

President Tony Wirebach called the May 6, 2019 meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Abby Wertz., Harvey Marshall, Mike Martin, Erica Ziegler, Rod Soliday and Frank Schnee. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Andrew George, Manager Lisa Heilman and Mayor Randy Gartner. Citizens and visitors attending the meeting were Dave Randler, Vernon Bright, David Rohrbach, J.C. Hoffa, Carol Werkheiser and Geneva Aulenbach of the Reading Eagle. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 Council Meeting. Mr. Marshall seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the April 16, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes with Mr. Marshall seconding. Council approved unanimously.

VISITORS & CITIZENS – All visitors were observing.

MAYOR – Mayor Gartner advised everyone that Burt Webber, a former Robesonian resident and discoverer of the Spanish Galleon Concepcion, has written a book called A Master on the Spanish Main, a copy of which he presented to the Friends of the Robesonian Furnace for their museum. The book is available on Amazon. He next asked Council for their support for the Borough to take over the Labor Day Car Show. The Fire Company has suggested they would help and he would take charge with help from Mike Martin and Harvey Marshall. The liability insurance would cost \$125. 80% of the proceeds would go to the Fire Company and the rest would go to help cover costs. Mayor Gartner advised he would pay for the plaques and trophies so the Borough would not be using any taxpayer dollars to cover those costs. Mr. Marshall made the motion to support the Car Show with the proviso the Fire Company agrees to participate. Ms. Ziegler seconded the motion and Council approved unanimously.

SOLICITOR - Solicitor George presented a tennis court agreement between Jack Keener and the Borough. There was some discussion about Jack's proposal. He provided two prices, one to do a 2" wearing course (for which he would pay the entire cost) and one to do a 2" binding course and a 1-1/2" wearing course as required by USTA (if we were to get the USTA grant as written by Ryan Knarr). Should we go this route, it would cost the Borough approximately \$20,000 more. Mr. Marshall also provided a quote to restring the fence around the tennis courts for \$970. It was decided to wait till we hear from Ryan Knarr what kind of grant funding we are approved for before moving forward.

Solicitor George next presented a Lease Agreement between the Borough and the POSofA for the use of the Furnace Office property. Mr. Soliday made the motion to approve the lease agreement and Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

ENGINEER – The Engineer report was included in the agenda packet.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Next meeting is scheduled for May 15th, if needed.

MANAGER – Ms. Heilman presented a request from Soccer Shots for the use of the field behind the Tot Lot Pavilion/Tennis Court for June 18-August 13 on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve and Mr. Soliday seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Presented a request for a handicapped parking space in front of 132 Pennbrooke Avenue for a 3-1/2 year old child with cancer whose leg was amputated. Mr. Schnee made the motion to approve and Mr. Martin seconded. Council approved unanimously.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES- Motion by Mr. Soliday seconded by Mr. Schnee 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 presented two requests for Fire Police services: Marion Township- 5/18 for the Jim Keppley Memorial Car Show and Heidelberg Township- 5/30 for the Middle School PTO Pool Night. Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve and Ms. Ziegler seconded.

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Council approved unanimously. Frisbees in the Park was postponed since the weather on Sunday was a total wash-out. It was rescheduled for Saturday, May 25th from 3-5PM. It will be put on the Borough's FB page.

Police Committee- A meeting was held with South Heidelberg Township to obtain a proposal to provide police services for the Borough. Council went into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters at 7:27 on a motion by Ms. Wertz, second by Mr. Soliday. Regular session resumed at 7:48.

Streets/Highways/Sewer – The meeting minutes from the April meeting were included in the agenda packet. The tar and chipping project on South Church Street has been advertised for a June 3rd opening. Mr. Marshall also informed Council of a potential problem with the swale and detention pond behind Smokering Drive in CW Village. A pipe that was put in when the development was built is deteriorating to the point where it is undermining Smokering Drive. We will need to go into the retention pond, regrade and replace the inlet and outlet. We will first need permanent easements signed by the first four property owners on Smokering Drive (manager to provide to Solicitor). He advised Council that he spoke with the Borough Engineer about the possibility of upgrading the area to comply with MS4 requirements and the ability to get credit for our stormwater run-off calculations for a future NPDES permit by upgrading it now. Mr. Marshall advised Council that he got another request from Heidelberg Township to sweep three sections (Steeple Ridge, Fry Manor and Brossman Heights). He wants an agreement from Heidelberg Township that if there are any areas with which they are not happy, they notify us so we can make it right. Mr. Soliday made the motion to approve the request and Mr. Schnee seconded Council approved unanimously. Mr. Marshall advised Council that the turn arrows are expected to be painted on North & South Robeson Street in the very near future.

Parks & Recreation- The Playground Program will once again be held at the CW Community Pool this summer.

Sewer Authority: Mr. Randler reported that the Robeson-Wernersville Joint Municipal Authority is asking for us to submit our request for their meeting minutes and financials in writing. Manager was told to also ask for a copy of their by-laws. He notified Council that the Authority gave out 8% raises this year since they are flush with money due to all the infiltration. He also advised Council that the Board seems unwilling/uninterested in moving some of their money to take advantage of much higher interest rates they could be getting elsewhere (PLGIT?).

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshall – Mr. Marshall advised Council that David Rohrbach has agreed to serve on our Vacancy Board. We may be in need of his services in January if at least one person does not run a write-in campaign and collect their votes at the BC Board of Elections following the election. Mr. Marshall made the motion to appoint Mr. Rohrbach to the Vacancy Board and Mr. Soliday seconded. Council approved unanimously.

Martin- No report.

Ziegler- No report.

Schnee-Mr. Schnee asked if a municipality has no say in the gaming machines being installed at local gas stations, etc. Solicitor George stated we do not. Mr. Schnee asked if there has been any further development in the dog attack. He was told the dog's owner has paid for all the vet bills for the other dog and that the police have told us the owner was being cited.

Soliday – No report.

Wertz- Ms. Wertz reminded Manager to order dumpster for the Street Fair. Manager noted it has already been done. Ms. Wertz also asked to have the annual agreement between the Borough and the Street Fair Committee drawn up. Manager will do and notify when ready.

Wirebach- No report.

Mayor Gartner – No report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS –Breininger Property Acquisition: Manager notified Council that Ms. Forbes has found two funding sources for matching grants. Discussion ensued on whether the ISRP grant has been done and submitted. The Notice of Intent to submit has been submitted to DCED.

NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- March Treasurer’s report and April meeting minutes from the Womelsdorf-Robesonia Joint Authority meeting
- Western Berks Regional PD monthly meeting minutes (4/9) and monthly report.

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, second by Ms. Ziegler and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Attest:

Lisa Heilman
Manager