



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time April 1, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

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

Also Present: Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup./ Boro. Maint.; Chief Bob Malnofsky/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; David D'Orazio/ LB Water

Call to Order

The April 1, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Roger Crick at 7:07 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark Deeter.

Persons to Be Heard

David D'Orazio from L/B Water was present to explain to Council why it is necessary to purchase the annual support plan for the Sensus Autoread software used for the Sensus iPerl water meters throughout the water and sewer system. While purchasing the support plan is optional, there are updates to the software at least one to two times per year. The latest update will cause an issue when getting readings from meters purchased after November or December 2018 using previous version of Autoread software. There is a work around that would have to be performed by L/B Water monthly as readings are needed. Whereas, L/B Water has not charged us previously for the few times we have needed for their help, a regular monthly service would require invoicing and would not be able to protect us from future update issues that could occur. In short, Mr. D'Orazio expressed that it did not appear customers had a choice but to purchase the annual support plan. The annual plan cost is \$2,437.42 and includes telephone support at no additional charge and all software updates. The update alone could be purchased, but costs \$5,736.82, almost twice as much as the annual support plan. It includes neither telephone support nor further updates. General consensus was reached to purchase the support, but died for a lack of a motion as discussion continued in another direction.

Chief Malnofsky reviewed the calls handled during the previous month and to date. The Police Report was provided to Council members for review. A date has not yet been set for a Police Meet & Greet. Scott, Chair of Police & Public Safety, suggested a date for a walk around town and April 15 at 7:00 p.m. for a Meet & Greet at the Community Bldg. Police were in favor.

Frank, Borough Maintenance Supervisor, provided the monthly water report. He also noted that the hired street sweeper model did not pick up as well as the Borough's current street sweeper. This was observed and agreed by several residents and Council members as well. The type of system, regenerative air with no brooms, is believed to be the issue and relatively ineffective in picking up the materials left by winter weather, traffic, and road treatment.

Frank provided a quote and photos of a used 2010 Elgin Pelican street sweeper with 8,700 miles, 7,165 hours for \$65,000 from A & H Equipment. It has been rebuilt and is ready to use. Another municipality is renting it currently for two weeks. Tim Yeany also spoke to the contact who mentioned that this price was negotiable. He invited Borough Representatives and Maintenance to come and look at it. A Council member asked if this was available through COSTARS. Frank believed that it is. Frank will verify with A & H that the used equipment is also through COSTARS. The new equipment quotes were COSTARS pricing. The rebuilt items on the used machine would have a guarantee of some type through A & H. A & H will also rent a street sweeper to us and would train staff how to use it. Frank will see what pricing is for this option.

Frank offered pricing on replacing the 2004 Dump Truck per a previous Council request. \$48,000 for the chassis alone. To remove the current bed and put it on the new one with new hydraulics and hitch pins is an additional \$17,000, totaling another \$65,000. A plow would be \$8,000. New truck, bed and all, Frank guessed would be \$80,000. Frank thought the 2004 chassis, spreader, plow and all were \$40,000-\$44,000. The 2004 dump truck is not experiencing any particular issues right now, but it is getting up there in age.

General consensus was in favor of taking a step back to assess most urgent need, funding sources, and all options before moving toward either purchase. It was also decided that it is useful for Tim and Frank to go look at the used street sweeper from A & H Equipment for assessment on Thurs., 04/04/2019 at 10:00 a.m..

Frank looked into pricing for salt as a winter road maintenance material. PennDOT gave him a price of \$76/ton as opposed to \$16.75/ton for anti-skid. Someone from Morton is also to provide salt pricing closer to summer as there is better pricing at that time of year. We would likely use 400 tons in a bad year. Thoughts were proposed of mixing 50/50 salt with anti-skid to lessen debris after winter road maintenance. Frank will also ask to see what other municipalities use. Frank offered that salt has a reputation for being

very hard on the streets and equipment. Frank mentioned that he has seen neoprene spreaders used to minimize salt wear if it was determined salt was a better alternative after comparisons.

Discussion turned to paving projects. Frank has a couple of ideas and suggested that Council drive around and offer suggestions for tar & chip projects. He said this should be done as soon as possible so that we can have Jim Schepis from PennDOT help with estimates and bidding. Pam & Tim offered to go and Roger suggested some particular days that Dan could participate as well.

Frank also proposed May 6 and May 13 as this year's annual spring clean up days. General consensus was in favor and Josh will include this in the paper.

Approval of Minutes

The March 4, 2019 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark, second by Pam, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank Account balances were shown plainly on reports provided for Council review. **Scott made a motion to pay the bills including \$816.40 to George Carroll General Hauling for 48.74 tons @ \$16.75/ton anti-skid from the Hwy. Aid Fund. His motion was seconded by Pam, and carried by unanimous vote.**

Tim made a motion to renew the Maintenance Service Agreement from Clarion Office Equipment for the RICOH Aficio 5210SF printer/ copier, which was seconded by Scott, and carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee: None

Public Safety: None

Building Committee: Informed Council that they are in favor of allowing TTSR to hold a gun raffle as a fundraiser in the Community Building at no charge. Council consensus supported this as long as all proceeds go the clients. That is TTSR's stated purpose. The Building Committee has reviewed the current written policy and observed that it does not follow the policy carried for many years. They are re-writing the policy to match current practice.

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Regarding the new Rimersburg Borough brush and compost site, signs have been made, trees have been removed, and the site is ready. Roger asked Council if cameras were desired. After discussion, it was decided not to install them yet. Council asked Frank to have Borough Maintenance check on the site when they pass by on their way to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. **With that Council decided that the site is open to Rimersburg Borough residents for use.**

The solicitor's comments were shared on the subject of including ambulance personnel to participate in the employee health insurance at their own expense. Liability insurance was suggested and Council instructed the Borough Secretary to find out cost.

Correspondence

Greg Haws from the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority plans to attend the bi-annual capital planning meeting at East Brady the following day, Tues., 04/02/2019 at 4:00 p.m. Per conversation with Susan from East Brady Borough earlier in the day, others can still attend if we let her know who and how many to expect tomorrow.

New Business

Per Authority chairman, Mike Graham, a suggestion was made to provide water free of charge to the Sligo Pool if Sligo Borough will haul the water. A highlighted portion of 2019/03/06 Authority meeting minutes were provided for Council members' review. A general consensus was easily reached among Council members. **Tim made a motion to provide water free of charge to the Sligo Pool if Sligo Borough will haul it. His motion received a second from Scott and was approved with a unanimous vote.**

Traffic and Speed Ordinance were each provided to Council members for review per discussion with New Bethlehem Police. Council members are to review drafts that will be provided in their email. Scott made a motion to forward the ordinance drafts to the solicitor for his review and advertise both ordinances for adoption at the next meeting, May 6, 2019.

Adjournment

Monday, May 6, 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 9:01 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida, Borough Secretary