



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date / time June 1, 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: Officer Airgood/ New Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint.

Call to Order

The June 1, 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 Mark.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the May water report. He informed Council that PRWA has not been available yet for leak detection due to an emergency matter the previously scheduled person encountered. They will reschedule. He stated that the 2012 Chevy repairs are scheduled for the week of June 15, 2020 and that the 2020 Tar & Chip Project is on Hager Paving's schedule for after July 4, 2020. Frank asked if Council had any opposition to East Brady Borough employees serving as flaggers for Borough Maintenance line painting, etc. They were kind in helping before and Frank thought they may not have charged us for their time. General consensus among Council members was in favor of having East Brady Borough Maintenance flag and also to pay them since we would have to pay any other hired flagger.

Officer Airgood greeted Council on behalf of the New Bethlehem Police Department and reviewed the May police report. Council thanked him and there was further discussion of the previous dog complaints and review of the Borough Animal Control Ordinance 1-2010. The ordinance states that Borough residents can call the police if being pursued by a dog on the street or sidewalk and feeling threatened. It specifies that this would classify the animal as a Dangerous Dog even if the person is not bitten or physically attacked. This obviously does not include dogs barking at passersby from within the dog owners' property.

Officer Airgood asked who paints the police lines on the street. Council thought it possible this would be Borough Maintenance. The Mayor and/ or the Borough Secretary will approach Frank in the morning.

Approval of Minutes

The May 18, 2020 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark Deeter, second by Roger Crick, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank Account balances were shown plainly on reports provided for Council review. Several EADS Group engineering invoices were presented for payment. In recent years, the Borough has taken over operational expenses for the water and sewer systems and left capital improvement items to the Authority. These items do appear to be operational in that they are for preparation of annual or otherwise regularly occurring permit renewals and reports. They do exceed the current budgets for the Water and Sewer Funds for engineering, thus this will need to be a change in future budgets.

The maintenance agreement from Clarion Office Equipment for the RICOH Aficio copier was presented for consideration as well with noted raise of \$0.0005 cents per copy to \$0.0175 from 2017 & 2018. This includes light cleaning and maintenance, and toner.

After some discussion, Pam Curry made a motion to pay the bills, including the EADS Group engineering bills as presented, and to renew the Clarion Office Equipment agreement for the RICOH Aficio copier. Her motion was seconded by Rob Whitmer, and carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Mayor: A water and sewer customer approached the mayor with questions about a lien letter he had received regarding his parents' property in Toby Township. Questions were answered. The letter is from the Municipal

Authority and is a part of the lien and collection process. It was pointed out that staff is available during staff hours to answer questions.

Personnel Committee: A recommendation was made to change Borough office hours open to the public from the current 8:00 a.m. to Noon to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the full time the secretary is in the office. Discussion ensued with a number of questions asked and solutions offered from various points of view. The office would be closed at those times the secretary needed to run errands with estimated time of return on the sign. The suggestion died for lack of a motion. There was indication from views expressed that this may be discussed again at a later date.

Public Safety: None

Building Committee: A local high school senior has approached Pam requesting the use of the Community Building for a prom at no cost. The senior class does not have access to its funds because they are tied in with the school and there is no access to school funds due to pandemic closure. It is unlikely the number of people will exceed the limit given for large events during the green phase. The probable date is July 22, 2020. After some discussion, general consensus was in favor of allowing the students to hold their prom at the Community Building providing they complete the paperwork and submit a list of the names of the chaperones that will be present at the event.

Roger, as former Council President, gave Scott keys to the Borough Building as new Council President.

Streets Committee: Members announced that the committee has not yet met regarding the parking ordinances. They will meet and come up with a draft using the current ordinances as format. Secretary offered help roughing out draft for solicitor. The committee plans to invite and coordinate with the police chief as previously discussed.

Unfinished Business

The Mayor has not had a chance to contact PennDOT as per previous meeting to ask about signage such as “Slow Down, Children at Play” on Cherry Run St. Borough Secretary offered to email Jim Schepis and get mayor’s complete thoughts beforehand. All comments were favorable to this.

Correspondence

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Monday, July 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 8:08 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary