

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

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. Michele Grida, Brooke Morita, Jillian Snyder, Bo Trovinger, Alexa Scheetz (JCP), arrived at 7:45 p.m., Colby Grim, Solicitor, and Secretary, Kathy Wetzel
Absent: Iolanda Logan

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: (Christopher Willever)

- Committee Meeting on June 22, 2021 could be rescheduled or canceled. Council agreed to cancel the meeting unless an urgent matter arises.
- Chris reminded Council Members to keep everything on target with the meeting tonight.
- Chris stated that he will not be able to attend the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Floyd Bless, Council Vice-President will run the meeting.

Motion made by Floyd Bless, seconded by Michele Grida to cancel the June 22, 2021, Committee Meeting, unless pressing business arrives. All in favor. Motion carries. Kathy will advertise the change.

APPROVAL OF March 23, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jillian Snyder, seconded by Floyd Bless to approve the March 23, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

BOROUGH OFFICE REPORT: (Kathy Wetzel)

- In Lieu of Tax Request 2021 mailed to Phoebe Richland, discussion regarding increase in Lieu of Tax and Kathy will forward the Resolution #2010-13 to Chris Willever for review. Matter tabled for future discussion.
- Street Sweeping Thursday, April 29, 2021 waiting on confirmation from RMC due to pending weather
- Sidewalk Curb-stop at 10-12 Church St repairs. Bo will speak to Andy to see how to fix the curb-stop.
- Mats for Playground at Swing Set and Slides per Andy's request. Bo and Floyd will investigate choices.
- Boro Buzz has been delayed due to the USPS. Kathy will continue to monitor.

PARKS & REC: (Brooke Morita, Chair; Michele Grida)

- Spring Borough-wide yard sale - successful though lower participation than in the Fall
- Brooke contacted the Windsor Court Association regarding the dumping taking place behind the playground
- Brooke asked that Andy pressurize the park benches at Windsor Court, several people have commented on the state of the benches. Bo will speak to Andy.
- Procedures for recurring BH renters - lockbox or keypad, Kathy will order the lockbox.
- Update on QYBA & approval of upcoming schedule – QYBA has been less than cooperative with the required information. Proof of Insurance was received today. Contract still not clear, as to what days QYBA will use the fields. Payment not made. Council agreed that the original agreement of Tuesdays, Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays for QYBA to have access to the fields would be approved as soon as the maintenance agreement was submitted to the borough. Chris will follow up.
- The Quakertown Community Band will be renting BH weekly on Thursday evenings from 7-10 p.m. for \$50/hour. The lockbox will be used for them to gain access and to close. Brooke or Chris will do a walk through with them to let them know the procedures to follow when opening and closing BH. Council granted permission for the band to keep their trailer on the premises behind BH and they will be given directions on how and where to park the trailer.

- A letter was received by a resident complaining about his neighbor's dog. Currently there are no ordinances for barking dogs or nuisance caused by the dogs. Mayor Dunn will reach out to the resident to let him know that Council has received his letter and hears his concerns.
- Jim Dunn spoke to Larry at the UCC Church regarding the Bells Across Pennsylvania event taking place on Sunday, May 2, 2021. The side door of the church will be open if you want to help. Ringing bells from your home is also encouraged. Kathy will post the proclamation to the Facebook page.

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

- Update on Towne Court to parking easement concerns of the HOA discussed at length. Chris responded by stating that Randy's thorough response was extremely helpful in addressing the issues raised. Council agrees with Randy stating that the matter of the parking taking place in the alleyway would be considered an HOA matter to be rectified between the HOA and the tenants and not a borough matter. Council will ask Randy and Colby to draft an official response letter to the HOA. Bo will forward the email he received from a resident of Towne Court to Jillian to address as Public Welfare Chair.
- Update on resident concern regarding truck traffic and a complaint sent to PennDOT. Mayor Jim Dunn has spoken to Don Centofante at PennDOT, and the truck traffic study would be conducted on Main Street at no cost to the borough. If the study proved positive PennDOT would post signs regarding the truck traffic at no cost to the borough. Brooke will draft a letter to Don Centofante at PennDOT.
- The topic of the 3-way stop signs being erected at the intersection of Cherry and Main Streets was discussed and council feels strongly that the back up of traffic and the truck noise would cause even more problems and agrees not to continue with a traffic study by PennDOT for stop signs.
- A lengthy discussion of the updated Regulating the Keeping of Bees ordinance draft produced a few more changes to the ordinance and permit fees. Brooke and Jillian hope to have the final draft for the Committee to review at May's committee meeting.
- After discussing a required permit for keeping bees, Council agreed that a permit should be required for the keeping of Chickens when the discussion continues regarding the ordinance for the keeping of certain animals.

PUBLIC WORKS: (Calvin Trovinger, Chair; Floyd Bless)

- Floyd gave a report regarding the selling and purchasing of new vehicles by the RFC. Chris stated that he would speak to Iolanda to activate the Fire & Police Liaison Committee again.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- NIMS 700 Training for Council
- New Borough Banners
- PW Snow Blower and Tractor
- Flagpole Lighting
- Benner Hall Parking Lot Sealing

NO REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Floyd Bless, Chair; Jillian Snyder)

PLANNING COMMISSION: (Art Bryan, Chair; Iolanda)

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business to discuss Floyd Bless made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brooke Morita seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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

- Parks & Rec Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2021
- Council Meeting: May 11, 2021
- Planning Commission: Monday, May 17, 2021
- Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Wetzel

Borough Secretary