



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time January 2, 2018 | 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Council: Roger Crick, Pam Curry, Mark Deeter, Scott Myers, Lark Palm, T. L. Stewart (Dan Stewart, excused)

Also Present: Ken Corle/ Mayor; Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup.; Ron Wilshire/ Leader Vindicator

Swearing in of Officials and Call to Order

Mayor, Ken Corle, began swearing in elected officials just prior to the meeting. When this was finished, he called the Re-Organizational Meeting of Rimersburg Borough Council to order at 7:18 p.m. and called for nominations for the office of President. T. L. nominated Roger. A unanimous vote re-elected Roger President. Roger nominated Lark for Vice President. All votes were cast in favor of the nomination. At this point, the Mayor turned the meeting over to Council President, Roger Crick. Roger opened the remainder of the meeting at 7:23 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Council President, Roger Crick.

A. Lark made a motion to re-appoint Patty Alworth to the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority for a 5 year term, as her term expired 12/31/2017. Scott seconded her motion and it carried unanimously.

B. T. L. made a motion to re-appoint Tom Curry to the Zoning Hearing Board for a new three year term, seconded by Lark, and unanimously approved;

C. T. L. made a motion to re-appoint William Hager III as Solicitor, seconded by Pam, and unanimously approved;

D. Lark made a motion to designate Northwest Savings Bank as Depository, seconded by Pam, and unanimously approved;

E. Scott made a motion to re-appoint Don Hosey, Jr. as Emergency Operations Coordinator, seconded by Pam, and unanimously approved;

F. Pam made a motion to designate Kyle Fritz, P. E./ EADS Group as engineer, seconded by Scott, and unanimously approved;

G. Pam made a motion to designate Bureau Veritas as Building Inspector, seconded by Scott, and unanimously approved.

Regular Meeting Schedule – T. L. made a motion to meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rimersburg Borough Building; to use the third Monday as needed; and to meet the third Monday of the month in any month that the first Monday falls on an observed holiday including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Sept. 3, 2018

B. Sept. 2, 2019

Scott seconded his motion and it was approved with a unanimous vote. At this point, the re-organizational portion of the meeting came to a close and regular business was open for discussion.

Persons to Be Heard

The police department was not present. Several matters were discussed which Scott, Chairman of Public Safety, will talk over with Chief Ryan as follows:

A. General consensus was that the Sidewalk Ordinance 6-93 was not intended to be enforced on private walkways such as up to someone's door, but to be enforced upon those walkways which the public would use to travel from place to place in general.

B. The Jeff Rankin property was sold at the Judicial Sale 12/28/2017 and the new owner information will be communicated with police for upkeep.

C. It was noted that someone is living at 640 Craig St. without public water service. This is illegal within the Borough.

D. Someone noticed that there is a build up of cars in no parking areas at the elementary school at the end of the day. This practice appears to be making potentially dangerous circumstances for children and adults as it is crowding normal traffic and bus lanes. In addition, there are some who seem to race to get in front to pick up their children. This, too, appears to be hazardous. Policing of this issue may be possible in the school's relationship with the police.

E. Wrong property owners were notified of junk car on Eccles, Susan & Larry Barger, should be next house down toward Rt. 861.

F. Borough Secretary is to check with Bureau Veritas to find out status of demolition permit for Hetrick's Back St. building, then police are to be notified to proceed with notifying and citing if necessary.

G. The first police invoice of 2018 has been received and appears to reflect a 3.7% increase instead of a 3% increase. It was thought that the same was experienced in 2017, a 3.8% increase. General consensus was to stay with the budget and pay 3% increase instead of 3.7%. Borough secretary is to email the police agreement to Scott for his conversation with Chief Ryan.

Frank reported that lost water was up significantly shown in the total pumping numbers. They were up from approximately 105,000 per day to 170,000 per day. He informed Council members that American Leak Detection was coming the next day to help Borough Maintenance look for leaks throughout the service area. Two have been found by Jeff and Tracy. One on Monterey Rd. may be large and Frank will also use American Leak Detection to help pin point its location. The company quoted \$1,300 per day. This includes travel and the roughly five hours of work that can be expected. Roger calculated that the lost water cost much more than this and Council again agreed that it was best to have them come and help bring down the lost water. Frank is to use them as needed.

Approval of Minutes

The December 4, 2017 minutes were read and approved by a motion from T. L. Stewart, second by Lark Palm, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank Account balances were shown plainly on the Agenda for review by Council. Roger invited newly elected members in particular to re-open the previously approved 2018 budget for review. There arose no motion to do so.

