

# minutes

## *Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority Meeting*

*Date | time* Aug. 5, 2020 | 6:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Regularly Scheduled

### In Attendance

**Authority members:** Patty Alworth, Dan Burkett, Gary Fowler, Mike Graham, Greg Haws, ~~Vacancy 1~~  
~~Vacancy 2~~

**Also Present:** Kyle Schwabenbauer, P.E./ EADS Group; Frank McNaughton/ Rimersburg Boro. Maint. Sup.; Roger Crick/ Rimersburg Borough Council; Seth Stewart

### Call to Order

The August 5, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman, Mike Graham, at 6:28 p.m.

### Persons to Be Heard

July water report was presented by Frank McNaughton. Water loss back up to approx. 1 million gallons per month from half with no significant explanation. Leaks found, but not all loss accounted.

### Approval of Minutes

The July 1, 2020 minutes were approved with corrections by a motion, second, and unanimous vote.

### Financial

All Authority, Borough bank account balances, and Toby debt service loan balances were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote to pay the bills as presented.

### Unfinished Business

#### **Univ. Korner gas station & car wash:**

Upgrades have been completed with discrepancies. No supports for one meter, meter not centered in hole, bolts under vault making change out difficult. Contractor will adjust hole to center meter more, will improve supports. Old ¾" water line discovered under current service, had been cemented over.

#### **Backup generator:**

Building Inspector, Jeff Elder, inspected and placed a sticker on the pump station. He stated that the current work was correct for hooking up the intended back up generator and does not require additional disconnect. Permit in progress.

#### **Ridgeview Dr.:**

Restoration letters have been sent with an Aug. 31, 2020 deadline. Letters were mailed to all applicable customers and 2 contractors. There has been no response. Frank has seen evidence of minimal work, not all requirements met.

#### **Capping of Abandoned Property:**

Staff initiated discussion on language for capping of water and sewer after a period of one year. Revisited previous added items particularly payment of previous year's service while off and tap fee forfeiture. Explored various existing examples of service off, unused taps, and existing upgrade requirements. Proposed

adding language that upgrade is required from the main to the curb box or lateral if necessary, owner paying materials and labor, though not tap fee. Services will be capped at the property line or curb box as applicable. If not capped off or service resumed at the one- year deadline, property will be capped off by the Authority and billed to the owner, municipal lien on property for all unpaid amounts. All upgrades required, but no tap fee to restore service. Contact solicitor for proper language. Pending solicitor approval, motion, second, carried to adopt at the next meeting.

#### **Pump station ownership:**

While believed that ownership of Pump Station 1 in East Brady was transferred soon after built, Clarion County property records show Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority still owns both parcels. Permit for Pump Station 1 has been transferred to East Brady per recent correspondence with DEP. East Brady pays utilities, insurance. Further research necessary into Authority records. When is annual meeting with East Brady? Consult with solicitor on liability, etc.

#### **Rider Road Leak:**

Installed master meter and in house Sensus iPerl meter upgrades on Rider Road private line July 8-9, 2020. Line lost 75,400 gallons in thirteen days per July 22, 2020 reading. Per Jan. 29, 2020 letter to property owners, loss billed was divided equally four ways. Appears 3-4 leaks found on one service. That property owner has fixed leaks and upgraded to a meter pit. Water loss appears to have stopped once this service was repaired. Property Owners attended Council meeting where it was recommended they check into individual meter pit upgrades as well as an estimate to upgrade the remaining line to Authority specifications. If upgraded with Authority's approval and passed inspection, Authority may agree to take over line.

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### Projects

**EADS Group Engineer Report** attached to these minutes.

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### Correspondence

**2020 PMAA Annual Conference** is virtual 08/31/2020-09/02/2020. Greg volunteered to attend.

**Invitation to attend this evening's mtg.** emailed 2020/07/28 to Madison & Toby Twps.; Toby monthly loan update email, no response from either twp.

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### New Business

#### **Rimersburg Elementary School Building:**

Regarding sewer, may be partially upgraded. Per Luton's televising of line, showed some SDR35 although Frank was not shown. Will be required to bypass grease trap, replace under roadway. Kyle and Frank to shoot elevations. Questions whether school owned manhole needs upgraded or if needed at all. Is in fair condition. Water upgrade will include a master meter as well as individual meters for each unit. Borough Maintenance will have access to individual meters 24/7. Fireflow evaluation for sprinkler system to happen soon. Frank will request copy of fireflow results. New owners have indicated a desire for larger meter than that installed at present. Whose cost when owners request larger size?

#### **File sharing server:**

Server for file sharing proposed. Small business computer adequate as opposed to actual server. Some options will be researched and presented next meeting for further discussion.

#### **Upgrades regarding driveway curb boxes:**

Concerns raised over water upgrade requirements for curb boxes located within driveways. Proposed allowing property owner choose to relocate or driveway meter pit vault. Engineer to draw up specifications for driveway meter pit vaults.

**CDBG Round 2 grant application:**

**Motion, second to adopt Resolution 2-2020 to apply for CDBG grant funding for the Chestnut Street phase of the waterline project. Motion carried, Resolution 2-2020 adopted.** Request for Borough Council Streets Committee to weigh in on Chestnut Street waterline phase regarding elimination of sidewalk one side.

Patty will attend the Sept. 21, 2020 meeting of Borough Council.

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**Adjournment**

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Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 | 6:30 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

Motioned, seconded, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary