

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Call to Order
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Mayor, Wayne Codner; Council President, Christopher Willever; Council Vice President, Floyd Bless; Kimberley Fox, Jennifer Geese, Jillian Snyder, Calvin Trovinger; Solicitor, Colby Grim; and Secretary, Kathy Wetzel

Absent: Megan Bowman

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

John Weidensager, Windsor Court resident provided pictures to council showing the disarray of the Windsor Court Playground the weeds, poison ivy, large branches, dirty benches, high grass and dead trees make it almost impossible for children to play. Also curb weeds and cracks in the roadway have been pointed out. The Council commented that these issues will be addressed asap.

Lucy Reeves, Windsor Court resident, commented on the disarray of the Windsor Court Playground. Ms. Reeves also commented on the upcoming Zoning Hearing Planning Commission Meeting in Richland Township that residents living within 500 feet of the planned zoning issues were notified of. The council commented that the Richlandtown Borough Planning Commission will be attending the Richland Township Planning Commission meeting and encourages affected residents to also attend the meeting.

Jim Dunn, Cherry St. resident, commented that he is a 27 year resident a member of council for 25 years being mayor of Richlandtown for 8 years. Jim commented that he was disheartened by unpleasant comments made to him by the current mayor at a recent Council Meeting and stated that he would not be able to attend any further meetings.

Dave Williams, First Ave resident, spoke about maintenance of the cemetery owned by the churches located in Richlandtown.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: (Christopher Willever)

- Benner Hall AV quotes – one quote received, one more to follow, update will be forthcoming
- Cemetery Update – Colby has met with Curt Hinkle and the process has started. Title insurance will require a land survey. Colby will update the council monthly on progress made..
- National Night Out – Thank You to all who made the event a big success

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: (Wayne Codner)

To the residents of Richlandtown Borough,

- Introduce Denise Gembusia; Director of Marketing for PA Municipal League

Respectfully, Hon. Wayne Codner, Mayor- Richlandtown Borough

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO ADD LAST MINUTE ITEMS

Motion made by Jennifer Geese, seconded by Floyd bless to amend the Council Meeting Agenda adding the following:

- Parks & Recreation - 9/11 Event – 9/11/23 event is scheduled at Kandel Park. Wayne asked Kathy to make 450 flyers.
- Police & Fire Liaison – Ideas for September 2023 National Preparedness Month. Kim proposed beginning a series of meetings regarding Emergency Preparedness. Chris will meet with them to discuss it.
- Mayor – Response to public comments of 8/8/23. Wayne responded that he takes offense to the statements made about him during Public Comments and assured the council that he did not make unpleasant comments to Mr. Dunn after/or during a council meeting.
- Personnel – BH Cleaning – Sue Trovinger has offered to clean Benner Hall and the outdoor bathrooms in the interim until an PW employee can be hired. Sue will be hired at \$15/hour.

Motion made by Jennifer Geese, seconded by Floyd Bless to hire Sue Trovinger to clean Benner Hall and the outdoor bathrooms at a rate of \$15/hour. All in favor. Motion carried. Calvin Trovinger abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH: (Kathy Wetzel)

- Review & Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023

Motion made by Jennifer Geese, seconded by Jillian Snyder to approve the 7/25/23 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Final Highway Aide fiscal audit for years 2020-2022 completed on 8/3/23 (report to follow)
- Covid ARPA fund balance remaining \$1,105.00

FINANCE: (Floyd Bless, Chair; Jillian Snyder)

- Review of Financial Reports month ending July 2023 – Floyd reported all is good with the borough finances. Floyd stated that there is one more CD that should be cashed in and transferred (for now) to the Water Fund where the interest rate would be 3.5% higher which would increase the earned interest income for the water fund.

Motion made by Floyd Bless, seconded by Kim Fox to transfer the CD funds into the Water Fund to increase the earned interest income. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Floyd Bless, seconded by Calvin Trovinger to approve the August 2023 bills to be paid as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (Iolanda Logan, Chair; Jillian Snyder)

- Richland Twp. Zoning Hearing Board Meeting 8/31/23 for Pulte Homes of PA regarding availability of land for residential development purposes. The Richlandtown Planning Commission plans to hold a meeting on this topic and will be advertised and open to the public.

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

- Night Out at the Ballpark – Iron Pigs August 19, 2023
- Folding table order with Competitive Edge to be canceled and the order will be placed through The Restaurant Store for 20 tables and 2 carts.

Motion made by Kim Fox, seconded by Jennifer Geese to reorder tables and carts at the Restaurant Store. All in favor. Motion carried.

POLICE & FIRE LIAISON: (Kim Fox)

- Attended Fire Company Meeting (meeting canceled due to weather related calls by the RFC)
- Create an Ordinance to allow Fire Company to Bill Insurance for Home and Auto. Colby Grim will work on obtaining an ordinance for the borough.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Kandel Park Electrical Work - in progress
- Janitorial Services for Benner Hall (Kathy researching)
- Recodification Process – in progress
- Emergency Notification System changes – in progress
- Folding Table order still on back order from Competitive Edge – cancel and reorder through Restaurant Store.
- Master Key set for the borough office to match the PW Key set

NO REPORTS

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: (Calvin Trovinger, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: (Calvin Trovinger)
PERSONNEL: (Jennifer Geese, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
REPORT FROM THE SOLICITOR: (Colby Grim)
REPORT OF THE FIRE COMPANY: (Mike Studenroth)
PUBLIC WELFARE: (Jillian Snyder, Chair; Kim Fox)
FINANCE: (Floyd Bless, Chair; Jillian Snyder)
PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING & GROUNDS, WATER DEPT: (Calvin "Bo" Trovinger, Chair; Floyd Bless)

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn Council Meeting

Motion made at 8:35 p.m. by Kim Fox, seconded by Jennifer Geese to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

- Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2023
- Parks & Recreation Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Wetzel

Borough Secretary