



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time Aug. 7, 2023 | 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.; ~~Officer Jonathan Smith/ Southern Clarion County Reg. Police Dept.~~; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Dan Burkett/ RBMA, SCCRP Dept. & Assoc.

### Call to Order

The Aug. 7, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott at 7:02 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Roger.

### Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the 2023/07 water report. Lost up to a little over 1 million.

#### **Community Bldg. Generator**

Received quote of \$29, 753.47 for 48kW generator to be appropriate size to run emergency equipment, etc. at Community Bldg. in event of disaster. Likely gas fueled. General consensus in favor of looking for funding. See where ambulance got generator funding and check out PEMA grants for Hazard Mitigation.

#### **Klingensmith's Parking Lot Retaining Wall**

Hope to have blocks for retaining wall at Klingensmith parking lot, 2x6 mostly, completed and set by next Council mtg.

#### **CDBG Community Bldg.**

Community Bldg. work completed. There is some seeping of water through the wall, though not running in like was previously. Frank asked for dehumidifiers to help dry it up. Borough Maintenance hopes to see where and how it's coming in during/ after rain event, if black top is sloped away enough, for instance. Members wondered if seal products and dry lock paint would be effective. 2-4 dehumidifiers proposed by various people. JB motion, Roger second to get two biggest non-commercial dehumidifiers connected to hose to get water emptied to start. Motion carried approved.

#### **2004 Dump Truck - Parts Needed**

2004 dump truck did not pass inspection. Needs front bumper, and 2 doors or putty work. Salt eaten/ rusted. \$300 for bumper, door shells are \$1700 for 2 new with paint, etc. at additional cost. FM believes truck is worth couple thousand dollars investment to fix. They are looking for used doors. Bed will need areas welded as well. General consensus in favor to make truck look presentable including buying door shells if used cannot be found.

#### **Borough Vehicle Undercoating**

Undercoating person is retiring, will let Frank know if will do Borough vehicles this fall. May need to find new person. Suggestion that Horvath's may do.

#### **SCCRPD/ SCCRPA Rimersburg Community Days**

Dan/ SCCR Police Dept. & Assoc. asked permission to borrow half dozen tables and appropriate number of chairs from the Community Bldg. this coming weekend for Community Days. General consensus in favor.

#### **SCCRPD News**

Dan proposed may not be an efficient use of police staff time to have them attend meetings and read the provided report since there is a board representative attending meetings. Council reviewed the 2023/07 police report provided. Still pursuing constable avenue. District Attorney gives constables authority if desired. There is a certification needed, D. A. rules on what vehicle is used, different uniform so do not appear to be police officers. Would be paid by Regional Police Department and could be contracted out to other departments as needed. One is interested in Hawthorn, does not have certification, can also be dog officer. Can assist with traffic control under supervision of police.

2 cadets have qualified for academy, are attending, and will make 4 officers for 2 year obligation along with current new officer in training (graduated cadet).

Dan/ RBMA updated Council on the status off current water and sewer projects.

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### Approval of Minutes

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The July 17, 2023 minutes were read and approved by a motion from JB, second by Pam, and a unanimous vote.

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### Financial

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Bank balances and reports showing revenues and expenses for the previous month were provided for Council review. Roger made a motion to pay the bills which received a second from Pam and a unanimous vote in favor including paying CDBG Terraworks \$150,077.20 and change order 01 for \$4950.00 using CDBG project funds, carried approved. Scott motion pay bills, JB second, carried.

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### Projects

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Engineer Report was provided.

Gap funding mentioned previous meeting will likely not be needed.

#### **CDBG Community Bldg. Project**

Pay Request No. 1 and Change Order No. 1 approved by motion J. B., second Roger, unanimous vote in favor.

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### Committee Reports

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**Mayor:** Spoke with chief about unauthorized vehicles, to use common sense about what needs enforced and he has said they will.

Mayor proclaimed September Food Stock month in response to request from Clarion Chamber of Business and Industry and encouraged community to donate food.

**Public Safety & Police:** none

**Personnel Committee:** none

**Building Committee:** Boro. Bldg. looks great repainted.

**Streets Committee:** General consensus to paint a number of regular parking spaces that are appropriate J.B. motion, second Pam, carried on Broad Street.

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### Unfinished Business

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Scott spoke with Hager's office about Fields' property. They have spoken with Chris Fields and he is willing to sign over at no cost to him. Solicitor advises that there is nothing preventing Borough from acquiring property. Members interested in clean title verification. Josh recommended talking to Barb or Joe in East Brady because they just did that very thing. Motion JB, Roger second to proceed with preliminary agreement draft with owner, and estimates for that, clean title, etc. from solicitor, carried.

#### **Recreational vehicles - see 4 Wheeler Ord., Toby Ord.**

JB motion, Pam second to proceed to give Hawthorn and Toby ordinances to solicitor to make a draft of ATV ordinance for Borough Streets, carried. Should be signed on all streets allowed to be traveled by these vehicles.

#### **Continued consideration of camera options**

Mayor to contact Mr. Beamer for recommendations.

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### Correspondence

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**Pension MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for 2023 = \$14,100.00 Consider a motion to approve the pension budget (annual action).** J. B. motion, Roger second, carried.

Comcast Automatic renewal letter received. No action.

2 Tax collection agencies offer services/ additional services. No action.

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### New Business

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Consider people to appoint to RBMA due to advance notice of resignation. Greg Haws term ends this year. General consensus seemed to be in favor of appointing someone at start of year.

**Council request to add to agenda next meeting discussion of ROW next to this bldg.**

Roger bought a ROW next to the Borough Building to put the driveway in. It was appraised by Jim Reed showing reduction. Description and what was understood to be existing lines was incorrect understanding. ROW is granted up in Gary's yard instead of Borough's yard, so incorrect. Description needs correction with Borough's permission to reflect what is actually there. General consensus in favor of Roger getting corrective deed with his attorney and Fox and Fox assistance at his cost.

**Nuisance Ordinance 02-2012: length of notice**

Tabled for next meeting.

**Boro. Maint. Computer proposal**

JB motion, Scott second purchase Clarion Office proposed computer for Frank. General consensus in favor of allowing FM to take current home for occasional work use.

RBMA Lease Agrmnt. Terms - renew beyond loan life, 50 years - Atty. John Marshall working on Authority side.

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**Adjournment**

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Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 | 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 8:32 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida

Borough Secretary