



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time Aug. 05 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; Dan Burkett/ RBMA and SCPA; Kyle Schwabenbauer, P. E./ EADS Group; Officer J. Mansfield/ SCCRPD

Call to Order

The Aug. 05, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott at 7:01 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the 07/2024 water report. There is a meeting 08/15/2024 at 8:30 a.m. with a leak detection firm if anyone is interested in attending along with Borough Maintenance. No chlorine in the water laying near UCC Church, so likely storm water, not public provided water leak.

Mixer went down at the WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant) at approx. \$2,800.00. Pump went bad at Route 68 lift station and will cost approx. \$5700.00 to replace it with refurbished. Has been in service since 2013.

DCNR ATV Joint Use road signs are up and can be enforced!

Community Days is this coming Sat. & Sun. and lines are painted throughout town. Dan/ SCPA asked for volunteers to help run Community Days events including the parade.

Officer Mansfield reviewed the police report for Council. Scott brought up to Officer Mansfield for Chief that Council is interested in making most commonly encountered ordinances consistent with other areas covered. Dan volunteered that this is a task with which the SCCRPD Board could assist since there are representatives from each municipality covered. He has most commonly encountered ordinances for Rimersburg already on his computer he could take with him to compare with others, get police input on best enforceability, etc. General consensus in favor of Dan's proposal.

Dan offered a heads up that Police Board will be meeting soon to go over the budget, renewal is coming up. Their fiscal year is currently July to June, but are looking at changing it to the calendar year to coincide with municipalities.

Approval of Minutes

The 07/01/2024 meeting minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark, second by J. B., and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Bank balances and financial reports provided to Council for review. Dumbaugh electric invoice for \$2,789.00 was for pump at Route 68 Lift Station mentioned earlier this meeting. PA System is installed downtown and invoice is \$3,000.00 as expected, previously approved. Roger made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mark and approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Projects

Terraworks is to complete warranty work by the end of 08/31/2024. Mark made a motion to grant the ADA waiver for Terraworks repairs of Community Building, seconded by J. B., carried in favor.

J. B. made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-2024 to apply for CDBG grant funding of \$22,000.00 for the Community Building Architectural Assessment using EADS Group, seconded by Pam, carried with a unanimous vote.

Roger made a motion to advertise Chestnut St. milling with leveling course, second J. B., carried to open and award bids at 09/16/2024 Borough meeting. This plan in place in hopes of being awarded Multi-Modal grant for paving.

Committee Reports

Mayor: Mayor proclaimed September Foodstock month in response to request from the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry 2024 Clarion County Community Bank Foodstock committee. He encouraged members of the community to donate food through the end of September at collection areas such as Clarion County Community Bank.

Public Safety & Police: None

Personnel Committee: Newest maintenance employee resigned just before probation period was over. Personnel advertising position again.

Building Committee: Community Bldg. leaks – Tim and Mark put forth that covering front with metal and lipping over leaking area would cost \$4,000.00 and should prevent further leaks. It is believed that the windows are newer on front, vinyl, but contractor will flash in. **J. B. motion to approve contractor to cover front upper area of community building in metal to fix leak at the cost of \$4,000.00 and members of Building Committee to approve color, seconded by Mark, carried with unanimous vote.**

Streets Committee: Specifications desired for sidewalk safety and ordinance enforcement regarding condition of sidewalks not having to do with snow, but cracked and broken areas. Speculation as to what specifications neighboring municipalities use to enforce proper maintenance of sidewalks, where lines are drawn. Tabled in hope of productive follow up from police board.

Unfinished Business

Consider Ord. 01-2024 Nuisance Ord. repealing Nuisance Ord. 02-2012 – revising length of notice/ time to abate to ten (10) days.

J. B. made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2024 repealing Ordinance 2 OF 2012 and changing time to remove nuisance to ten days, seconded by Roger, carried with unanimous vote in favor.

Roger made a motion to terminate Jonathan Belloit as Rental Inspector and advertise for a new one, seconded by J. B., carried unanimous vote.

322 Chestnut St. emails from 2024/07/15 forward regarding blighted property up for Tax Sale 09/16/2024 unless taxes paid discussed. Questions raised about how to object to sale if rental intended or place restrictions on sale. Refer to solicitor to research Council objection to sale by general consensus.

Utility billing software company does not have additional cost to handle autopay from customers. Northwest Bank is also needed to implement this and charges \$25.00/ month for first 100 customers, then 35 cents per each transaction after that, so \$35.00 for each additional 100 customers. **J. B. motion, Mark second to move forward with offering automatic payment of water and sewer bills for customers.** Josh to mention in paper to register at the Borough office for this service.

TechReady, timeline & cost if replacement of Boro. Office computer becomes necessary: awaiting response from TechReady.

Correspondence

Council Resignation received email 2024/08/05. Scott made a motion, J. B. seconded, carried unanimously to accept Josh Meeker's resignation from Council. Possible candidates discussed briefly. Council will come back with people to appoint next meeting.

Clarion County Association of Township Officials 103rd Annual Convention – Office staff seeking permission to attend \$40/ person 8am-3:30pm Thurs., 09/19/2024 at Trinity Church, Clarion. Mileage maximum \$40.20 +\$40 registration x2 = \$120.20 total cost 2 secretaries. Council members can also attend if desired, same costs, must register/ see office staff. Roger motion, J. B. seconded, carried to approve attendance for both secretaries.

Theft of Svc. Hearing date rescheduled per Solicitor request, request granted by Magistrate.

New Business

Pizza and beverages lunch proposed for Summer Work Program workers' last day this Thurs. Mark motion, J. B. motion, carried to approve.

Several proposals for Borough Office phone(s) considered with end goal of providing phone at Assistant Secretary desk. J. B. motion, Roger second, carried unanimously to purchase NEC phone matching existing and have Red Horizon set up.

Playground at 88 School St. discussed at some length at request of former Council member whose children use it. Proposed 25 year lease of present former elementary school playground from property owners may make eligible for

grants. Another option proposed of using an empty lot in town to build new playground. Josh recommended a lease agreement for existing of some kind as well for existing. Interest expressed in exploring further, asking Kyle about his experience at next meeting if he is present. Tim will also find folks to speak to about it before the next meeting.

Adjournment

Monday, Sept. 16, 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 8:30 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary