

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

July 16, 2013

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President Abby Wertz called the July 16, 2013 workshop meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Frank Schnee, Ron Becker, Mike Kocher and Bob Pierce. Harvey Marshall and Dave Rohrbach were absent. Also attending the meeting was Secretary Lisa Heilman and Mayor Randy Gartner.

**VISITORS & CITIZENS** -. There were no citizens or visitors present.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The subject of engineering bills/service was discussed. The Borough has already accumulated over \$10,000 in engineering bills for the West Penn Avenue storm sewer replacement project. The PennDOT Municipal Services Rep indicated that this is a relatively simple job being proposed and he feels it is being over-engineered. He suggested a ballpark figure of \$3,000 in engineering should have been sufficient to do this job. The Highway Occupancy Permit application has been submitted three times to date and still no occupancy permit has been issued due to errors on the part of the engineers. Council members feel the Borough should not be held fiscally responsible for the obvious errors on the part of the engineering firm and that, as engineers, it is their responsibility to know what current PennDOT standards must be met in order to obtain a HOP. Also, the issue of their billing practices was discussed. Harvey Marshall will be scheduling a meeting, in person, with Charlie Paris (PennDOT Municipal Services Rep) before the end of July to discuss specific options on the storm sewer replacement project. Until then, Mr. Pierce made the motion, and Mr. Becker seconded, to rescind the bidding process voted on at the July Council meeting. Council unanimously approved.
- B. A letter will be sent to Spotts, Stevens and McCoy addressing Council's concerns regarding the billing practices of their firm, any additional engineering expenses that can be expected for the ongoing project and notifying them of Council's vote to rescind the bidding process at this point.
- C. On a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa K. Heilman  
Borough Secretary