

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Call to Order
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Council Vice President, Floyd Bless; Kimberley Fox, Jennifer Geese, Iolanda Logan, Jillian Snyder, Calvin Trovinger; Solicitor, Sean Duffy, Borough Secretary, Kathy Wetzel. Mayor, Wayne Coder – via phone.

Absent: Council President, Christopher Willever.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (held to a 5 min. time limit for comments only)

Jim Dunn, resident: - In the process of building the new message board sign for Kandel Park. Hoping to have it built and installed at the park by mid-May. Will need another set of letter tracking and will contact Kathy. Also, there are 2 potholes forming at the alleyway behind Cherry Rd at this property where it abuts First Ave.

REPORT OF THE FIRE COMPANY: (Mike Studenroth)

- Month of March 2023 - 20 Calls; 211 hrs. & 26 mins. of total man hours

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: (Christopher Willever)

- Congratulations to Calvin Trovinger for 25 years of service and Floyd Bless for 60 years of service to the RFC
- Thank you to Jillian, Jen, & Floyd for their recent work for the Water Department
- Thank you to Colby and his firm for their donation to our Fundraiser Bingo
- PSAB Conference registration – Early registration deadline is 4/26/23. Jillian Snyder, Iolanda Logan, and Jennifer Geese are hoping to register for the full conference. Kim Fox is hoping to attend the Mini Bootcamp. Wayne Codner is interested in attending as well. All will notify Kathy asap if they want to officially register. 2023 Budget allowance set as \$3,000 for conferences/trainings.

REPORT FROM THE SOLICITOR: (Sean Duffy from Grim, Biehn & Thatcher)

- Cemetery Update – Sean Duffy provided samples for the resolutions and the ordinance required for the borough to acquire the Richlandtown Union Cemetery and the need to set up the Richlandtown Cemetery Commission. The Council will review and discuss at an upcoming meeting.
- Quakertown Water Authority Resolution #2023-2 was submitted as required by Quakertown Borough as discussed with Floyd Bless to establish and additional specific prohibition for the discharge of oil and grease to the sanitary sewer system and to adopt revised specific pollutant discharge limitations.

Motion made by Calvin Trovinger, seconded by Iolanda Logan to adopt Resolution #2023-02 to establish and additional specific prohibition for the discharge of oil and grease to the sanitary sewer system and to adopt revised specific pollutant discharge limitations. Jennifer Geese, Kim Fox, Calvin Trovinger, and Iolanda Logan voted yes. Jillian Snyder opposed. With a majority of yes votes the motion carries.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH: (Kathy Wetzel)

- Review & Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2023

Motion made Iolanda Logan, seconded by Jennifer Geese. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Next date for Boro Buzz Edition date discussed. A September 2023 delivery date was agreed upon. The articles should be submitted no later than July 20, 2024, to the borough office.
- The Council agreed to cancel the Committee Meeting originally scheduled for, 4/25/23.

Motion made Iolanda Logan, seconded by Jennifer Geese to cancel the committee meeting scheduled for 4/25/2023.

FINANCE: (Floyd Bless, Chair; Jillian Snyder)

- Review of Financial Reports month ending March 2023
- Floyd Bless suggested that with banks increasing interest rates that the boroughs CDs with lower rates be rolled over into higher yielding interest rate CDs. Floyd will follow up with QNB to obtain the CDs in question

Motion made by Calvin Trovinger, seconded by Jennifer Geese to roll the CDs in question over into higher yielding CDs. Floyd will visit QNB bank to obtain these CD's. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Review & Approval to make Payments - Bills for April 2023

Motion made by Kim Fox, seconded by Jennifer Geese to approve the payment of the April 2023 Bills after reviewed. All in favor. Motion carries.

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

- Kandel Park Sign Update – Horizon Signs has agreed to honor the quote of \$6,525.00 from 12/1/2021. Calvin asked that the council move forward with the plan to hire Horizon Signs to erect this sign and plaques as quoted.

Motion made by Jennifer Geese, seconded by Kim Fox to approve the \$6,525.00 quote from Horizon Sign to install the sign at Kandel Park. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Street Cleaning along with Benner Hall Parking Lot discussed. Kathy will call RMC Clean Sweep to set a date for the cleaning. Kathy will post the dates to the borough Facebook page, Website, and request that the RFC add the information to the electronic sign in front of the office.
- Fire Fighting Foam Use – Floyd reiterated his conversation with Tim Arnold regarding the DEP new rules that could be taking place as of 1/1/2024.
- Verification of no lead pipes existing in the borough may take place sometime in the future as Tim Arnold explained to Floyd Bless. Kathy will check the borough meeting minutes from the 1950s.
- Calvin welcomed Jeff back to work and stated Evan had begun working.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Baseball Fence – two quotes have been received and will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.
- Speed Limit Sign – Jeff has been working to fix the speed limit sign.
- Dog Park – Calvin has seeded the dog park and is waiting for the seed to take hold before opening the park back up.

NO REPORTS

BUILDING COMMISSION (*IDLE*) (Jillian Snyder, Chair)
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: (Calvin Trovinger)
 PLANNING COMMISSION: (Iolanda Logan, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
 PERSONNEL: (Jennifer Geese, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
 POLICE & FIRE LIAISON: (Iolanda Logan, Chair)
 PUBLIC WELFARE: (Jillian Snyder, Chair)
 REPORT OF THE MAYOR: (Wayne Codner)
 PARKS & REC: (Jennifer Geese, Chair)

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn Council Meeting

Motion made by Iolanda Logan, seconded by Jennifer Geese at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

- Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023
- Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023
- Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Wetzel

Borough Secretary/Treasurer