



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

*Date | time* February 3, 2020 | 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**, Timothy Yeany/ Mayor

**Also Present:** Officer Jonathan Smith/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Dan Burkett/ Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority; Gordon Barrows/ Mayor, New Bethlehem Borough

### Call to Order

The February 3, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott Myers at 7:01 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Scott.

### Persons to Be Heard

Frank provided the January Water Report showing pumping was up, but informed Council that Borough Maintenance was looking for leaks. So far they have succeeded in finding two.

The influent meter at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is now uploading data as desired. No data was lost - it was storing data, but previously not uploading. The effluent meter still appears not to be recording accurate out flow data per some testing and measurements taken. Frank, Jeff, and the engineer are working together to fully assess the situation and come up with the correct solution.

DEP performed a Water System Inspection. There was a requirement from the last inspection in 2015 to formulate a plan for reducing lost water to 20%. Lost water is currently at 27%, not at the goal level, but still reduced from the 2015 level of 33%. Water Operator has been asked to detail what has been done to this point to achieve the current level and what future plans are to continue reduction of lost water. Carrying out third year of 10 year plan to upgrade meters throughout the system to Sensus meters and Service Upgrades requiring meter pits are part of this plan. Some minor deficiencies were listed as well such as no fence around the water tank and no screen at the top to keep out birds, etc. These can be addressed to show good intention.

Frank informed Council of issues with the 1990 dump truck and asked if Council wanted to spend money repairing the issues or look into replacing the truck. As the 2017 pick up truck is not paid in full until July 2022, Council members asked Frank to have the truck assessed by a garage to get a diagnosis and repair estimate for the next meeting.

Police Officer Jonathan Smith reviewed the monthly police report with Council and participated in some discussion. Complaints were received of safety concerns during drop off and pick up at the Rimersburg Elementary Building. General consensus was that this appeared to be a school matter. Scott volunteered to contact the principal to discuss.

Dan Burkett greeted Council and informed them that, in response to Council's invitation, the Authority plans to choose a volunteer each month to attend the next council meeting and communicate the Authority's agenda to Council. Dan summarized plans to spec. and put out for bid the purchase of back up generator for the Water Pump Station, Rider Road master metering, and the recent Ridgeview Drive sewer upgrade and main extension. Council was pleased with this news and communication.

Mayor Gordon Barrows of new Bethlehem Borough greeted Council and shared that he looks forward to continuing positive relationship with neighboring municipalities such as Rimersburg Borough. Council expressed the same and welcomed him. He shared his intent to be an active Mayor and invited all Council to a Mayor's Social at Redbank Valley Community Center on Sun., Feb. 23, 2020 from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. New Bethlehem Police and Public Works will be present, etc.

### Approval of Minutes

The January 6, 2020 minutes were read and approved by a motion from T. L., second by Roger, and a unanimous vote.

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## Financial

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Bank Account balances were shown plainly on reports provided for Council review. T. L. made a motion to pay the bills and purchase the custom UMS report from CUSI for the Public Alert System upload to be paid from all three funds in current budgeted percentages for a total of \$500. Pam seconded his motion and it carried with a unanimous vote.

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## Committee Reports

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**Personnel Committee:** None

**Public Safety:** There is Police meeting scheduled next Mon. at 6:00 p.m. at Gabriel's in Hawthorne. Mark and Scott plan to attend.

**Building Committee:** Borough Maintenance repaired handicapped ramp that was bent at the Community Building.

**Streets Committee:** T. L. and Frank plan a ride along to assess Borough streets for maintenance projects. Members are invited to contribute ideas as they notice areas in their travels throughout town.

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## Unfinished Business

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The Ramsey Alley matter was placed on hold by request of the property owners after T. L. informed them of the solicitor's comments and possible costs, survey.

The subject of Fire Hydrant Maintenance was also placed on hold until after recommendations of maintenance requirements from a local fire safety company have been received and Authority members on extended vacation return. Then, the Authority can discuss their proposal(s) thoroughly and make recommendations to Council.

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## Correspondence

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Mayor Ken Corle resigned his position via email Fri., Jan. 31, 2020. **Pam made a motion that council accept the Mayor's resignation. Roger offered a second and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

Councilman Tim Yeany expressed his interest in serving as Mayor and resigned his post as Councilman on the spot. Concern was expressed about losing Tim as a Councilman by more than one member of Council. Tim explained that, while he would not be able to vote unless there was a tie, he intended to be an active Mayor in every way, attending meetings, proposing ideas, and participating in discussions. **Roger made a motion to accept Tim's resignation which Mark seconded, and passed with a majority vote. All present voted in favor except Pam's nay.**

**Roger made a motion to appoint Tim Yeany Mayor to finish the remaining 2 years of the Mayor vacancy ending January 2022. T. L. gave the motion a second and Resolution 1-2020 passed with a unanimous vote in favor.**

Several names were proposed to fill the Council vacancy. As Council has 30 days to fill the seat, members decided to take the matter home and bring names to make the Council appointment at the next meeting, March 2, 2020. General consensus was also in favor of advertising for interested parties to contact the Borough Office by that date.

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## New Business

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No one had ideas to offer for the Multi-Modal Transportation grant.

Resolution 2-2020 was proposed to dispose of records older than the required retention dates established by the PA Municipal Records Manual adopted by Rimersburg Borough Council Resolution 2-2016. Specific items being disposed of are as follows:

1. 2013, 2014 meter readings (older than 5 years)
2. 2010-2013 Commercial Ins. Policies (6 yrs. after exp.)
3. 1992 unemployment comp. Record (4 yrs. after pmt.)
4. used phone msg. pads (no data of administrative use)
5. Oaths of Office & Statemts. Of Financial Interest 2013 and older (6 yrs.).

**T.L. made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2020 disposing of the aforementioned records per the PA Municipal Records Manual adopted by Rimersburg Borough Council Resolution 2-2016. Mark seconded his motion and the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.**

Council was informed that the Rimersburg Municipal Authority intends to purchase a second license for Quickbooks for Frank's old laptop, the previous Authority laptop, for Patty, Treasurer to maintain Authority finances at home. The laptop will be reset and loaded with Quickbooks. No one on Council expressed any opinion against this action.

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### Adjournment

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Monday, March 2, 2020 | 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 8:23 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary