



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time December 17, 2018 | 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called by Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

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

Also Present: Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup., Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator

Call to Order

The December 17, 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 7:00 p.m.

Persons to Be Heard

Police were not present as they had planned to be and Josh confirmed that they were called out as he was on his way to the meeting. Several present commented that they had seen the police out and about. The Borough Office was able to verify that they have been in contact to get property addresses and owners for the Nuisance Ordinance in particular. One property on Main may need an extension until spring if heavy equipment is necessary for clean up. Scott will notify them of a car or cars that are sitting.

The police have asked for a map that has the property map numbers on it to have in the police car to verify addresses and property owners. Roger stated the County GIS/ Assessor's office will be able to provide this. Dan, Roger, and T. L. also offered that for a subscription to an application such as On X Hunt or Garmin, they could have access to this information with property lines on phones or a vehicle computer.

Frank provided the water report for the previous month.

He obtained pricing for Mike Beichner to do street sweeping as requested by council at the previous meeting. For the large spring sweeping, Frank estimates that it would cost the Borough \$4,000 and less for the other 1-2 times including Cookie Daze. If the Borough spent \$6,000 per year to hire Mr. Beichner to do the street sweeping, it would take 25 years to equal the price of a new street sweeper. It was pointed out that it would also free up the Borough Maintenance crew to do other things, no sweeper maintenance, parts, storage space, insurance, etc.

Also, A&H Equipment had stopped by and is gathering together pricing for street sweepers. They have new and used sweepers, and also offer rental service. Frank will update Council once he receives these numbers.

Approval of Minutes

The November 19, 2018 minutes were read and approved by a motion from K. Scott Myers, second by Dan Stewart, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank Account balances were shown plainly on the Agenda for review by Council. T. L. made a motion to pay the bills, including the \$270.00 EADS bill for work regarding the cookie plant service upgrade. His motion was seconded by Scott, and carried by unanimous vote.

T. L. made a motion to re-appoint Independent Auditor firm McGill, Power, Bell of Franklin by resolution per Borough Code [1005. 7 (I)]. Dan offered a second and Resolution 7-2018 to re-appoint Independent Auditor McGill, Power, Bell of Franklin was passed by a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee: T. L. mentioned that there did not appear to be any issues with the decision to go to the EPO for employee health insurance. He informed Council that Personnel approved the closing of the Borough Office to the public for the three working days between Christmas and New Year for special Borough Office projects and end of year items. With vacation time used, this results in closing of the Borough Office from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

Public Safety:

Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2018 with the addition of paragraph H stating "No entity is created by this intergovernmental cooperation agreement" per the solicitor's advice and sign the accompanying Agreement for Police

Services with New Bethlehem Borough for the 2019 year. Dan seconded his motion and it received a unanimous vote in favor.

The solicitor also noted for Council's information that the agreement states that New Bethlehem Borough emergencies will take priority. General consensus was in favor of emergencies in any participating area to be answered even if they are scheduled elsewhere. If it should prove to be a problem that Rimersburg is not getting service, that can be addressed at such time. Some concern was voiced over a 5% increase each year after and it was pointed out that terms can be negotiated with 60 days notice by either party.

Building Committee: None

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Regarding the Brush Compost site, the deed has been signed and sent along with required funds to the solicitor to file and disburse. The solicitor has stated that the matter should be closed by the end of the year. The public will be notified once the space is prepared for access with signage, etc.

A letter was sent to Brady, Madison, and Toby Townships October 1, 2018 to inform them that Rimersburg Borough would begin to charge neighboring municipalities for fire hydrant maintenance and service to the municipalities outside the Borough of Rimersburg with the exception of Toby Township for the present time. Rimersburg Borough raised the Fire Tax within the Borough in 2015 for fire hydrant maintenance to set the example. No response has been received from any of the municipalities. It was proposed at the November 19 meeting to bill municipalities \$17.00 per hydrant per month. The bill process was undecided. Council continued deliberation on this subject. **A general consensus was reached to send a letter as soon as possible to Madison and Brady Townships that they will be billed on a quarterly basis for the rate of \$17 per hydrant per month. They will be provided with the yearly total as well. They will also be provided the option to elect to have the hydrants in their area removed and, thus, not to pay.**

Correspondence

A G205 Disaster Recovery 2-day Course will be available in Clarion Twp. on a weekend, Feb. 16-17, 2019, 9am-5pm each day per 2018/11/20 email. No interest was expressed in attending.

A letter was received from East Brady notifying us of installation of caustic feed equipment within 8 weeks of the letter, dated December 6, 2018 to "maintain better control of the pH of the finished water." Per DEP, this will help them "maintain compliance with the requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule."

New Business

The 2019 Budget was presented with the latest police service, commercial insurance, employee health insurance, deductible change, employee raises, and other updated numbers from previous meetings. A proposal was made to designate \$7,767.99 from 2018 roll over funds available in each General (932.16), Water (\$4,504.43), and Sewer (\$2,330.40) for two office computers and ten chromebooks for Council and Authority meetings to greatly decrease and possibly eliminate the use of paper for all meetings. This would also make meeting preparation more efficient. Remaining roll over funds in each General, Water, and Sewer were proposed to be moved to Capital Improvement/ Operational Reserve.

Scott made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget as proposed and to schedule further discussion of the proposed plans for 2018 roll over funds. T. L. seconded the motion and the 2019 Budget was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

Tax Ordinance 7-2018 keeping the tax rates the same as the 2018 year was adopted by a motion from Scott, second from Dan, and unanimous vote in favor.

Roger mentioned that Ray Scott has brought a donation of some old records pertaining to Rimersburg Borough from his father's business. There are maps which will help with the Borough survey and project records from former well projects and original water lines. Mr. Scott has stated that he has more he intends to deliver in the future. Consensus was very much in favor of writing a letter or card of thanks to him for his work and generosity.

Adjournment

Monday, January 7, 2019 | 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 9:07 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary