

President Harvey Marshall called the January 4, 2021 Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Council members present were V.P. Mark Spotts, David Rohrbach, Rod Soliday, Dean Johnson, Mike Martin and Matt Miller. Also attending the meeting were SHPD Chief Leon Grim, Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor John Muir and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Snook, Dean Baim and David Randler. A motion was made by Mr. Soliday to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Council Meeting. Mr. Spotts seconded and Council approved unanimously.

VISITORS & CITIZENS: Mr. & Mrs. Snook addressed Council regarding issues they have been having with their neighbor at 132 Pennbrooke Avenue. Ms. Snook advised Council that they have called the police on several occasions regarding the neighbors smoking weed which can be smelled in their home, playing loud music, harassment. They feel the police have not been very responsive. Chief Grim noted that the neighbor at 132 Pennbrook has a medical marijuana card and the police must be very careful about how they approach such a situation. Ms. Snook acknowledged that but noted you should not be able to smell burnt marijuana if it is being used in a prescribed manner. She also noted that there are 7 people currently living in the 2 bedroom house (8 every other weekend when the boyfriend's daughter is staying with them). That could be addressed through the IPMC. Ms. Snook noted that she has video of them being harassed by the neighbors. She claims the video was forwarded to the police but nothing was done. Mayor Gartner asked Chief Grim to follow up with the Snooks to see if anything can be done. Mr. Baim was present to answer any questions Council may have regarding his minor subdivision on South Freeman Street in order to keep the approval process moving forward.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner asked the status of the unregistered cars. Mr. Marshall advised that nine of the original twelve have been moved. Three remain. Mayor Gartner asked about the two at 37 Chestnut. Mr. Marshall stated they were missed in the first round and would be added to the list. Mayor Gartner asked the status of the Breininger property clean-up. Manager advised she has been in touch with Technicon and Liberty Environmental and is in the process of getting a proposal from Liberty to write the Act 2 Remedial Investigation Report and Clean-up Plan, both of which will be needed to write up the bid specs. Mayor Gartner thanked everyone involved in helping with all the events held this year for the community.

SOLICITOR - Solicitor Muir presented the following for adoption:

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021:

- PLGIT and Fulton Bank- Womelsdorf Branch- as the Borough's depositories
- Andrew George and Kozloff-Stoudt as Borough Solicitors at a rate of \$200/meeting, \$170/hour for partner, \$150/hour for associate, \$125/hr for paralegal
- Technicon Enterprises II, Inc. as Borough Zoning Officials and MS4 Engineers at an hourly rate of, \$93.00/senior engineer, \$80.50/engineer, \$56.25/Sewage Enforcement Officer, \$49.50/zoning officer, \$42.75/clerk
- Technicon Enterprises II, Inc. as Borough Building Code Officials- \$65.75/hour
- Eugene Orlando of Orlando Law Services as Zoning Board Solicitor @ \$180.00/hour and \$150/hour for paralegal services.
- Kraft Code Services as the Borough Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officials
- Rodger Krause, CPA as the Borough Auditors at a rate of \$9,000/year.
- Lisa Heilman as Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer
- Mike Martin, 1 year term as Borough Representative to Berks County Boroughs Association
- David Rohrbach, 1 year term on the WRW Trash COG (2021)
- Perry Lloyd, 5 year term on the Robesonia Municipal Authority (2025)
- Mike Martin, 5 year term on the Wernersville-Robesonia Municipal Authority (2025)
- Scott Wenrich, 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board (2023)
- Dennis Rick, 5 year term on the Robesonia Planning Commission (2025)

- Barbara Orth, 5 year term on the Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority (2025)
- Western Berks Planning Commission representatives: Randy Gartner, Harvey Marshall-alternate. **Next meeting to be held on 1/21/21 at 7PM at the Robesonia Borough Building**

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Spotts and unanimous approval, motion carried to approve all 2021 appointments as presented.

