



# MINUTES

## *Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting*

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

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### In Attendance

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

**Also Present:** Boro. Maint.; Chief Bob Malnofsky/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator (Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup. was out sick)

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### Call to Order

The March 4, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Roger Crick at 7:00 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark Deeter.

This was the first Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting using Chromebooks instead of paper for the agenda and supporting documents.

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### Persons to Be Heard

Chief Bob reviewed the calls handled during the previous month and to date. Those present were able to view the report provided and admired the format and information offered. He pointed out that reports are color-coded for the Police Department by municipality, so any police officer viewing this report will know at a glance that it is for Rimersburg (blue). Council asked what Act 64 is and Chief Bob replied that those are drug offenses.

Chief asked about holding a meet and greet event or two for the community to meet the police. Two (2) held in East Brady worked out well. Kids were present at the second which was particularly successful. Council members suggested walk around to the businesses once and possibly schedule a date and time at the library to meet residents. Scott and the Chief will get together to do the walk around. The Chief would like to collect emergency contact information from each business to be able to notify them of suspicious or illegal activity, such as break ins, at their businesses after hours.

They have advertised for a full time civil service patrolman position in hopes of hiring for a K-9 position. They cannot make a person take the K-9 position. They will go through a couple of certifications/ testing. They are hoping to have a dog certified and up by next school term. The truck will be the K-9 unit and they have made specifications for a new vehicle. Tim expressed that he thinks the car colors should be more visible to deter crime.

Those present expressed community appreciation of visible officers about town. The police secretary has been pleasant to work with as well. The Chief was provided with keys to the Community Building side door and to the upstairs former Council Room for their sub-station. Roger suggested Chief Bob contact Frank to see what apparatus is available up there as far as space heater, wifi (through Firemen), desk, etc. and if anything needs removed.

Jim Foringer of the firemen had provided a tally count of the 2018 calls by municipality for Council review. This was in response to their request at the January 2019 meeting. Council members informed Tim of the relationship between the Borough and the firemen: that they are volunteer, and that the Borough collects a tax to help pay for its portion of Workers' Compensation insurance as well as hydrant maintenance/replacement, annual contribution to help defray their costs. Roger suggested the Borough look into offering a tax break for firemen such as what a neighboring municipality is doing. Josh offered insight as to what he knew, that the Council and the firemen can get together to establish criteria for qualifying for this incentive.

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### Approval of Minutes

The February 4, 2019 minutes were read and approved by a motion from K. Scott Myers, second by Mark Deeter, and a unanimous vote.

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### Financial

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

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### Committee Reports

**Personnel Committee:** None

**Public Safety:** Street cameras were discussed again as information and referrals were received via email from East Brady and New Bethlehem Boroughs. Tim pointed out that his business has cameras which the state police have used. The consensus of Council was that Chief Bob and Scott should take inventory of the cameras at each business in town when they do their meet and greet walk around. Once it is established where weak areas of camera coverage may exist, Council can continue an educated discussion about placing cameras with police input. Tim mentioned that Terry Beemer installed his cameras.

Scott shared information about a meeting with the police proposed by new Bethlehem Borough. Scott will forward the email to Council members.

**Building Committee:** Pam stated that a Building Committee meeting was still pending to discuss the purchase of tables and chairs for the Community Building.

The TTSR request to hold gun raffle as fundraiser in September at no cost was not discussed. All proceeds go to assisted individuals.

**Streets Committee:** None

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## Unfinished Business

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Tim presented his rough draft of the information that should be on the signage at the Borough brush composting area. Council members were pleased with the draft.

Regarding the proposed Fire Hydrant letter, the solicitor has provided a response of approval which included exempting Toby temporarily, emailed to Council 2019/02/27. Discussion and review ensued of current purposes of fire hydrant tax in comparison with costs of the two parts. Borough Secretary will make notes for the 2020 budget to reassess for necessary adjustments. Though the current amount of Fire Tax will need to be adjusted, the accumulated amount collected over the past three years justifies billing the applicable municipalities for the 2019 year. **Scott made a motion to approve sending the letter to the applicable municipalities as written. Tim seconded his motion and it received a unanimous vote in favor.**

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## Correspondence

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Eccles-Lescher Library annual 5k request letter was received. The date proposed is Sat., May 18, 2019 with expected sporadic traffic interruptions from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Mark made a motion to allow the Library to use the Borough public streets for their annual 5k event as planned with police coverage. Scott gave his motion a second and the request was approved with a unanimous vote.**

A letter from East Brady was received requesting a bi-annual meeting with Rimersburg and Petrolia Valley "Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 4 pm. Please RSVP with the names of members attending before March 26, 2019." Borough Secretary will also include this item on the Authority agenda Mar. 6, 2019.

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## New Business

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Tim asked questions and made a few suggestions regarding winter materials and road treatment and maintenance. He also offered information on used street sweepers he had found available online that are newer and larger than the current Borough Athey. Prices for those he shared with Council were around \$20,000 to acquire. If the Borough was able to acquire the style with a truck chassis, it could be hired out to neighboring municipalities. Another Council member pointed out that numbers had not been provided from A & H Equipment for purchasing used street sweepers and rental. **Tim and Streets Committee to get together with Frank for pricing of winter materials such as rock salt and other options to compare with current materials as well as further discussion of other ways to replace the street sweeper.**

Sarah Reasbeck of EADS Group will present GIS Mapping system options and capabilities at the March 6, 2019 Authority meeting. The Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority invites all interested Council members to attend.

A Council member asked if there is a parking policy for Chestnut Street. The answer was unknown. This will be researched for the next meeting.

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## Adjournment

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Monday, April 1, 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 9:03 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary