



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time February 4, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Council: Roger Crick, Pam Curry, Mark Deeter, Scott Myers, Dan Stewart, T. L. Stewart, Vacant seat (Ken Corle/ Mayor was absent)

Also Present: Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup./ Boro. Maint.; Sgt. Dan Clark/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Timothy Yeany; Sara Seidle-Patton, Atty.

Call to Order

The February 4, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Roger Crick at 7:02 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark Deeter.

The Council President asked for nominations to fill the Council vacancy. Pam mentioned that she had spoken with three people. Tim Yeany and Matt Davis were both willing to serve to the end of Lark's term and wanted to run for the seat in the election. John Corsini was also willing to serve for the remainder of Lark's term, but did not wish to run for the vacant seat. T. L. Stewart nominated Tim Yeany. There were no further nominations before a vote was taken.

Tim Yeany was appointed to fill the Council vacancy by unanimous vote. He was contacted and arrived at 7:15 p.m. to attend the meeting. As the mayor was not available, Tim could not be sworn in at that time and was unable to vote during the meeting. Roger appointed Tim to fill the vacant Council committee positions on Streets and Personnel. He appointed Dan Stewart Chair of Streets.

Persons to Be Heard

Sara Seidle-Patton introduced herself to Council and those present as a candidate for judge. She will be cross filing, running under both parties in the primaries.

Frank shared the water report stating that usage was up and appeared to directly reflect a couple of discovered leaks. The High School meter seems problematic and a Toshiba repair person is coming to inspect it. The High School experienced a pipe breakage as well causing some flooding in the school gym and hallways.

Frank asked Council if the parking permit signs in the parking lot beside Klingensmith's could be removed. They are in the way of the snow plow. General consensus was in favor. No parking permits have been sold in a couple of years, so it does not appear to be affecting any one.

T. L. asked if Frank felt the Borough had enough winter materials for the roads and whether there would be any expected difficulty getting more this time of year if needed. Frank responded that the amount at present was adequate for expected conditions in the immediate future. He did not expect any difficulty obtaining more if necessary.

Sgt. Dan Clark reviewed the calls handled during the previous month and to date: 14 traffic, 1 drug arrest, 2 warrants, 1 assault, 1 retail theft totaling 175.75 hours spent in Rimersburg Borough.

Approval of Minutes

The January 7, 2019 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Scott Myers, second by Dan Stewart, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank Account balances were shown plainly on reports provided for Council review. T. L. Stewart made a motion to pay the bills, that was seconded by Pam Curry, and carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee: None

Public Safety: Scott informed Council that he had spoken with the police chief and when we see 2 officers riding together, one is in training and we are not being charged hours for 2 people. The Chief and the Sargeant are on salary. Also, when the police leave Rimersburg Borough for an emergency, the clock for Rimersburg Borough stops at that moment. If they are able, will send coverage for us and then clock will start. Council members do not want the police staff to be stretched too thin and indicated they do not require coverage at that very moment, but when staff is able.

Building Committee: The Community Building floor will be refinished beginning May 6 with 2 coats in the middle and then 2 coats on the entire surface (making 4 total coats on the worn middle area). It will need approximately 2 weeks to dry with no activity. It will cost between \$4,000-\$4,500 of the allotted \$5,000 Community Building budget. Pam and the Building Committee will meet about purchasing tables and chairs with re-allocated funds from remaining unused "1x Special Pension."

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Some discussion on the previous request for 2 office computers and 10 Chromebooks for Council and Authority meetings resulted in modifications. **T. L. made motion to purchase the 2 office laptops with accessories and full warranties as requested and 8 Chromebooks without warranties. Scott gave his motion a second and it was approved with a unanimous vote.**

Discussion of Borough compost site included question as to whether there would be continued leaf and brush pick up until spring. General consensus was not in favor as this is usually unnecessary in winter months and maintenance has snow plowing added to regular duties this time of year. Tim will bring draft(s) of what sign will say at the site after several ideas of items were offered and collected.

General consensus was in favor of solicitor review of the proposed fire hydrant letter draft and overall plan before sending letters to involved municipalities.

Pam made a motion to pay half of the cost of the Community Building door proposed by Fire Chief, Jim Foringer at the previous meeting after the quote was shown with number pad. Dan seconded her motion and the purchase was approved with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

The Charles Leach Agency sent correspondence informing Council that they have added Cyber Peace of Mind coverage to the Borough policy for an additional \$250.00/year. The letter with all details was provided to Council. **Scott made a motion to keep the Cyber Peace of Mind coverage. Mark gave his motion a second and it passed with a unanimous vote.**

New Business

The engineer, EADS Group requested that Council consider a resolution to submit Act 537 Plan to DEP. A similar resolution was adopted by the Authority at their 01/02/2019 meeting and is necessary to move forward with the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Infrastructure Upgrade Project. **T. L. made a motion that Council resolve to submit the Act 537 Plan to DEP, seconded by Pam, and the Resolution was adopted with a unanimous vote in favor.**

Dianne/ Southern Clarion County Ambulance asked if the Borough is able and willing to add 3-4 employees to health insurance. (Boro. Sec. notes: 473-6252). General consensus was in favor of researching the possibility of adding the ambulance crew at their own monthly cost to the employee health insurance and whether there would be any liability for the Borough.

Adjournment

Monday, March 4, 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 9:05 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary