



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time March 2, 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, Robert Whitmer, Timothy Yeany/ Mayor

Also Present: Chief Bob Malnofsky/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator

Call to Order

The March 2, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott Myers at 7:02 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Scott. Discussion began of people that had been asked about filling the Council vacancy and whether or not each had expressed interest. **T. L. made a motion to adopt Resolution 3-2019 to appoint Robert Whitmer to fill the Rimersburg Borough Council vacancy, which was seconded by Pam, and received a unanimous vote in favor.** Tim called contacted Rob, notified him of his appointment, and invited to be sworn in and participate in the meeting. Rob arrived and was sworn in by Mayor Tim Yeany. Scott asked everyone to introduce themselves and Council welcomed their new member warmly.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the February water report. The 1990 Dump Truck clutch did not need replaced, just bled.

Frank stated that the 2020 deadline was fast approaching to order road salt through COSTARS. The 2019 COSTARS price was \$62/ ton, \$13/ ton less than the Borough had paid in the 2019 year. The Borough had not gotten the COSTARS price in 2019 because the deadline had passed long before the decision to use road salt.

Mark made a motion to commit to purchase up to 150 tons of road salt through COSTARS for the as yet to be determined 2020 price from the Highway Aid Fund. Dan offered a second and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Since there appears to be less debris on the streets this year due to low snowfall and the use of road salt in ideal temperatures, general consensus was in favor of Frank's pitch to use the Borough street sweeper first and see how it does before considering hiring out or renting.

Chief Malnofsky reviewed the February police report for Council members. Safety concerns were discussed regarding picking up and dropping off of children at Rimersburg Elementary School. The police will check this out when they are scheduled at this time of day and the Mayor will speak with the Principal about policy and enforcement.

Approval of Minutes

The February 3, 2020 minutes were read and approved by a motion from T. L. Stewart, second by Dan Stewart, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

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

Mark Deeter made a motion to pay \$1,799.25 from the Highway Aid Fund for 23.99 tons of salt from American Salt at \$75/ ton. His motion received a second from T. L. and a unanimous vote in favor.

Mayor Tim Yeany had attended the 2 day Newly Elected Officials Boot Camp offered by DCED in Clarion on 02/21/2020-02/22/2020 and was able to provide documentation. He said it was very helpful and recommended every Council member attend, even those who are veterans. He asked for reimbursement for the registration fee of \$135.00. Mark made a motion to reimburse Tim for the training registration of \$135.00, seconded by Rob, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Mayor: In addition to the DCED training, Tim was invited to and attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business, Canyon Coffee, in New Bethlehem and contributed to a small town mayor interview for the paper.

Personnel Committee: None

Public Safety: Mark and Tim attended the quarterly police meeting. The police expressed interest in making a Regional Police force with a board made of representatives from all involved municipalities. Mixed views and concerns were expressed by Council members.

Building Committee: Table and chair inventory was brought up by Pam. Tim offered that he has seen school, etc. sales where he could buy a whole room of chairs or tables. Committee to check out this possibility. Would need to be safe, adult sized stackable and/ or folding chairs and lighter, foldable tables.

Streets Committee: Possible streets for paving this year were mentioned and interested Council members will meet this week with Frank for a ride along to make a list of needed projects.

Unfinished Business

None

Correspondence

Friends of Eccles-Lescher Memorial Library are planning annual 5k Run/ 2 mile Walk for Sat., May 16, 2020. Sporadic traffic interruptions are expected between 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at Lawsonham/ Cherry Run and Main St. intersection. Request police presence. T. L. made a motion to allow use of the Borough streets for the Library fundraiser and provide police presence. Pam seconded his motion and it received a unanimous vote in favor.

New Business

T. L. made a motion to adopt proposed Resolution 4-2020 to adopt the Clarion County Emergency Operations Plan (adopted by County 02/11/2020). The motion was given a second by Pam and a unanimous vote in favor.

The radar speed sign discussion was minimal and died for lack of a motion.

Over the years, there have been a few requests for a drop box at the Borough Building for folks to return Community building keys and water/sewer payments outside of bank hours. The Borough Secretary verified that payments received via the drop box will be credited for the day before the morning they are retrieved from the box. They will be retrieved when the Secretary arrives each morning. Ideally, the box will have a feature that prevents anyone from reaching into the drop slot and taking contents from the box. Rob and Mark both volunteered to install the box once it arrives. Dan made a motion to purchase and install a drop box to be divided among the General, Water, and Sewer Funds per current budget practice. Mark seconded the motion and it carried with a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Monday, April 6, 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 8:36 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary