

# minutes

## *Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority Meeting*

Date | time Mar. 6, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Regularly Scheduled

### In Attendance

**Authority members:** Mike Graham, Greg Haws, Rebecca Bliss, Patty Alworth, Gary Fowler, ~~Vacancy 1,~~  
~~Vacancy 2~~

**Also Present:** Kyle Schwabenbauer, P.E.; Kyle Fritz, P.E., Sara Reasbeck, G.I.S./ EADS Group; Roger Crick, Council President/Rimersburg Borough Council

### Call to Order

The March 6, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman, Mike Graham, at 6:00 p.m.

### Persons to Be Heard

Sara Reasbeck, G.I.S. and Kyle Fritz, P.E. from EADS Group presented G.I.S. mapping capabilities and options. During the presentation, a yearly subscription cost of approximately \$500.00 was mentioned for an online service. There are preliminary maps of Rimersburg for the Act 537 Plan that do not have information attached to them and that have not been surveyed. These were shown during the presentation and can be built upon. An Authority member asked how we get started with something like this. Kyle Fritz proposed beginning with the sewer project, to fly the system and do base mapping with hot points. This would be less costly than surveying the entire system with contouring. Water system mapping could be done at the same time. Mike asked if this would replace paper as-builts. Kyle F. responded that he requires all contractors to provide surveyed paper as-builts at the end of every project. Then EADS maps it from there and it is part of the project. Roger asked if or how old maps showing streets and Rights of Way could be added. Kyle F. recommended attaching a pdf in that case instead of layering. Mike asked about how billing would be done if we asked EADS to map the Toby Project. Kyle and Sara can get together and get an estimate of cost for mapping the Toby Project.

Roger proposed an idea of asking Eric Ciccirelli to allow his mining maps, etc. to be scanned for Borough and service area records. Mike will be meeting with Eric about railroad beds and who owns what portions, Sewer Plant, Rails for Trails, etc. and can approach the subject with him then. Kyle S. to be there as well. Borough Secretary left at 6:20 p.m. and Patty Alworth took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

The February 6, 2019 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Greg, second by Patty, and a unanimous vote.

### Financial

All Authority and Borough bank account balances were provided as well as Toby debt service loan balances.

EADS Group Inv. 224589 for Patsy sewer lateral = \$ 982.33 was presented for consideration. Greg made a motion, Gary seconded, and unanimous vote was cast in favor of paying the invoice. Inv. 224590 for Plate 1 revisions for Rules and Regulations = \$90.00 was also put before the members. Patty made a motion, Gary second, and there was a unanimous vote in favor of paying the Authority's half of the invoice.

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## Unfinished Business

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The Chairman signed two copies of the Davis Excavating/ Dan Patsy sewer job agreement per prior Authority approval after additions of solicitor changes. Justin can now sign, provide insurance certificate, and begin working.

Water tank discussion resumed. Mike mentioned that at one time, there were valving system specifications proposed for night filling, emergencies between the two existing tanks. Patty remembered there was discussion of needed painting inside. Kyle was asked what the process is to move all operations over to the Fairgrounds tank for increased water pressure. He will look into this and provide.

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## Projects

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EADS Group Engineer Report attached to these minutes.

Sewer Plant/System Upgrade Project: The Act 537 Plan has been submitted to DEP, waiting for approval. After that, then surveyors will be sent out to begin design phase.

Annual Chapter 94 report: Dana and Frank will supply the info and Kyle S. will send by the end of the month with Authority approval. Gary made a motion to submit the Chapter 94 Report, Patty offered a second, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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## Correspondence

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A letter was received from East Brady of a Bi-Annual meeting request with Rimersburg and Petrolia Valley Tues., 04/02/2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the East Brady Borough, 502 Ferry St., Suite 15. Greg Haws can go.

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## New Business

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Mike informed members, from a conversation with Josh Walzak, that the COG Pool is in bad shape. Since the population is now smaller due to municipal withdrawals, their chances of obtaining grants have been hurt. This is an unfortunate and unforeseen consequence of municipal withdrawal from the C.O.G. It was acknowledged that the Borough is actually giving more to the C.O.G. each year than their previous dues. It was also acknowledged that the reason for Rimersburg's withdrawal is well understood. It was speculated that a rewritten closed ended agreement with regard to liability may earn municipalities back.

The pool used to also get free water from Sligo until Sligo sold to PA American. They now have to pay for the water for the pool. Mike proposed an idea of Sligo hauling the water with Rimersburg supplying it. Roger offered to bring this up to Council for consideration.

Roger informed Authority members that Borough Council has approved a hydrant fee for the neighboring municipalities in the water service area. Toby Township is being exempted temporarily. In Rimersburg Borough, the fee is collected through a portion of the Fire Tax. Rimersburg Borough will send a letter with the total hydrants and amounts for which each municipality will be responsible based upon the number of hydrants in their area. They will also be offered the option to request removal of hydrants and choose not to pay the maintenance fee. Concerns were discussed.

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## Adjournment

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Wednesday, April 3, 2019 | 6:00 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

Patty motioned for adjournment and Becky seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary