

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Mayor, Wayne Codner; Council President, Christopher Willever; Council Vice President, Floyd Bless; Kimberley Fox, Jennifer Geese, Jillian Snyder, Calvin Trovinger; and Borough Secretary, Kathy Wetzel

Absent: Solicitor, Colby Grim

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

Jim Dunn, resident – commented that the meeting with Curt Hinkle regarding the cemetery went very well. Curt is a wealth of knowledge about everything regarding the cemetery. Jim also commented that he and Floyd Bless flushed the water hydrants and he wanted to note that Floyd has incredible amounts of information about the borough, water system, and is indispensable. Jim suggested thinking about reaching out to local colleges to see about engineering students who may apprentice work.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: (Christopher Willever)

- Dog Law Modernization SB 746 & Assistance – information was presented to council members; review of this information will take place at the 6/27/23 Committee Meeting.
- Cemetery Update – Chris gave some information about the recent meeting with Curt Hinkle and stated that a lengthy discussion will take place at the 6/27/23 Committee Meeting regarding steps to set up a Cemetery Committee if the council votes to assume the cemetery.
- Review & Nomination of Candidate for open Council Seat. Questions were asked of both candidates, Megan Bowman and Sydney Kehoe.

Nomination made by Calving Trovinger to nominate Megan Bowman for the vacant council seat, seconded by Jennifer Geese in favor Calvin Trovinger, Jennifer Geese, and Kim Fox and opposed Floyd Bless, Christopher Willever, and Jillian Snyder. With a tie vote the mayor voted as the tie breaking vote and voted no. Nomination was denied.

- More questions were asked of both candidates and a discussion ensued.

Nomination made by Kimberley Fox to nominate Megan Bowman for the vacant council seat, seconded by Jennifer Geese, in favor Kimberley Fox, Calvin Trovinger, Jennifer Geese, and Jillian Snyder and opposed Floyd Bless, Christopher Willever. With a majority yes vote, Megan Bowman was appointed to the vacant council seat. All in favor. Nomination carried. Megan Bowman took her seat at the council table for the remainder of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: (Wayne Codner)

To the residents of Richlandtown Borough,

- Report from the PSAB Conference
- 2nd quarter review of Mayor's Office

Respectfully, Hon. Wayne Codner, Mayor- Richlandtown Borough

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH: (Kathy Wetzel)

- Review & Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2023

Motion made by Jennifer Geese, seconded by Kimberley Fox to approve the Committee meeting Minutes for May 23, 2023. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Water Meter Readings for 2nd quarter of 2023 due week of June 19, 2023
- Borough office closed 6/19-6/21 – (vacation)

PUBLIC WELFARE: (Jillian Snyder, Chair)

- PSAB Conference Fireworks Law Update given
- Update on resident complaint regarding trash cans given. Randy has notified the resident.

FINANCE: (Floyd Bless, Chair; Jillian Snyder)

- Bank Funds Update Penn Community Bank offering 4.75% for new CD deposit. Floyd asked that council vote to approve moving \$250K to a new CD at Penn Community from QNB.

Motion made by Floyd Bless, seconded by Calving Trovinger to approve moving money out of QNB bank into a new CD at Penn Community Bank. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vote to amend the Borough Council Agenda to approve payment of the June 2023 Bills that were presented.

Motion made by Jillian Snyder, seconded by Jennifer Geese to approve amending the Borough Council Agenda as required to add Bill payment to the agenda.

- Bills for June 2023 presented for review and payment.

Motion made by Jillian Snyder, seconded by Jennifer Geese to approve payment of the June 2023 bills as presented and reviewed. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- Paving Quote presented from Campbell Paving for 3 jobs, 1 repaving job and 2 repair jobs. Repair jobs can be done now. Repaving job will need 2 more quotes. Calvin has requested quotes from 2 other companies but has not received a response.

Motion made by Kimberley Fox, seconded by Floyd Bless to approve the 2 repair jobs at both First Ave, and Walnut St. for a total of \$7050.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by

- Arsenic Remediation concerns presented by Tim Arnold. A lengthy discussion ensued and Calving will continue to work with Tim and report back to the council.

PARKS & REC: (Jennifer Geese, Chair; Kim Fox)

- Girl Scout troop inquiry - Donating recreational items to Benner Hall such as jump ropes, basket balls etc. After a long discussion Jennifer will speak to the Girl Scout Troop to see if another project such as bird houses or a hopscotch be something they would be interested in instead.
- Last Chance Ranch event July 8, 2023, at Benner Hall pavilion – there have been several reports of LCR advertising a much bigger event than they eluded too when renting the pavilion. Jennifer will speak to them about this event and try to come up with a solution that suits everyone involved, the borough, LCR, Richland Twp, the vendors, the need for permits for food trucks, etc.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Speed Limit Sign – repairs and relocation
- Kandel Park Electrical Work - in progress
- Janitorial Services for Benner Hall (Kathy researching)
- Sealing and Stripping RFC Parking Lot (Fall)
- Recodification Process – in progress
- Emergency Notification System changes – in progress

- Grass Sweeper – Jeff Barndt presented additional information in the purchase of the grass sweeper regarding price, warranty, return policy and delivery schedule. The total cost will be \$3,777.65. The council noted that the vote at the last meeting still stands as approval and told Jeff to work with Kathy to order the sweeper.

NO REPORTS

BUILDING COMMISSION (*IDLE*) (Jillian Snyder, Chair)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: (Calvin Trovinger)
POLICE & FIRE LIAISON:
PERSONNEL: (Jennifer Geese, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
PLANNING COMMISSION: (Iolanda Logan, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
REPORT FROM THE SOLICITOR: (Colby Grim)
REPORT OF THE FIRE COMPANY: (Mike Studenroth)

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn Council Meeting

With no further business a **Motion was made** to adjourn the meeting by Floyd Bless, seconded by Jennifer Geese at 9:30 p.m. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

- Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting: Thursday, July 6, 2023 (as advertised)
- Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023
- Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Submitted by:

Kathy Wetzel

Borough Secretary/Treasurer