

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Virtual Meeting held through Google Meet

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Christopher Willever

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor, Jim Dunn, President, Chris Willever; Vice-President, Floyd Bless; Iolanda Logan, Brooke Morita, Jillian Snyder, Bo Trovinger, Alexa Scheetz (JCP), Solicitor, Colby Grim, and Secretary, Kathy Wetzel

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Kinney thanked Borough Council and the staff for their help during the snow parking bans. Dave said the residents of Town Court are please with the work being done during inclement weather and with the attention being paid to cars parked illegally. Chris Willever thanked Dave for his work throughout the process and the change shad been notable between the HOA and the Borough.
- Michele Grida reported that there is a new buyer for Grida's Ice Cream. The buyer will continue to maintain the name of Grida's as well as the integrity of the business that has been a constant in the borough for so many years. The buyer intends to move into the property and settlement will be sometime in March 2021.

REPORT OF THE FIRE COMPANY 36: (no report)

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: (Chris Willever)

Resident's Mailbox Post broken by the snow or the plow truck on Briarwood Drive. Council will be butting a borough-wide policy into effect stating that the borough cannot be held responsible for snow damaging mailboxes when hit by snow during a plowable snow event.

COVID-19 REPORT: (Christopher Willever)

- Chris presented a video update with stats for Bucks County regarding the Covid-19 virus and vaccine. Chris stated that everyone can always get up-to-date information at health.pa.gov.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Colby Grim)

- Vehicle towing and storage agreement renewal between the borough and Bucks County towing was presented for a two-year period.

Motion made by Iolanda Logan, seconded by Brooke Morita two bind the contract between Richlandtown Borough and Bucks County Towing Company. All in favor. Motion carries.

- BCWSA Plumber's License Requirements – Reviewed and discussed letter received by the borough office. Randy Yardumian, the Borough Building/Zoning Official is on top of this and has been in contact with BCWSA.
- Larry's Cycle Shop - at Randy Yardumian's request Larry's will be notified that the borough is asking that Larry cycle shop reach out to and present the borough office with a building permit application for the work he has already started at the property. Colby stated that Randy has been on top of this matter and has been in contact with Adam at Larry's Cycle Shop. If the borough office does not receive a building permit application from Larry's, they will be asked to remove the structure from the property.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: (James Dunn)

Resident Concerns

1. PennDOT plowing snow on to freshly shoveled sidewalks.

2. Apartments on New Street plowing snow into the roadway

Postal Delivery

Representative Fitzpatrick's office arranged a ZOOM meeting with USPS representatives from Washington, Philadelphia and myself on Wednesday February 3. Maged Aziz, Philadelphia District Manager announced at this meeting that all residents that use the Richlandtown Post Office to get their mail, would not be charged for their box. He will be sending out a letter for Borough Council to accept and then official letters will be sent out to the residents.

Respectfully submitted,
James S. Dunn, Jr.
Mayor -Borough of Richlandtown
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FINANCE: (Floyd Bless, Chair, Jillian Snyder)

- Financial Reports month ending January 2020 were presented and reviewed.
- Review & Payment of bills ready for payment for January 2021

Motion made by Brooke Morita, seconded by Jillian Snyder to approve the February 2021 bills for payment as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

POLICE & FIRE LIAISON (Iolanda Logan, Chair)

- Iolanda reported that Governor Wolf has again proposed a bill to the PA legislature asking for boroughs and townships who rely on State Police coverage for policing to be charged an annual fee per resident. Iolanda Logan and Jim Dunn continue to monitor this situation and will report back to Council if necessary. Colby Grim suggested a line item be added to the 2022 budget for this expense should this bill eventually pass.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING & GROUNDS, WATER DEPT: (Calvin "Bo" Trovinger, Chair; Floyd Bless)

- Children at Play signs have been ordered for Towne Court. Once they are received Bo will meet with Andy to discuss placement of the first two signs. The first two signs will be installed ASAP free of charge by the Borough PW Assistant. The remaining two signs will be installed by the Borough PW Assistant for a nominal fee. The speed sign on North Main Street will soon be moved as soon as the weather allows and will be placed in Towne Court for the first quarter of 2021.
- Bo will be speaking to Andy and Jeff regarding proper plowings speeds in the borough.
- Bo has discussed this week's expected snow fall with Jeff and Andy and all shifts have been covered.
- Floyd reported that pump #1 on Union Street has shut down and is being repaired at this time. Pump #2 on Union Street was approved to be replaced at the last Borough Council Committee Meeting. Pump #3 continues to perform exceptionally throughout the repair process.

PUBLIC WELFARE: (Jillian Snyder, Chair; Brooke Morita)

- Update on HOA speed cushions - after further review and consultation from the Borough Engineer it was determined that the speed cushions could not be approved by Borough Council.
- Snowstorm concerns – plowing style/speed, emergency parking restrictions discussed.
- Further review of proposed Keeping of Animals Ordinance - a lengthy discussion concerning the presented proposed Keeping of Animals Ordinance was discussed and it was determined that the Keeping of Animals Ordinance would be revised and would be presented to council again for review at the next Committee Meeting.

PARKS & REC – BENNER HALL: (Brooke Morita, Chair)

Finalized 2021 Event's Calendar

- Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, Apr. 3rd
- Spring Borough-Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, Apr. 24th

- National Night Out - Tuesday, Aug. 3rd
 - Fall Borough-Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, Sep. 18th
 - Harvest Fest - Saturday, October 9th
 - Halloween Pet Parade - Saturday, Oct. 30th
 - Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Delivery - Saturday, Nov. 20th
 - Tree Lighting - Saturday, Dec. 4th
 - Coat Drive - Saturday, Dec. 11th
 - Luminaries - Friday, Dec. 24th
- 2020 Luminaries were rescheduled for Valentine's Day Weekend 2021 but have been canceled due to the snow. The luminaries will be stored at Benner Hall until Christmas 2020.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH: (Kathy Wetzel)

- Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2021 Council Meeting presented for review.

Motion made by Floyd Bless, seconded by Jillian Snyder to approve the January 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented for review. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Vacant Borough Council seat interviews will be scheduled virtually and must be completed before the February Committee Meeting. Kathy will be scheduling the interviews and Chris asked council members to please be available.
- Boro Buzz Sprint/Summer 2021 articles are due by February 11, 2021, for mid-March delivery.
- Earthquake Insurance Quote – tabled for discussion at the 2021 Borough Budget Meeting.
- Kathy stated that anyone needing information regarding their reelection to borough council whose terms are expiring this year should reach out to Roy Schulenburg for assistance period Kathy has his contact information.

NO REPORTS

BUILDING COMMISSION (IDLE) (Jillian Snyder, chair)
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: (Calvin Trovinger)
 JR. COUNCIL REPORT: (Alexa Scheetz)
 PERSONNEL: (Jillian Snyder, Chair; Floyd Bless)
 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: ()

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- NIMS 700 Training for Council
- Benner Hall Security Cameras
- New Borough Banners
- Ordinance Amendments
- Tractor/Snow Blower Purchase (Andy requests info)

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn Council Meeting

With no further business to discuss, a Motion was made at 9:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Brooke Morita, seconded by Jillian Snyder. All in favor. Meeting ceased.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: (all at Benner Hall @ 7 P.M.)

- Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- Parks & Rec Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Wetzel

Borough Secretary/Treasurer