



# MINUTES

## Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

*Date | time* Jan. 2, 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./ Rimersburg Borough; Dan Burkett/ SCCPA, R. Boro. Mun. Auth.; Chief Bob Malnofsky/ SCCRPD; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator

### Call to Order

The Jan. 2, 2024 Re-Organizational meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Mayor, Tim Yeany at 7:03 p.m. with all re-elected Council members present being sworn in ceremonially by the Mayor.

The mayor asked for nominations for President of Council. Roger made a motion to nominate Scott Myers for President and Mark for Vice-President of Council. No other nominations were offered for either office. Roger made a motion to elect Scott Myers for President and Mark for Vice-President of Council which was seconded by J. B. and both were elected by unanimous vote in favor.

The Jan. 2, 2024 meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott Myers at 7:07 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark.

Roger made a motion to appoint Rachel Campbell to the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority for a 5-year term that was seconded by Mark, and carried with a unanimous vote.

J. B. made a motion to re-appoint Derek Myers, 3-year term to end 12/31/2026 (or 01/01/2027), to Zoning Hearing Board. His motion received a second from Roger and a unanimous vote in favor.

Mark made a motion to re-appoint Bill Hager, Hager Law Office, as solicitor, seconded by Roger, and carried by unanimous vote.

Scott made a motion for Northwest Savings Bank to be Depository, seconded by J. B., and carried with a unanimous vote.

Mark made a motion to re-appoint Don Hosey as Emergency Operations Coordinator, seconded by J. B. and carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

J. B. made a motion to re-appoint Kyle Schwabenbauer, P. E./ EADS Group as Engineering firm, seconded by Mark and carried with a unanimous vote.

J. B. motioned that Council resolve to use Keystone Collections for Delinquent Per Capita Collections and to email proposed agreement to solicitor for review and approval, Mark second, unanimous vote in favor, Resolution 03-2024 adopted to appoint Keystone Collections as Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector.

Mark made a motion to keep Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month as needed. Looking ahead, the following define holiday exceptions: Mon., 04/01/2024 is Easter Mon., so meet 3rd Mon., 04/15/2024; Mon., 09/02/2024 is Labor Day, so meet 3rd Mon., 09/16/2024; Mon., 12/02/2024 is traditional "First Day of Buck" staff off, so meet Mon., 12/16/2024. His motion received a second from J. B. and a unanimous vote in favor.

### Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the monthly water report.

Wildcat Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project is asking to black top the brush dump area from Rails to Trails parking area, build a run off area, and install no parking signs at brush dump off area. Frank would request curbing at brush dump edge of black top. General consensus in favor of allowing Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project to proceed as proposed with no cost to the borough nor forfeit/ transfer of rights and/ or property and encouraged Frank to request curbing as proposed.

Updated Council on PA Lead Line water and Ridgeview water and sewer line projects. In light of all ongoing projects, Frank has not been able to use 8 vacation days and existing 16 hours of comp. time over limit and requested to be allowed

to use them in 2024 as a one time exception to the Personnel Policy. J. B. made motion to allow carry over of vacation days and existing 16 hours of comp. time over limit as requested as a one time exception, second by Roger, unanimous vote in favor.

Chief Bob Malnofsky reviewed the police report for the previous month and total calls for the year. He also reviewed how the Police Budget is calculated. The formula used is used by other like areas and agreed upon by all members of Regional Board. Formula is no longer based upon 40 hours per week.

J. B. motion, Mark second, and unanimous vote to approve the proposed health insurance agreement between the Borough and the SCCRPD as drafted by the Borough solicitor's office.

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## Approval of Minutes

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The Dec. 04, 2023 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark, second by J. B., and a unanimous vote.

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## Financial

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Financial reports were provided for review. Re-opening of the 2024 Budget by new Council was considered. There was no motion to re-open the budget.

J. B. motion to pay bills, Mark second, unanimous vote in favor paying the bills.

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## Projects

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The Engineer Report is attached to these minutes.

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## Committee Reports

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**Mayor:** None

**Public Safety & Police:** None

**Personnel Committee:** Mark made a motion to hire Marc Brandon as a full-time Borough Maintenance employee at \$16.25/ hour. His motion received a second from Roger and a unanimous vote in favor.

**Mark motioned to change employee pay date to the Friday following completion of the existing pay period; J. B. second; and the pay date was changed with a unanimous vote in favor to begin with the second pay in January 2024. Second pay of Jan. 2024 only, employees will be adjusted into new schedule by paying on original pay date for the first week of the pay period, and again on new date for the second week of the pay period. Time sheets will be submitted to Borough Secretary Office each Monday immediately following pay period and paid Friday of that same week.**

**Building Committee:** Community Bldg. Roof leak status per 11/06/2023 minutes - "Roger reported that two firemen expressed concern over the roof leaking "just as always" in one corner since the repair. The report was contradicted from other council sources. Mayor Yeany will inquire to be sure there are not problems." Mayor Yeany will inquire to find out there are still problems.

**Streets Committee:** None

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## Unfinished Business

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Discussion of generator for Community Building ensued. Proposed to include updated wiring and include firemen area. Unknown if there are separate panels or sub-panels for each firemen and Community Bldg. areas. Frank to look into and follow up.

With regard to the Authority planned Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), proposed by Council that Borough Maintenance as operators get to review the design and process before execution to avoid issues encountered previously. General consensus in favor. Request for expected operational costs associated with proposed plant upgrades from Council as well.

Discussion of Mechanical Devices, Games of Skill Tax died for lack of a motion.

Consider Recreational Vehicle Ordinance 03-2023 for adoption was tabled until next mtg. for further review with police.

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## Correspondence

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**Scott motion, second Mark carried unanimous vote in favor to adopt Resolution 01-2024 General Fee Resolution.**

**Roger motion to adopt Resolution 02-2024 to dispose of 1 box of water meter readings which are older than the required retention dates established by the PA Municipal Records Manual adopted by Rimersburg Borough Council Resolution 2-2016, J. B. second, unanimous vote in favor.**

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## New Business

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The Library requested use of the dumpster at the Community Building for a specific disposal of books event. General consensus in favor.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator CWM Environmental/ Metiri Group agreement and hiring policy discussed. Other proposals expected for comparison. Council requests current month to month agreement for review.

Scott motioned to enter into Executive Session with Police Chief to discuss personnel and legal issues, second J. B., unanimous vote in favor.

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## Adjournment

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Monday, Feb. 5, 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 9:00 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida  
Borough Secretary