

RICHLAND BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2015 (Recording B16)

The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 7:00 PM, prevailing time. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Richland Borough Building, 5 Pine St., Richland, PA 17087.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Seldomridge, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

A motion was made by Dan Auman to accept meeting minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting, seconded by Larry Hartman, all in favor.

Citizen's Comments:

Michelle Voydik wanted to know if the bullying at playground was taken care of. Dennis Seldomridge advised, yes, and the playground is now closed. Michelle also advised that the Rec Board had given them a book to use and follow for the playground, and wanted to know if it was used. Jim Niethammer advised they will need to check the book. She also advised we have heroin in Richland.

Communications:

President Seldomridge announced the Borough received a check for \$6,056.67, from the State, to offset the Borough's severe winter expenses.

Dennis Seldomridge advised the Borough Council was invited to the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority for a hot dog and hamburger get together Wednesday, September 2, at 6 PM at the GLRA Maintenance Building.

A motion was made by Matt Johnson to accept payment of invoices reviewed by Jim Niethammer, seconded by Larry Hartman, all in favor.

Gift Associates Report was reviewed and a motion was made by Jim Niethammer to accept report, seconded by Dan Auman, all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Water – Need to set up a meeting date after this meeting.

Highway – nothing

Property – nothing

Finance – nothing

Safety – nothing

Supervisor's Report:

Dwight was asked if they saw on the camera video who broke glass in basketball area of playground. He was unable to see anything. Dwight advised Elm Street is done. A motion was made by Larry Hartman to accept Supervisor's Report, seconded by Matt Johnson, all in favor.

Office Report: A motion was made to accept Office Report by Jim Niethammer, seconded by Matt Johnson, all in favor.

Code Enforcement Report: After discussion, a motion was made to accept the Code Enforcement Report by Dan Auman and seconded by Larry Hartman, all in favor.

MRJA report – none

Water Report: A motion was made to accept the Water Report by Jim Niethammer, seconded by Matt Johnson, all in favor.

State Police Report – no formal report was received, but President Seldomridge stated he had received a text from the State Police stating there were 9 incidents for the month – no details were provided in the text.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Larry Hartman to accept the Rate Schedule given by Dwight Belleman, seconded by Jim Niethammer, all in favor.

Tom Harlan reviewed the document we received last month from Lebanon County Metropolitan Planning listing projects communities need help with. They want a list from each municipality. Tom advised the council should feel free to get on the list. We should put together a project and submit it to them. It will be a 2017 Program and we should get our request in by the end of 2015. There is no guarantee we will receive any money allotted for projects, but we should come up with a project (s) and get it submitted onto their list. After discussion, Tom advised we can come up with several projects to submit.

New Business:

A motion was made by Jim Niethammer to renew contract with Direct Energy for 8.89 cents per kh, seconded by Dan Auman, all in favor.

Tom Harlan submitted a resolution for the council to pass. He explained the Myerstown Borough has a Pre-Treatment Ordinance stating what kind of chemicals are permitted to go up to the sewer plant and at what level. Every so often they review their guideline allowance and modify it. They have dropped the chemical levels on two chemicals and need Borough Council to pass a resolution accepting this change. After discussion, Dan Auman made a motion to pass **Resolution #274** acknowledging the new chemical levels allowed to be sent up to the Myerstown Borough Sewage Treatment Plant; Jim Niethammer seconded the motion; motion was carried with all members present voting yes.

Jim Niethammer stated, with the borough needing to invest \$250-\$500,000 for developing a new well, he didn't feel there should be any more "free" water given out in the community. If an organization or individual who is now receiving free water wants to discuss water at a reduced rate, they need to contact the borough for approval. Solicitor Tom Harlan suggested the water committee come up with a resolution at their next committee meeting, stating parameters, and develop a definite resolution to make it official.

President Seldomridge asked if there were any more comments for the good of the borough. Michelle Voydik stated there has been a lot of State Police presence on North Race Street regarding the heroin issue in that area. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Jim Niethammer to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dan Auman, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maybelle Morgan (substitute)

& Perri Shanaman, Borough Secretary