



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

*Date | time* April 15, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called by* Regularly Scheduled

### In Attendance

**Council:** Jonathan Best (J. B.), Roger Crick, Pamela Curry, Mark Deeter, ~~Karina Libecco, Joshua Meeker~~, K. Scott Myers, Tim Yeany/ Mayor

**Also Present:** Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Mike Graham/ RBMA; Chief Malnofsky/ SCCRPD

### Call to Order

The April 15, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott 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 03/2024 water report. He also updated Council on the current status of Authority water and sewer projects throughout the service area. PA Lead Line Project: Main Street line to be abandoned after 2 taps completed at 29 Mill Street and W. Back Street. CDBG Chestnut Street: old water line capped off with no significant water loss or gain. Ridgeview Drive project: construction complete; deadline May 2024 for customer upgrades. Contractor restoration due at appropriate points after settling, appropriate temperature for materials.

05/06 and 05/13 are clean up days for Borough Maintenance to pick up bagged leaves.

Chief reviewed the 03/2024 Police Report.

Josh and Chief stated that DCNR can provide some signage for Recreational Vehicle Ordinance and that DCNR was looking at Borough map in New Bethlehem to see how many signs they need. New Bethlehem reached out to PENNDOT to explore sign location options at opposite ends of town on state routes. Borough Office to contact DCNR regarding signs.

The current class for constables starts in August, so may not have a constable this year. SCCRPD plans on using a part-time officer in the meantime for ordinance enforcement. Police Board will consider that for approval at their next meeting.

Mike Graham expressed thanks to Borough Maintenance for all of their work during the projects to keep things moving. Hopes are high that lost water decreases with shut down of Main Street line. RBMA is working on CDBG Monterey Water Line Project, a few more project legs to complete a water loop, a sewer project, and the WWTP Upgrade Project.

An email 2024/04/09 regarding drone no fly zones, policy, FAA registration was received asking about meeting date and time, but no one was present to pose unknown questions. Review of the matter reveals that PA state law seems have this topic covered.

### Approval of Minutes

The 03/18/2024 meeting minutes were read and approved by motion from Roger, second by J. B., and a unanimous vote.

### Financial

Mark made a motion to pay the bills, J. B. seconded, approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

### Projects

The Engineer Report is provided with these minutes.

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## Committee Reports

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**Mayor:** None

**Public Safety & Police:** None

### Personnel Committee:

Borough Maintenance Position – no further updates at this time on prospects for a 4<sup>th</sup> staff person. Statement made that many recent applicants are located outside a reasonable area for response time should staff be called in for an emergency. Job listings are still active on Indeed and Career Center to current knowledge.

Classroom Training Your Role as a Municipal Secretary proposed for Asst. Sec. in Ford City 05/29 and 05/30/2024. Registration and mileage costs total \$228.52 (29.3 miles each way x 2 round trips x.67 cents/ mi. = \$78.52 + \$150.00 registration. General consensus in favor of sending since this is an item already in the budget.

**Building Committee:** Tim saw 3 places on same wall where leaking was occurring into the firemen's side of the Community Building. Speculation that it may be coming from where windows are located. Water observed leaking down to a light fixture left of the door, over the door itself roughly center, and over to the right of the door. Must look into this more to rectify. If involves mortar or similar, Faith Fellowship Church is getting a company that does similar work if Council is interested in having them look.

**Streets Committee:** Seal coating water and sewer projects estimates shared. Proposed double seal this year or wait until next year. \$18,000 for double seal on areas disturbed by PA Lead Line Project, ½ that or so if single coat 2nd year. Chestnut Street approx. \$80,000. Near \$100,000 for all. Question raised if settling period is adequate to advertise for bid at this time. Frank proposed that perhaps storm drains could be incorporated if waiting until next year. **J. B. motion to use ARPA funds for paving next year, seconded by Pam, carried. General Consensus to allow this season for settling and place these items on the agenda for March 2025 to consider for bid.**

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## Unfinished Business

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322 Chestnut St emails 2024/01/15. Property is up for Tax Sale this year. Some concerned over becoming rental property and not properly cleaned up. There are liens against the property. J. B. spoke with Penny Campbell/ CCHA may have some programs to help erase liens. Gave 3 options: conservatorship may be most expensive; land bank powers can use free and clear sale; or petition lien holders to remove liens, if succeed demolish buildings and sell. General consensus in favor of contacting Penny/ CCHA to discuss further.

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## Correspondence

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Community Center grant request from Union School District and Madison Township: required to inform Boroughs and get letter and vote of support recorded in minutes. **J. B. motion, Pam second, carried to support Union School District and Madison Township Community Center grant application.**

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## New Business

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Consider Resolution 02-2024 for adoption which in turn adopts Clarion County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). **Scott motion, J. B. second, carried to adopt Resolution 02-2024 adopting Clarion County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).**

Since there is no Chamber of Commerce in Rimersburg. Mayor proposed replacing the PA system for downtown announcements, events, and festival. He shared proposal from Beamer Enterprises to cover downtown including 12 speakers, 3 drops as choices to plug in PA system per desire at any given time, microphones, all equipment needed totaling roughly \$3,000.00. Subject was tabled for consideration next meeting 05/06/2024 and explore incorporation of offered additional unused sound system equipment if possible.

Replacement of Boro. Sec. Office computer was proposed. Current machine works very well, however is out of warranty, over 5 years old, and is experiencing compatibility issue with office equipment that newer computers are not experiencing as diagnosed by Clarion Office Equipment. Computer replacement proposed because reasonable to expect further compatibility issues may arise rather than replace working office equipment unnecessarily. Computer replacement could also be under next day repair/ replacement warranty keeping office in full function at all times. J. B. motion, Pam second, carried to get Tech Ready to make a second assessment of incompatibility issue.

Council was asked if there is training available to learn to use computer and phone for Borough Maintenance individuals. Discussion ensued. No training place or program known or suggested, no action.

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## Adjournment

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Monday, May 06, 2024 | 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 8:56 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary