

President Harvey Marshall called the May 2nd Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Council members present were V.P. Mark Spotts, Mike Martin, Matt Miller, Dean Johnson, and Tracy Rice. Jamie Burrus was absent. Also attending the meeting were SHPD Chief Leon Grim, Mayor Randy Gartner, Solicitor Andrew George, Engineer Jen Van Dyke and Manager Lisa Heilman. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were David Randler, Vernon Bright, David Bright, Cindy Murdough, Liz Miller, Perlita Hains, Jack Keener and Steve Gilbert. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Workshop Meeting. Ms. Rice seconded. Council approved unanimously.

VISITORS & CITIZENS: Perlita Hains, representing Wertz Orthodontics, asked for Council's assistance in making contact with the owner of the old Gloray building at 317 East Penn Avenue. They are attempting to have the Wertz Orthodontics sign removed from the water tower since it is in disrepair. Manager provided phone number and email address of current owner. Solicitor offered to provide contact info for partner and building manager. All other visitors were observing.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner reported that the Annual Furnace Dinner is scheduled for May 17th at 5:30. A buffet dinner is being offered for \$29.95 and the presentation will be on Hopewell Furnace. Also, Rockin' the Furnace is back on May 21st from 3-6 PM. Tickets are \$5.00, food will be available for purchase.

SOLICITOR - Solicitor George presented the following:

RESOLUTION 2022-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Mr. Spotts made the motion to approve, Mr. Martin seconded and Council approved unanimously.

ENGINEER – The Engineer's Report was included in the agenda packet.

Waiver Request Letter from HNT regarding Keener Heights II plan submission (in agenda packet)
Furnace Village II – Motion to grant waiver requests outlined in the HNT letter dated April 13, 2022 and as recommended by the Robesonia Planning Commission:

- SALDO Section 303.6.C combined preliminary/final plan
- SALDO Section 502.10.C for cul-de-sac length and # homes served
- SALDO Section 504.1.D for lot width/depth ratio
- SALDO Section 503.4/602.3/602.4 to allow slant curb and to not require curb/sidewalk along the cul-de-sac with the condition that curb/sidewalk be required along the off-street parking spaces along the emergency access drive
- SWMO Section 307.B.1.a to allow 24" limiting zone separation for the infiltration basin

Letter from Technicon to HNT with Planning Commission's recommendations dated April 22, 2022 regarding the requested waivers included in agenda packet.

Jack Keener explained that the plan for Keener Heights II, when submitted, included 10 overflow parking spaces because they were recommended by former Council member, Dave Rohrbach. His concern is that the overflow parking lot will become a "junkyard" for campers, trailers and inoperable cars. He noted that he has driven through the community on holidays, to see if there have been any parking problems on those days when more parked vehicles would be expected, and noted there were no parking problems noted. He is requesting Council to allow him to eliminate those 10 additional overflow parking spaces. Mr. Spotts asked if there were ten additional parking spaces would they be on public or private property. He was told it would be on private property. Mr. Spotts suggested the additional ten spaces should not be included in the second phase of the development. All Council

members present concurred. Engineer Jennifer Van Dyke then explained the requested waivers individually. The letter provided to HNT noted the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the requested waivers. Mr. Martin made the motion to grant the requested waivers. Mr. Spotts seconded and Council approved unanimously. HNT will revise the plan accordingly and resubmit for conditional final plan approval.

Ms. Van Dyke also noted that Shawn Hoffa of 103 South Church Street, submitted a fence permit application. He is seeking to place their fence directly against the Borough's fence on the property line. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the request and Mr. Johnson seconded. Council approved unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 18th, at 7PM, if needed.

MANAGER – Advised Council that the Borough was awarded 902 grant (Round 60) in the amount of \$129,154 to continue the compost transfer facility project.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martin 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: Mr. Marshall advised Council there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Fire Protection/Safety – No report.

Streets & Highways- Meeting minutes from the April 18th Streets Meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he obtained an estimate from Ronnie Folk Paving to do a small amount of blacktop work to finish the compost transfer site. The estimate is \$3,665. The Borough may be able to get some of it reimbursed through one of the 902 grants. Either way, it needs to be completed. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve having the work done. Mr. Martin seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Parks & Recreation- Meeting minutes from the April 21st meeting were included in the agenda packet. Ms. Rice advised Council that she and Mr. Marshall met with a representative from Game Time to start the process of replacing the Tot Lot. The representative advised them that it would be cheaper to build the new Tot Lot in the grassy field east of the Tot Lot Pavilion (possibly saving tens of thousands of dollars). TBD. She advised Council that three applications for the playground leader positions have been received and interviews would be held the week of May 9th. She noted that she had attended a grant workshop held by Senator Gebhart and obtained a lot of useful information for grant writing going forward for both the tot lot and the remediation project/passive recreation/historic preservation area. She asked that Council consider amending fee schedule to increase the current Rec Fee charged to developers in-lieu-of providing recreation facilities to be more in line with current standards. Mr. Johnson made the motion to increase the Rec Fee to \$750/unit. Mr. Spotts seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he got an estimate to have the basketball court area cleaned off and sealed from Quality Pavements in Wernersville for \$4,483.50. He also obtained a quote to do the same to the parking lot area for \$2,126.40. He also has a call in to a vendor to get a quote to paint the tennis court fence. Ms. Rice and Mr. Spotts noted they are working with the Lions Club to determine what type of upgrades/costs would be involved in upgrading the

basketball courts in their entirety so we should hold off on doing anything until all costs are obtained and decisions can be made.

Library- Ms. Rice reported that Castanedas will be donating 10% of their proceeds on certain nights to the library.

Police- Chief Grim reminded Council of the fundraiser scheduled for June 17th from 6-9PM at the CW Community Pool to benefit one of the SHPD officer's child who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer.

Water/Sewer Municipal Authorities- N/R

Western Berks Joint Planning Commission: Manager asked Mr. Randler if there has been any movement toward getting the Joint Zoning Ordinance codified since there have been so many amendments made in the last two years and the map needs to be updated as well. Mr. Randler asked Jennifer Van Dyke to get a cost estimate from General Code to update the ordinance and map and what they would charge per copy to make new copies for the five member municipalities. Ms. Rice asked if the WBPC has had any discussion on the proposed Cold Summit project in Millcreek Township since it would have an impact on Womelsdorf Borough and Marion Township, both members of the Joint Zoning. Mr. Randler noted they have not.

Environmental Remediation Committee: Jennifer Van Dyke advised Council that Liberty has advised her that the DEP is still reviewing the RIR and expects it to be done by the original May 5th date. Ms. Rice noted that she would like to hold a meeting of the Committee to discuss Phase II. She would like Council to have some discussion on what purpose they would like that remediated area to serve. Mr. Spotts suggested that discussion should only take place once that property is completely remediated. Ms. Rice noted that she would need to have some type of plan in order to write the grant for Phase II of the remediation project. Council suggested going with passive recreation since it leaves the options open for most uses.

American Rescue Plan Committee: Mark Spotts advised Council the Committee is still awaiting proposals, along with projected costs, from the Fire Company and the library before any decisions are made.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marshall- No report.

Martin- No report.

Rice- Ms. Rice noted the recent passing of Barbara Breininger, the first female president of PSAB, and long-time Council member. She noted a memorial service is scheduled for June 26th at 2PM at St. Paul's Church, Robesonia.

Johnson- Mr. Johnson asked if a date had been planned for the annual Community Yard Sale. Manager noted it will be held in August and details can be found on the Robesonia Townwide Sale page on Facebook.

Spotts- No report.

Burrus- Absent.

Miller- No report.

Mayor Gartner- No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – MS4/NPDES Permit Update-Jen Van Dyke noted that she will now have time to work on the update since her work on the Remediation Project is done.

NEW BUSINESS – No report.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:52PM to discuss personnel issues. Regular session reconvened at 8:03PM.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Water Authority Treasurer's report and Meeting Minutes (March)
- RWMA Meeting Minutes, operational report & engineer's reports (March)
- RMA Meeting Minutes (February)
- SHTPD Police Report. Stats section & Calls of Interest were included in agenda packet.
- Building Permit List (April)
- Proposed PSAB Constitution Amendment regarding "Emergency Authority"

On a motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Marshall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager/Secretary/Treasurer