Mr. Muir advised Council of the updated bidding thresholds for 2021 as follows: The minimum purchase amount that requires advertisement for sealed bids will increase from \$21,000 to \$21,300. Additionally, the minimum purchase amount for telephone quotes will increase from \$11,300 to \$11,500.

Solicitor Muir presented Council with the amended Shade Tree Ordinance. He advised Council to read it and bring any questions/revisions/suggestions to the February meeting. Council directed Manager to forward a copy of the proposed amendment to the Shade Tree Commission members.

Solicitor Muir reminded Council of the upcoming Joint Zoning Hearing at which a quorum of each member municipality's governing body must be present to vote. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7PM at the Robesonia Borough Building.

ENGINEER – December Building Permit and Engineer's reports were included in the agenda packet. Manager advised Council that the signed, notarized O&M plan as well as the \$550 check to be held in escrow until such time the topsoiling and seeding has been completed have been received from Mr. Baim, as required to approve the minor subdivision at his property at 238 South Freeman Street. Motion to approve the plan was made by Mr. Soliday and seconded by Mr. Miller. Council approved unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The next meeting is scheduled for January 20th, if needed.

MANAGER – Manager reminded Mayor Gartner and Rod Soliday that they are both up for re-election this year and will need to get their nominating petitions completed and returned on time to the Berks County Board of Elections if they intend to continue serving.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Spotts and unanimously carried, the bills were ordered paid as presented, including those paid prior to the meeting to avoid penalties. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Finance/Administration –No report

Personnel: No report

Fire Protection/Safety – Mr. Martin reported the Social Quarters is reopening Wednesday. Please come out and support the Social Quarters since they do a lot to support the apparatus fund. Mr. Rohrbach commended Mr. Martin, et al, for their very professional handling of the vehicle accident in front of his property that morning.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – Mr. Marshall advised Council that the plowing went well on December 16/17 with the exception of him hitting a pothole and damaging a plow.

Parks & Recreation- Manager reported receiving one request for ballfield use for 2021. Mayor reminded her to block out the 4th weekend of June for the street fair should it be held.

Library- We are still seeking a library board liaison. Mr. Spotts will post to the borough's website.

Police- Chief Grim reported that the toxicology results from the death of the resident on South Robeson came in and confirmed it was an accidental drug overdose. Chief Grim also complimented the community events held over the holiday and noted that the fundraiser held by the CW Community Cares organization raised enough money to give kids from eight families a very nice Christmas.

Water/Sewer Municipal Authorities-Mr. Soliday noted that the Robesonia Municipal Authority will be needing a new treasurer since Rich Kuchar has advised them he would like to resign. He noted he may

consider taking the position. Mr. Marshall noted that a new administrative assistant, Gloria Grim, has been hired at the Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority. She comes with a lot of experience and is expected to be a great fit for their needs.

Western Berks Joint Planning Commission: The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2021 at 7PM at the Robesonia Borough Hall. A quorum of each member municipality needs to be present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marshall – No report

Martin- No report

Soliday- No report

Johnson- No report

Spotts- No report.

Rohrbach- No report.

Miller:. No report.

Mayor Gartner- Mayor Gartner advised Council that he will be holding a meeting to determine if there is any interest in keeping the annual Street Fair/Fireworks going. He is willing to help, but not run, the committee(s).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Fatzinger Automotive Clean-up: The Joint Zoning amendment will hopefully allow us to address this more effectively. Mr. Soliday advised Council that he gave Mr. Fatzinger a copy of the amendment that is being considered and invited him to the Joint Zoning meeting to discuss any concerns he may have.

A copy of the letter from PPL addressing the Easement Agreement was included in the agenda packet. This letter indicates this matter is closed.

The amended Shade Tree Ordinance was given to all council members for their consideration and discussion at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – No report

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Kraft Codes monthly Property Maintenance Report.
- **Thank you letter from Kraft Codes.**
- Monthly Police Report, in its entirety, was sent out to Council via email prior to meeting. Stats section was included in agenda packet.
- Western Berks Ambulance November report.

On a motion by Mr. Spotts second by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Secretary/Treasurer