



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time Aug. 3, 2020 | 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 Bethlehem Police Dept.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Gary Fowler, Mike Graham, Chair/ Rimersburg Boro. Mun. Auth.; Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup.; Bethany Ackerman, John and Linda Campbell, Michael DiPippa, Allen and Kathy Peters/ owners of Rider Road private water line

### Call to Order

The August 3, 2020 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 presented the previous month's water report for Council review and updated Council on the leak found on the Rider Road private water line. This was due to the installation of the master meter and updated house meters July 8-9, 2020. During the thirteen days between installation and the regular monthly reading, 75,400 gallons of water was lost. Bills and letters were sent to customers with the findings.

Frank will contact Hager Paving to see if they have a start date yet for the awarded seal coat project.

Chief Malnofsky reviewed the July police report for Council.

The Rider Road private water line owners protested their bill and asked questions. There was much good, educational discussion with helpful information from Authority members and experienced Council members. The group was encouraged to upgrade to individual meter pits. It was also suggested they get an estimate of what it would cost to upgrade the private line to Authority specifications. If they chose to move forward with the Authority's approval, the Authority may be willing to take over the line as an extension of the main. The group asked if Council would consider waiving the lost water charges this time. Council agreed to discuss the matter further during the meeting and inform the group in a letter. The group indicated satisfaction and left the meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

The July 20, 2020 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Pam Curry, second by Mark Deeter, and a unanimous vote.

### Financial

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

### Committee Reports

**Mayor:** Tim stated that he had a conversation with the owner of Wanda's Cafe who is well known for monopolizing the parking spaces in front of the pizza shop and Klingensmith's and the source of numerous complaints. Mr. Krannacker expressed a desire to have a spot for his delivery vehicle. He would then agree not to park in the other spaces, but would park his other vehicles behind his business. Tim purchased a sign and asked Council to consider trying this solution until the next council meeting instead of passing a parking ordinance at this time. General consensus was in favor.

**Personnel Committee:** None

**Public Safety:** None

**Building Committee:** None

**Streets Committee:** Storm drainage issues have been brought to Council attention by Dan Davis on Baker St. and Ashley Risher of Town Lane. Mr. Davis claims his long existing issue has been made worse by the milling down and

repaving of Baker Street during which the crown was removed. Rishers complain of storm water coming from Priester Alley down hill to Town Lane for years. Council discussed both at length. To respond to Rishers, Council will need results from the current survey being conducted of Borough Boundaries around the Priester Alley area. It is suspected that Town Lane is Toby Township's road entirely.

With respect to the Davis' property, Council asked Frank for Borough Maintenance input at next meeting for installing a storm drain on Baker at problem area(s) and to contact Hager Paving for an estimate for adding a crown to Baker St.

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### Unfinished Business

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### Correspondence

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### New Business

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Scott assigned new Councilman Jeff Kaetzel to fill the vacancies on the Streets and Building Committees.

Renewal agreements for Grimebusters of Clarion Vocational Services to continue to clean the Borough Building twice per month and the Community Building bathrooms twice per month and kitchen and large room once per month were received with no cost change from the previous year. **Mark made a motion to renew the agreement, seconded by Roger, and approved with a unanimous vote in favor.**

Council members revisited the Rider Road water line owners' request to waive lost water charges. It was pointed out that there are other similar groups, at least one of which is charged for lost water almost every month. A general consensus was reached that it would be unfair for the rest of the service area to pay for the lost water as all water pumped, whether recorded or lost, is paid for to East Brady Borough. Any disagreement with which owner is actually responsible for the lost water is a civil matter between the owners of the line. Council instructed staff to let the current charges stand as well as continue to charge for future lost water and send a letter informing the group of Council's decision.

A statement was made that people purchasing the former Rimersburg Elementary School property on School Street would like the Borough to take responsibility for maintenance and liability for the tennis courts and playground. If this did not happen, it was believed they would no longer exist. It was agreed that this portion of the property was a healthy space for the community. Council expressed that the new owners and the school board are invited to the next Council meeting to discuss the matter in person.

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### Adjournment

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Monday, September 21, 2020 | 7:00 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council at the Rimersburg Borough Building due to the Labor Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary