



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date / time Feb. 1, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called by Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Council: Roger Crick, Pam Curry, Mark Deeter, Jeffrey Kaetzel, Scott Myers, ~~Dan Stewart~~, T. L. Stewart, Timothy Yeany/ Mayor

Also Present: Chief Bob Malnofsky/ New Beth. Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Frank McNaughton, Boro. Maint. Sup; Mayor Gordon Barrows/ New Beth. Boro.; Jason Sheakley, Councilman/ East Brady Boro.

Call to Order

The February 1, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott Myers at 7:06 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the previous month's water report. He also reviewed the estimates that PennDOT Reps. Jim Schepis and Marc Skarbec provided for the planned paving and widening of Chestnut St. and how it would be split with Columbia Gas who is working on gas lines along that street at present. General consensus was in favor of temporary blacktop instead of replacing sidewalk that is later going to be removed on widening side. T. L. asked if there is water drainage plan to adhere to and Frank responded that he believes there is a County plan.

Chief Bob reviewed the previous month's police report. Chief proposed adding language from Nuisance Ordinance to Sidewalk Ordinance regarding notice requirements for snow in particular. Current notice requirements are ineffective. The Sidewalk Ordinance also gives a time frame of 48 hours to remove snow from notification. Consensus was easily reached to change 48 hours to 24 hours and review the language recommendations at the next meeting. Council will then discuss sending to solicitor and advertising for adoption. New police computers for the cruisers have been provided by private donation through the Police Association and are making a tremendous difference in access to information and efficiency.

Mayor Gordon Barrows of new Bethlehem Borough presented information on the Police Regionalization plan and Chief Bob detailed the proposed budget. Amicable discussion ensued as Rimersburg Council members asked questions answered by both gentlemen. East Brady Councilman, Jason Sheakley voiced his support for the Regionalization and Police Association as fundraiser group. Council thanked those present and left the subject for thought and discussion at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The January 4, 2021 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark Deeter, second by T. L. Stewart, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

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

Committee Reports

Mayor: None

Personnel Committee: None

Public Safety: None

Building Committee: None

Streets Committee: A request was received 2021/01/25 from Cathy Walzak for local Girl Scouts to use Klingensmith Parking Lot Fri.-Sun. each weekend Feb.-Mar. 2021 to sell Girl Scout cookies. They are unable to use Walmart entrances as in previous years. Discussion took place regarding safety precautions and consideration of parking space availability

for patrons of local businesses. General consensus was in favor of permitting the Girl Scouts to use the parking lot as requested.

Unfinished Business

No update on Borough survey from Ron Fox. Roger will call him.

Correspondence

An email was forwarded to Council members 2021/01/13 that PennDOT was seeking feedback on deployment of Personal Delivery Services. Some limited discussion followed. Council can take limited actions permitted by the state. General consensus reached that no action is necessary until an issue is encountered.

A 2021 Engineer Retainer Agreement was received from EADS Group. This is received annually, did not sign previously. Might expect to have a separate agreement drawn up specifically for the Community Building Project for engineering. No motion was made to sign annual agreement as engineering services are not often required by Council.

New Business

Frank proposed renewal of the Paris uniforms agreement for the usual two years. There will be no price change and new uniforms will be provided as the current set is at its end of life. Pam made a motion to renew the agreement which was seconded by T. L. and carried with a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Monday, March 1, 2021 | 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 8:52 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary