

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

December 20, 2016

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President Abigail Wertz called the December 20, 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 Bill Langjahr. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Randy Gartner and Manager Lisa Heilman. Council Member Tony Wirebach was absent. Garry Degler and David Bright were visitors.

VISITORS & CITIZENS - Mr. Bright & Mr. Degler were observing. Council thanked David Bright and SSM for the “goodie box”.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Ms. Heilman presented Council with several options to pay for employee health insurance premiums: A 52%/48% split; a 62%/38% split; a 72%/28 split; or a flat rate co-pay. After much discussion, it was determined that Garry Degler will pay \$500 towards his insurance and Lisa Heilman will pay \$600 towards her insurance premium. Additionally, Garry’s pay is to be bumped up to bring his total increase to 3%.

Wirebach- Absent

Soliday- Mr. Soliday advised Council that he rode around with Harvey Marshall while plowing on Saturday and the subject of replacing the straight plow blade on the 2001 with a V-plow was discussed. A quote of \$6,142.00 was obtained from E.M. Kutz to do the work. Garry Degler suggested the idea was a good one. Mr. Soliday then wondered if that was the best place to spend the money or would we be better off replacing the 1984 F600. Garry advised that the parts were getting more and more difficult to find when the 84 needed work. Council directed Garry to get pricing information from CoSTARS providers on replacing 1984 Ford F600. Manager reminded him to keep garage overhead door restrictions in mind when looking. A lease/purchase agreement may be looked at. Used inventory may also be considered.

Schnee- Mr. Schnee expressed his surprise at Steve Price’s comments on the police budget in the Reading Eagle . Advised Council that a gentleman from Upper Darby contacted him about the possibility of putting Over 55 apartments in the old Gloray/Robesonia Marketplace building. Council expressed an interest in hearing his proposal.

Langjahr- Advised Council that the Trash COG would be meeting on January 19th and that this is the 2nd year of our 3 year contract, but that an option to extend to 5 years is on the table.

Martin- Advised Council that there is a New Year’s Eve party scheduled at the Fire Company and all are welcome. Merry Christmas to all!

Marshall- Merry Christmas!

Wertz- Merry Christmas!

Gartner- Merry Christmas

NEW BUSINESS – The possibility of hiring McCarthy Engineering was discussed. Council will look over their proposal and consider the option.

OLD BUSINESS – Ms. Heilman advised Council that an update was received from Carl Engleman regarding the Breininger property acquisition/remediation and that they are suggesting a more detailed engineering schematic may be necessary. Also, advised Council that she told Mr. Engleman that Council has no objection to the Agreement of Sale with the Water Authority.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

On a motion by Mr.Soliday, seconded by Mr.Martin and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Heilman
Borough Manager