Martin seconded, and Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Gartner advised Council of his wish to change the wording in Section 801.A.2 to include “In Robesonia, no new lot shall be approved along a street, alley, or cartway with a paved area of less than 20 feet. Mr. Wirebach made the motion to have the proposed wording included in the proposed changes to the Joint Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Soliday seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously. The proposed changes shall be sent to Womelsdorf to be presented at the April 21st meeting of the Joint Zoning Committee. Mr. Randler advised Council that a quorum of the Council must be at the May 19th meeting in Womelsdorf to vote on all the proposed changes in order to pass and advertise the changes.

Mr. Marshall and Ms. Heilman advised Council they would be attending a meeting with PennDOT and JD Eckman on Wednesday, 4/20 to discuss the Route 422 Betterment Project and its impact on the Borough. Mr. Martin advised that he, too, would be attending on behalf of the Fire Company. Council asked that the Gateway and Keystone signs be asked about as well as the responsibility of curbs that may be damaged/destroyed in the process of the project. Who will be responsible for the repairs?

COMMUNICATIONS- A response letter from Representative Cox’s office was received on the Sunshine Act and HB340. Council’s assessment of the letter was more that it was a “non-response”.

An email from Julia Glasscott of CSPAN was distributed to Council as an invitation to an event being held at the CW High School on April 27th to honor three CW Seniors for their submissions to a nationwide contest.

On a motion by Mr.Langjahr, seconded by Mr.Solidayr and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Heilman
Borough Manager