Borough Bank Acct. balances as of 12/31/2017 were:

A. Gen. Ckg. Bal. \$41,064.43 end of day 12/29/2017 - Transfer was recommended of \$26,000 to Gen. Bus. Ins. \$ Fund, leaving bal. of \$15,064.43 in ckg. (Gen. Bus. Ins. \$ Fund bal. \$43,816.83 result)

B. Wtr. Ckg. Bal. \$73,128.56 end of day 12/29/2017 - Transfer was recommended of \$57,000 to Wtr. Bus. Ins. \$ Fund, leaving \$16,128.56 in ckg. (Wtr. Bus. Ins. \$ Fund bal. \$160,558.99 result)

C. Swr. Ckg. Bal. \$63,528.24 end of day 12/29/2017 - Transfer was recommended of \$47,000 to Swr. Bus. Ins. \$ Fund, leaving bal. of \$16,528.24 in ckg. (Swr. Bus. Ins. \$ Fund bal. \$79,059.60 result)

General consensus was to allow the Borough Secretary to transfer funds to the business insured money funds from the corresponding checking accounts whenever it seemed wise to do so and show the activity on the monthly report to Council. Council members also expressed that \$30,000 of the \$57,000 recommended transfer from the Water checking account be made as the year's first installment to the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority instead. This shall change the transfer from the Water Checking to the Water Business Insured Money Fund to \$27,000, resulting in a balance of \$130,558.99.

Along with regular bills, the following invoices were also presented for payment:

A. Police reflecting 3.7% increase, 2018 budget 3%, difference of \$316.30/year

B. Atlantic Underwater robotic inspection of Fairgrounds Tank performed in 2017 = \$1,800

C. 2017 legal invoices/ Authority \$599.99 total

D. 2017 EADS invoices/ Authority \$1,642.11

Scott made a motion to pay all bills as presented except to pay 3% increase as budgeted on the police invoice. (see earlier discussion under "Persons to Be Heard," item G. Pam gave his motion a second and it was approved with a unanimous vote.

T. L. made a motion to adopt the duly advertised Tax Ordinance 1-2018 fixing the tax rates for the year 2018. Lark seconded it and it was adopted by unanimous vote.

Lark made a motion to adopt Fee Resolution 1-2018 showing the change in water rates as reflected in the 2018 budget. Her motion received a second from T. L. and a unanimous vote in favor.

During light discussion of the budget, East Brady Borough's budget was shown. Members found it interesting to be able to see another Borough's budget and found East Brady's easy to read. Rimersburg's is more detailed and speculation was that questions during budget season led to more detailed tracking over time. Members noticed there was no sewer budget from East Brady and asked Borough Secretary to request Sewer budget as well to compare.

In response to the Borough's application for County Aid for the \$55,531 project to pave portions of Baker St. and Blue Row and to seal coat a portion of School St., Rimersburg Borough was awarded \$20,000. Members were pleased as this will ensure that this project can be completed this year and will stretch Highway Aid funds for other projects.

Committee Reports

Council President assigned the committees for the 2018/2019 years as follows:

Personnel Committee – T. L. Stewart/ Chair, Scott Myers, Lark Palm;

Public Safety – Scott Myers/ Chair, Mark Deeter, Dan Stewart, Mayor Ken Corle;

Building Committee – Pam Curry/ Chair, Mark Deeter, T. L. Stewart;

Streets Committee – Lark Palm/ Chair, Pam Curry, Dan Stewart

In light of the recent change in employee health insurance and the processes required for transition, Council asked Borough Secretary to find out from Eileen Conner, Leach Rep. What the requirements are for transition from the current providers for future reference. Borough Secretary will email Council.

T. L. asked if anything was budgeted for tables and chairs this year. Lark responded that she thought they had discussed moving ahead with that as those are needed. Borough Secretary will email budget amount to committee.

Unfinished Business

There has been no update to Painter litigation status since Roger asked Solicitor Bill Hager to contact Atty. Eisenberg and communicate that the borough did not agree to do storm water work.

There was no update on the Borough Building sign replacement as Dan Stewart was not present.

There has been no update on the Borough brush dump site research other than Roger left a message for Ron Fox and did not receive a return call. He will call again. Roger mentioned that someone is interested in buying the timber from this property. General consensus was in favor of Roger calling the solicitor about legalities of selling timber from the property. T. L. suggested money received could be used to purchase property and/or construct access to the property for brush dumping.

Scott volunteered to call Rick Renwick, the Rental Inspector to discuss his suggestions for revisions to the Rental Inspection Ordinance. Members noted that Jack Hetrick's building on W. Back St. has still not yet been demolished. Borough Secretary updated Council on the last conversation with Bureau Veritas in December, that Gallagher Trucking had still not yet picked up the permit. It was also noted that demolition was to have been completed in the beginning of November and that Council had held off having police enforce ordinances on the property with regard for these plans. Scott will contact police per "Persons to Be Heard" above, item F.

Correspondence

Information on PSAB bootcamps for newly elected officials was handed to Mark Deeter should he be interested in attending. It was explained that there is budget allotted for council member training and mileage. He is to contact the Borough Secretary if he would like her to register him.

New Business

T. L. made a motion for Council to resolve to dispose of one box of cancelled checks, statements, water/sewer bills, and paid bills which are older than the required retention dates established by the PA Municipal Records Manual adopted by Rimersburg Borough Council Resolution 2-2016. **Scott seconded his motion, and there was a unanimous vote in favor of Resolution 2-2018 to dispose of the aforementioned box of records.**

Adjournment

Monday, February 5, 2018 | 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 8:51 p.m. by a motion from Lark, a second from Scott, and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary