

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

December 19, 2017

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President Abby Wertz called the December 19, 2017 workshop meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Tony Wirebach, Mike Martin, Frank Schnee, Rod Soliday and Bill Langjahr. Also attending the meeting was Manager Lisa Heilman, Mayor Randy Gartner and Streets Supervisor Garry Degler. Visitors included Andrew Bell, James McCarthy and Shawn Schwartz of McCarthy Engineering, Andrew Kerscher of the Reading Eagle and newly elected Council Member Eric Morel.

VISITORS & CITIZENS - Drew Bell and Jim McCarthy explained who McCarthy Engineering is and the services they offer including seeking and obtaining grant money for the municipalities they represent. Their cost for a senior engineer is \$112/hour (which is a \$2-\$4 increase from 2017). They fielded several questions from Council and Borough Manager and were invited to stay after the meeting to join the Christmas gathering.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

The 2018 budget has been advertised and is ready for adoption. The total budget is \$1,318,931.50 and includes a .25 mill increase. Mr. Langjahr made the motion to adopt the 2018 budget as advertised and Mr. Martin seconded. Council passed unanimously.

Resolution 2017-7 was presented for adoption:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITING THE LOCATION OF A CATEGORY 4
LICENSED CASINO FACILITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH.**

Mr. Martin made the motion to adopt, Mr. Soliday seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Wirebach- No report

Soliday- No report

Schnee- Presented Council with the revised copy of the handicapped parking policy and application.

He asked that everyone read and submit any questions/comments/suggestions to him by December 27. He advised Council that he returned the application and check to Sandra Schneider at 133 Pennbrooke because the application was incomplete and asked her to resubmit in 30 to 60 days after the policy has been revised and approved.

Langjahr- No report

Martin- No report

Marshall- No report

Wertz- Thanked Mr. Langjahr for his years of service to the Borough Council and wished him well.

Manager- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year.

Mayor- No report

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS- 2018 Appointed Officials List and 2018 Meeting Schedule

Letter from Kraft Code thanking Borough and advising of price increase.

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Martin and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Heilman
Borough Manager