

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

October 18 2016

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President Abigail Wertz called the October 18, 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 and Tony Wirebach. Also attending the meeting was Manager Lisa Heilman. Mayor Randy Gartner and Council Member Bill Langjahr were absent. Mr. Vernon Bright attended as a visitor.

**VISITORS & CITIZENS** - Mr. Bright was observing.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Marshall discussed the repairs/maintenance of the Veterans' Wall. The second bid he had hoped to obtain fell through due to the contractor's already busy schedule. It was suggested that Sonny Weaver of Unique Masonry be contacted since he was involved in the building of the wall to see if he would be interested in bidding on the work and what his recommendations would be. Manager will contact Mr. Weaver.

Wirebach- N/R

Soliday- N/R

Schnee- Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled for this month. The Police Commission met earlier in the day and agreed the police budget will remain at 3.9% and we can use that amount in our budget.

Langjahr- Absent

Martin- The Fire Company has collected \$20,000 so far. More is expected from businesses at year end. Manager asked Mr. Martin to provide name of contact at Fire Company for newsletter articles/FB posts (for fundraisers, etc)

Marshall- Spoke with Charlia Koch regarding the two trees(European Hornbeams) to be planted to protect her property. The sewer line must first be found before planting can take place.

Wertz- Presented new Social Media Procedure for adoption. Mr. Wirebach suggested the solicitor given the proposed procedure for review before adoption. Manager will forward to solicitor for review.

Gartner-Absent.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Manager advised Council that those who were judges for last year's Jack Frost Parade have been asked to return. All agreed. Mr. Bright asked if the parade route has been changed this year. He was told the route will remain the same this year as last.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Mr. Wirebach brought up the Breininger property acquisition/remediation. He feels this is something that the borough taxpayers should have a say in since it could, potentially, leave the borough on the hook for a considerable amount of money. How important is recreation/historic preservation/composting to the residents? He asked if we've gotten any word from Attorney Carl Engleman on the liability risk to the borough if we take ownership of the property. He feels there should be some assurances of very limited risk to the borough if we agree to take ownership and that there are legal agreements in place for the borough to return the property to the Breingers somehow if we are unable to get the remediation grants needed to clean up the property within a certain time. There was some discussion about how to get the word out to the residents....referendum?....social media?....newsletter? Mr. Wirebach agreed to write an article for the winter newsletter.

**COMMUNICATIONS-** None

On a motion by Mr.Schnee, seconded by Mr.Martin and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Heilman  
Borough Manager