



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time November 5, 2018 | 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Council: Roger Crick, Pam Curry, Mark Deeter, Scott Myers, Lark Palm, Dan Stewart, T. L. Stewart, Ken Corle/ Mayor

Also Present: Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup., Jeffrey Kriebel/ Boro. Maint.; Chief Bob Malnofsky, Officer Dan Clark/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator

Call to Order

The November 5, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Council President, Roger Crick at 7:18 p.m.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the water report for Council stating that the lost water is up due to an ongoing leak at iBake Foods. iBake is in the process of fixing this leak and making the required service upgrade. Frank and EADS Group are working with them to get the correct meter and equipment for the upgrade. The meter will cost \$538. Lark made a motion to purchase this meter, Scott seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote in favor. Council asked Frank to review the Rules & Regulations to see if this is already policy. If so, it would not require a motion in the future. Frank mentioned that the high school's compound meter may be malfunctioning. He believed it possible that the high school owns the meter. Council asked Frank to see if there was agreement for water service with the High School that specified anything apart from the aforementioned policy.

Insulating and air conditioning the entire Route 68 Lift Station building is proving a less expensive option than replacing or repairing the existing custom air conditioning unit. Since the warranty is likely out on the panel that needs cooling, pursuing this route does not cause concern over voiding such warranty. Frank was given pricing for two units, one Fujitsu for approximately \$2100.00, and one Conair for approximately \$1625.00. The contractor expressed some preference for the Fujitsu model. T. L. made a motion to approve purchase of the recommended Fujitsu cooling unit and insulation of the lift station. Pam gave his motion a second and it was approved with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence was received from Clarion County for 2018 County Liquid Fuels Grant requests. The deadline is Friday, November 23, 2018. Per a subsequent email from Jim Schepis/ PennDOT Rep., this grant can be used toward a street sweeper. The borough has over \$28,000 available for equipment purchase, per the 2017 end of year report, and there is no limit on how much of the County grant funding can be used for equipment purchase. General consensus was in favor of Frank obtaining street sweeper pricing with assistance from Jim Schepis for the November 19 meeting and application deadline.

Chief Bob Malnofsky introduced himself and Officer Dan Clark. Chief Bob reviewed changes he has begun to make, such as daily police log sheets for detail, and others he intends to make, such as a privately funded K-9 unit, and changing the current call software. Right now, the police have 2 full time officers and 3 part time. He would like to have at least 4 full-time officers with an additional full-time dog handler officer and k-9 dog officer. The Chief would like to meet with the Rimersburg Borough Secretary to obtain a map of the Borough and copies of the most commonly encountered ordinances. He intends to put these in a binder to keep in the police vehicle when officers are scheduled in Rimersburg.

After the police were finished, Jeffrey Kriebel was given the floor. He stated that he would like to discuss Personnel matters. Council moved to Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. Council came out of Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. and resumed their regular meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The October 15, 2018 minutes were read and approved by a motion from T. L. Stewart, second by Mark Deeter, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank Account balances were shown plainly on the Agenda for review by Council. T. L. made a motion to approve \$4,398.89 from Liquid Fuels Funds to be used for the purchase of 262.62 tons of anti-skid at \$16.75/ton. His motion was seconded by Dan, and carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee:

1. Frank asked Council to purchase safety jackets for Borough Maintenance at a total of \$168.00 for all three jackets. T. L. made the requested motion, which was seconded by Scott, and approved with a unanimous vote.
2. T. L. brought up the traditional \$25 gift card from Tom's Riverside for each of the employees for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. **Council members discussed this briefly and expressed that this is a well established tradition which does not require a motion. General consensus was in favor of continuing the tradition of purchasing a \$25 gift card for each employee from Tom's Riverside for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas.**
3. Employee health insurance was discussed. Rates have been obtained from the former provider, Municipal Benefits Services, but not yet from the current provider. It is believed they will be available the next day. Borough Secretary is to request other rates and providers from the current Leach agent for comparison.

Public Safety: Correspondence was received from Sandy Mateer/ New Bethlehem Borough regarding the change in police staff, and the need for renegotiation of the Police Services Agreement. She requested a meeting with Rimersburg Borough's Police Committee and New Bethlehem Borough's Police Committee. Dates and times were discussed. Scott proposed next Tues., Nov. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rimersburg Municipal Building for the Police Committee and all interested Council members to meet with New Bethlehem's Police Committee. The Borough Secretary is to communicate this proposal via email the next day and cc: Council.

Building Committee: None

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

The purchase of the Heeter Lumber property along Route 861 is awaiting solicitor completion.

Roger will contact Ron Fox to get the previously discussed estimate for a Borough boundary survey to include in the 2019 budget.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Commercial and Workers' Compensation Insurance proposals were presented in a pre-meeting work session. Council members elected to take the materials home for comparison before making a decision which to choose. This will be discussed at the next meeting, Nov. 19.

Adjournment

Monday, November 19, 2018 | 7:00 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary