



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time Dec. 04, 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:** Dan Burkett/ RBMA, SCCPA; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Frank McNaughton/ Boro. Maint. Sup.

### Call to Order

The Dec. 04, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council Vice-President, Mark at 7:05 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Roger.

### Persons to Be Heard

The water report from the previous month was provided to Council for review. Found two leaks, patched temporarily for winter. Dropped lost water. Third, a Chestnut leak discovered today. Main line replacement expected to be completed tomorrow, then move to replacing individual services. PA Lead Line Project Pre-Construction meeting this Wed., 12/06/2023 with Mortimer Excavating. Requesting alternates for some materials due to current difficulty obtaining.

Blöse, who provided Generac generator estimate, was contacted and stated he is not a COSTARS vendor. He will get back to us if can be purchased under COSTARS. Confirmed 48 kW could run 4-5 roasters, but roasters can be an issue. Thought 60 kW instead of 48 for roasters. 60KW is same size used for Dayton. Quoted all but natural gas fueled. General consensus in favor of Frank checking with Kohler where water pump station generator came from, believed that they were COSTARS.

The Police Report was provided for Council review.

Community member asked if Council would consider placing camera(s) at playground and/ or possible signage to encourage folks to clean up after themselves at the playground. Was instead proposed to ask Little League if interested in coordinating regular clean up of playground garbage since they are in close proximity and same ages of kids involved rotating through in same manner. Borough will continue to supply garbage bags. Boro. Sec. will contact SCCLL secretary to ask Little League.

### Approval of Minutes

The Nov. 06, 2023 Meeting minutes were read and approved with corrections by a motion from Roger motion, Pam seconded, and a unanimous vote.

### Financial

Roger made a motion to pay bills as presented, Pam seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote in favor.

### Mechanical Devices tax

General consensus in favor of referring matter to solicitor to explore legality and limits of assessing Mechanical Devices tax on PA coin operated games of skill and/ or chance specifying games that pay out.

### SLFRF 2023 Interim Final Rule re: ARPA funds

A footnote on the agenda stated "Treasury implemented the statutory requirement by providing that a cost is considered incurred by December 31, 2024, if a recipient has incurred an obligation with respect to the cost by December 31, 2024. 12 Treasury defined 'obligation' as 'an order placed for property and services and entering into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment,' 13 which is based on the definition of 'financial obligations' in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). 14 Treasury then set the period of performance as ending on December 31, 2026, which serves as the deadline for expenditures." General consensus in favor of tabling the matter for the next meeting.

### 2024 Budget Adopted

Proposed 2024 Budget includes renewal of employee health insurance; police health insurance agreement, non-employee; and second 1/2 of approved employee raises 2022 (first 1/2 in 2023). Also includes \$1.00 Water and \$1.50 Sewer additional consumption rate to offset materials and energy cost increases. **Roger made a motion seconded by**

**Pam to adopt the 2024 Budget as proposed and adopt Tax Resolution to keep taxes the same for 2024 year. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor to adopt the 2024 Budget as proposed.**

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## Projects

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The Engineer Report is provided with these minutes.

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## Committee Reports

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**Mayor:** None

**Public Safety & Police:** Cadet finished academy, has been sworn in. SCCRPD now has 3 full-time officers and has hired 1 part-time officer from Brookville.

**Personnel Committee:**

J. B., motion to hire Personnel recommended Borough Maintenance applicant full-time at \$15.00/ hour to start as soon as possible with a .75 cents raise at 60 days. Karina seconded, and motion carried with unanimous vote in favor. Karina to contact new hire and refer him to office.

General consensus in favor of stopping paid advertisement for Boro. Maint. in Leader Vindicator, Explore Clarion until all new current applicants are reviewed.

**Building Committee:** None

**Streets Committee:** None

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## Unfinished Business

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Karina motion, J. B. second, carried to instruct solicitor to proceed with title search for 322 Chestnut Street.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance was not advertised in time for adoption at this meeting. It is being advertised for adoption at the Jan. 2, 2024 meeting.

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## Correspondence

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PA Water Utility Control System Cyber Incident Advisory email received 2023/12/03 about an incident in Aliquippa.

DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant effluent issues violation letter received, emailed 11/20/2023. Operator, CWM response requested. Awaiting response.

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## New Business

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## Adjournment

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Tues., Jan. 2, 2024 | 7:00 p.m., is the Re-Organizational meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary