



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date / time Mar. 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.

### Call to Order

The March 1, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott Myers at 7:00 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. Two leaks were found on 4 inch lines appearing to reduce lost water by approximately 685,000 gallons total.

Klingensmith's is holding a vaccine clinic this Fri., Mar. 5, 2021 by appointment only and has asked for help setting up tables and chairs. Frank has pledged Borough Maintenance to help if Lydie will supply a layout to follow. General consensus was in favor.

Frank informed Council of graffiti on the Fairgrounds water tank and that the police had some suspects with whom they were following up.

There has been a blockage found in the sewer main on Baker Street believed to have come from a resident several days earlier. There has been damage in the basements of two rental properties owned by Sam Ragley. The Borough Insurance adjuster has stated that he believes the homeowner's insurance would be primarily responsible and Borough Insurance may pick up some uncovered portion if any.

Frank asked Council if they would like to commit to the purchase of road salt through PA COSTARS. The deadline is approaching. **T. L. made a motion to order 150 tons of road salt for the 2021-2022 season with the understanding that Rimersburg is required to purchase at least 60% of the ordered amount and may purchase up to 220%. Dan gave his motion a second and carried with a unanimous vote in favor.**

Chief Bob reviewed the police report for the previous month with Council. There was some discussion of speed enforcement issues at the cemetery end of Main St. The police need 550 feet from where the speed limit is posted before lines can be set.

The Sidewalk Ordinance 3-2021 draft was tabled until a draft of the Regional Police Agreement is available for review so that both items may be given to the solicitor together.

### Approval of Minutes

The February 1, 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:** After a request from Frank and some positive discussion, Pam made a motion to purchase muck boots for the three Borough Maintenance employees instead of using their clothing allowance as one pair would take almost the entire amount available for each employee. Mark seconded her motion and it carried with a unanimous vote in favor. There was discussion of adding it as such to the Personnel Policy, but no one could say how often the

employees will need them. General consensus was reached to allow the employees to ask Council each time they need them whether it be each year, three years, etc. so that they may have them whenever they need them.

**Public Safety:** None

**Building Committee:** None

**Streets Committee:** None

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### Unfinished Business

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Police Regionalization was discussed with several questions raised such as the following:

1. Is a 5% increase still planned for each year? It is believed this will be difficult to maintain.
2. Is there a number of hours committed? It is believed there is not, but rate % is based upon number of calls. If number of calls changes drastically, will rate % change accordingly?
3. Do the board representatives all have equal vote or is that also according to % responsibility?
4. Is it built into the contract that the main police station will always be in New Bethlehem?

Police Committee will meet and discuss further. A draft of the Regionalization Agreement is desired for review and discussion.

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### Correspondence

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None

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### New Business

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### Adjournment

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Monday, April 19, 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 8:30 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida

Borough Secretary