



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time May 20, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

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

Also Present: Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup.; Chief Bob Malnofksy, Sgt. Dan Clark/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; William E. Hager III/ Rimersburg Borough Solicitor; Karen Carrier, Sherri Confer, Ed Greenawalt/East Broad residents; Fred Vasbinder, Sue Hockenberry, Brenda Kindel/Southern Clarion County Ambulance; Eileen Connors, Ed Goth, Ryan Wells/Charles Leach Insurance Agency

Call to Order

The May 20, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Roger Crick at 7:01 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark Deeter.

The May 6, 2018 meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and probability of no quorum.

Persons to Be Heard

Members of the Southern Clarion County Ambulance crew, the Rimersburg Borough Solicitor, and representatives from the Charles Leach insurance Agency were present to discuss the possibilities, requirements, and pitfalls of allowing the ambulance employees to take advantage of the rates for Borough employee health insurance without making the ambulance crew employees of the Borough. The Leach Agency saw no need for the Borough to carry a liability policy to include the ambulance crew as they would not actually be employees of the Borough and the Borough would not be paying for their health insurance. Each interested member of the crew would in fact be contributing their own individual premiums to the Borough each month, and be responsible for the deductible in the policy. If any individual failed to make their payment to the borough by the due date each month, that individual would be immediately removed from the policy. The Solicitor voiced concerns over opposing attorney interest in making the Borough liable for crew injuries using the employee health insurance as a show of a certain relationship. He recommended an indemnity and hold harmless agreement in the event that the Borough decided to move forward with allowing the ambulance crew access to the health insurance. This agreement is not necessarily an ironclad preventative. General consensus was in favor of Eileen/ Leach and the ambulance crew exploring rates and interests.

Chief Bob reviewed the calls handled during the previous month and to date. The Cops & Bobbers event was a success with 84 kids participating and several police departments, including rides in a Humvee with Army personnel.

A group of residents from East Broad Street were in attendance to bring complaints against two specific neighbors, both causing a number of different types of safety concerns. Police took the information and will address the issues.

Frank provided his monthly water report for Council review. He also informed Council of garbage dumped at the Borough compost site soon after it opened. He had installed his own trail camera after taking some pictures with his phone. The pictures of the garbage were shared with Council. Tim had purchased signs which he donated to state that there is camera surveillance. Garbage has not since been dumped at the site. However, Frank's trail camera was stolen. Tim mentioned that he has a camera with Verizon access that he does not use. He will be happy to donate. He, Frank, and other council members will install. It will send constant video to email accounts. If it is stolen, it is likely that it will be seen who stole it. General consensus was highly in favor of this action.

Discussion continued on street sweeper concerns. A&H will also provide one for rental likely the same type as we have now (as opposed to the regenerative vacuum without brooms) for approximately \$5,000/week. Various solutions for dealing with the current declining street sweeper were discussed such as using more salt on the streets or in combination with anti-skid; what materials neighboring municipalities use; rental and purchase of a new machine. Roger mentioned that he has been approached by former PennDOT employees who do not advocate the use of salt stating that it is hard on machines and streets. Frank agreed with this view. Council members continued discussing experimenting with the materials, perhaps using each on opposite ends of town and see how they compare to each other. Tim proposed that machine wear could be prevented or slowed by coating with oil or some similar material such as is used in undercoating vehicles. **After all discussion, a general consensus was reached in favor of renting a similar type of street sweeper to the one the Borough currently owns from A&H for the approximate \$5,000 per week.**

Frank proposed a 2019 Tar & Chip Project that is expected to cost the Borough in the neighborhood of \$19,973 of Highway Aid funds. Scott made a motion to put the proposed project out for bid. His motion was seconded by Dan and carried by unanimous vote.

The agreement with Paris Uniforms is due for renewal and Frank is pleased with the renewal proposal. Tim made a motion to renew the two year agreement, seconded by Mark, and approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Approval of Minutes

The April 1, 2019 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark Deeter, second by K. Scott Myers, and a unanimous vote.

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 Mark, and carried by unanimous vote.

Frank asked council for permission for Jeff Kriebel to attend two trainings he has chosen as Waste Water Treatment Operator. Mark made a motion to approve the trainings, Scott seconded, and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Council next considered an office staff request to attend the following: (Funds are available in budget with some re-allocation from Minor Office Equipment.)

1. PSAB Conf. on Tues., 06/11/2019 in Hershey – 426 mi. round trip = \$247.08 + \$140.00 one day registration + \$220.89 one night PSAB hotel for 06/10/2018 = \$607.97 total.
2. PSAB Your role as Municipal Sec./ Admin. Tues. 05/29/2019 & Wed. 05/30/2019 in Meadville – 132.80 mi. round trip = \$77.02 + \$225.00 registration + \$119.00 one night same hotel = \$421.02

Mark made a motion to approve the trainings as presented that was seconded by Pam, and passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee: None

Public Safety: Scott informed Council members that during the walk around meet & greet with police, it was noted that there were not many cameras around town. Chief Malnofsky took notes and members expressed their interest in his recommendations.

Building Committee: Pam has seen at least three contractors/ companies about cleaning the basement of the Community Building and getting rid of the mold issues. Numbers have been received from Service Master, but not yet from the other two. Council will continue discussion when the other proposals have been received for comparison.

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Firefighter Property Tax Credit Requirements were tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Consideration of purchase of annual Sensus support died for lack of a motion.

Correspondence

General consensus was in favor of the Borough Secretary signing the UPMC Broker of Record change letter by recommendation of Eileen at the Leach Agency for the Borough employee health insurance.

Hydrant Fees have been received from Brady Twp. for Q1 (quarter 1 of 2019), no payment or communication has been received from Madison Twp. General consensus was in favor of asking Madison Township's intentions in the invoice/letter for the second quarter and let them know that if payment or response is not received by June 30, the hydrants in Madison will be removed.

A Hydrant Flow Report has been requested from Brady Twp. per 2019/04/18 email. Frank has obtained permission from County Fire Protection to borrow a flow meter and the firemen will flow test the Brady Township hydrants this or next week.

A request was received via email 04/26/2019 from a fellow municipality to pass a resolution asking the state to address issues with the Right to Know Law which leave municipalities in difficult positions and unprotected particularly with regard to excessive numbers of requests for excessive amounts of records. **Tim made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2019 asking the state to address issues with the Right to Know Law leaving municipalities unprotected, seconded by Scott, and the resolution was adopted with a unanimous vote in favor.**

New Business

Scott made a motion to adopt Traffic, Parking, and Speed Ordinance 1-2019. Pam gave his motion a second and it was adopted with a unanimous vote in favor.

Roger brought Council up to speed on CDBG grant money that is available to Rimersburg Borough per officials at Clarion County. Josh was able to offer that the commissioners have access to some other funds that may be applied for as well particularly if a project is safety related. Roger summarized the Authority's projects being considered for submission. He also suggested that various improvements to the Community Building might make up a project or projects to be considered. General consensus was in favor of surveying the building for needs and make a plan. Building Committee members, Roger, and Tim offered to help.

Adjournment

Monday, June 3, 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 9:49 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary