

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

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President Harvey Marshall called the March 21, 2022 workshop meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Mark Spotts, Mike Martin, Matt Miller, Dean Johnson and Tracy Rice. Jamie Burrus was absent. Also attending the meeting was Manager Lisa Heilman. Visitors included David Randler and Mike Brown.

Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 7th Council Meeting. Mr. Miller seconded and Council unanimously approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS- Mike Brown, on behalf of the CW Lions Club, spoke with Council regarding the Hometown Heroes banners they would like to install on Penn Avenue. Mr. Marshall advised him that the borough currently has 41 approved brackets on the poles on Penn Avenue. Anything over the existing 41 brackets would be the responsibility of the Lions Club to apply for an attachment agreement with PPL. Mr. Brown noted they would be willing to share the cost or pay for any additional brackets needed as well. Mr. Brown also asked Council if there were any opportunities to help the borough in achieving any recreational opportunities. The Lions Club currently has some extra cash they would like to see go to help upgrade/update some of the borough's recreation areas (i.e. basketball courts/tennis courts, etc). Ms. Rice, Chairperson of the Parks & Rec Board advised Mr. Brown that the Rec Board, along with the American Rescue Plan Committee were looking at doing the very same and are very much interested in partnering with the Lion's Club to do some of these projects. The lights with the coin mechanism were discussed. The coin mechanism needs to be replaced. Mr. Marshall noted that he intends to talk to Randy Gartner about that being done.

Mr. Randler asked Council if they should consider putting it out to their residents that there are only two or three official places to obtain "official" borough information, the website, the Borough FB page and the Borough Office. Mark Spotts, who manages the Borough's website offered to put the information on the Borough's website with Council's concurrence. Council approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Breinger / Furnace Property Environmental Remediation

One bid was received on the morning of 3/21/22 from Reynmil Inc. in the amount of \$61,500. They have suggested they would probably be able to complete the work in approximately one week and would have no problem getting it completed before April 30th.

Mr. Johnson made the motion to award the bid to Reynmil Inc and Mr. Martin seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Draft Remediation Bid Packet:

A motion was sought to authorize advertisement of Phase 1 Remediation bid package upon receipt of satisfactory clean fill test results. Mr. Martin made that motion and Mr. Miller seconded. Council approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: -

It was brought to Council's attention that the Borough currently has no alternatives for the Zoning Hearing Board. The Borough is allowed to appoint up to three alternate members. Erica Ziegler, the wife of a current ZHB member, has offered to be an alternate. Mr. Marshall spoke to Rod Soliday about the possibility of being an alternate ZHB member and Mr. Soliday agreed. Mr. Spotts made the motion to appoint Rodney Soliday as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Miller seconded and Council approved unanimously. It was decided that only one alternate would be appointed at this time.

Mark Spotts, Personnel Committee Chairman, made the recommendation to hire Elizabeth Miller as a part-time, 20 hr/week secretary in the Borough Office at a rate of \$17.00/hour. Mr. Spotts, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Martin all noted that they have spoken with Ms. Miller and feel she has a lot to bring to the position. Mr.

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Spotts made the motion, Mr. Martin seconded and Council approved unanimously, with Mr. Matthew Miller abstaining since Elizabeth Miller is his spouse.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Van Dyke was unable to provide the MS4/NPDES permit update since her time was consumed with the Environmental Clean up/Tree Removal project, and the 2022 Roadwork project. Her intention is to have it done to provide to Council at the April 4th Council Meeting.

Tracy Rice provided Council with updated Summer Playground Policy, Playground Leader Job Descriptions and a proposal for a Summer Playground Program contingent upon finding qualified leaders to run the program. The program would run seven weeks (6/13-7/29), from 9am-noon, Monday through Friday. It would include children ages 5-12 years of age from Robesonia Borough and Heidelberg Township. Leaders would be paid \$15/hour. It was determined that the job application cut-off would be May 1st to allow sufficient time to run background checks, as needed. Mr. Spotts made the motion to advertise for the playground leader positions, Ms. Rice seconded and Council approved unanimously. Ms. Rice also brought up a few ideas presented by the Library. The first proposal was for automatic opening doors to accommodate the handicapped. The second was for a possible Story Walk on borough property.

Mr. Marshall advised Council that all of the items the Borough listed on Muncibid were sold. We received \$30,400 for the 2001 Ford F550 and \$4,200 for the 1998 ODB leaf picker.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Spotts and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Heilman
Borough Manager