



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time June 03, 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: Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Dan Burkett/ RBMA; Kyle Schwabenbauer/ EADS Group

Call to Order

The June 03, 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 water reports, continued high level of water loss. Discussion ensued with Kyle/ Engineer to explore ways to detect leaks on plastic pipe, etc.

J. B. motion, Mark second, carried approved requested purchase of muck boots for 3 existing Borough Maintenance employees. (Previously hired fourth had not yet met 60 days probation, also resigned last day 05/15/2024.)

Frank and Kyle gave status of projects. Terraworks looking at Community Bldg. and Chestnut St. punch list items.

No police representative was available. Council reviewed the 05/2024 Police Report. Issues on agenda had been addressed by police.

Approval of Minutes

The 05/06/2024 meeting minutes were read and approved by motion from Mark, second by Roger, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Council reviewed investment information from emails regarding CDs that had matured 05/29/2024. General consensus in favor of re-investing original amounts each maturity date and deposit interest per budget into appropriate General, Sewer, and Water checking accounts as done previously.

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

Projects

The Engineer Report is provided with these minutes.

Extra paving widening approved previously by Council came to \$9,000. J. B motion, Roger second, approved by unanimous vote to use Highway Aid funds pending Marc/ PennDOT rep. approval if not approved as part of PA Lead Line Project PENNVEST funds.

Kyle/ EADS proposed re-applying for Multi-Modal grant same Chestnut St. Safety and Mobility Project with street widening, sidewalk, and storm water upgrades. Estimated \$1500 engineering to re-apply. Roger motion, J. B. second, carried unanimous vote to proceed with re-application. Kyle to have all paperwork ready for signature at 07/01/2024 meeting,

Committee Reports

Mayor: None

Public Safety & Police: None

Personnel Committee: Personnel recommended hiring Jordan Colwell for the full time Borough Maintenance Position. Roger motion, J. B. second, carried to hire recommended employee.

Building Committee: Community Bldg. leaks – followed up with contractor used by local church. Roger stated that the bid came in very high for the church. Church did not pursue and he does not believe it would be possible for the Borough. Other options proposed including putting metal over problem area. Mark and Tim proposed a contractor who is doing another similar job. Tim to speak with him. J. B. also proposed another contractor who stamped his concrete.

Streets Committee: Council reviewed map for Recreational Veh. Ord. 03-2023 and discussed placement and number of DCNR signs to mark streets for joint use (recreational vehicles along with regular vehicle traffic). General consensus in favor of resulting map with street designations. Borough Office to submit map to DCNR for next steps.

Sidewalk conditions in various locations throughout the Borough discussed. Streets Committee to walk around and make a list of those requiring repair.

Unfinished Business

WWTP Operator Agreement w/ EADS Group revised per Sol. Hager notes presented. Mark motion, Roger second, carried approval of revised agreement pending insurance company approval of proposed EADS Group insurance limits.

322 Chestnut St emails 2024-01-15: blighted properties – awaiting further response from Penny/ Redevelopment Authority.

Lead Line Inventory Survey – 220 responses received of over 900 properties including inactive services. Deadline to submit results October 2024.

Correspondence

“Grimefighters” Clarion Vocational Services renewal received 06/03/2024 reflecting no price change. Roger motion, J. B. second to add to agenda and discuss. Mark motion, Roger second to renew services agreement carried with unanimous vote.

New Business

J. B. proposed that billing may be antiquated, asked if there are autopay options, eBilling, expressed disappointment that website pay involves a fee. Office shared following known information with Council: Autopay is available from software provider and from bank at a cost either to the Borough or to the customers. These options were researched some years ago, not approved due to cost. Payment on web portal was approved with cost to be passed on to customers that use it rather than reflecting in rates paid by all including those who do not use it.

A message encouraging eBilling is one of several rotating messages on monthly postcard bills; approx. 110 customers participate in eBilling of approx. 800 payers or 13.8%.; numbers of customers that choose to participate may be of some significance in cost and decision. Borough Office will gather current information to share with Council. Information gathered at the time of typing these minutes: of 860 customers, approx. 75-85 payments are received using the web portal each month or 8.8-10% of customers.

Shared service customers billing proposal was requested to be added to Council agenda for consideration from RBMA mtg. 2024/05/01. No draft received to date for review. Matter referred to Authority.

Single Account Averment, Owner- Occupied Agreement request for 2 residential properties - 319 Main St. and 308 Acme St. property owners wish to have duplexes accepted as single units and use as their own primary residence. J. B. motion, Mark second, carried unanimous vote to allow the proposed 2 properties to considered 1 unit each if owners sign Single Account Averment – Owner Occupied Agreement as has been policy for commercial properties.

DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation email 2024/05/30, docs. for signature. Roger motion, Mark second, carried to grant consent of entry.

Scott motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter, Roger second, carried. Roger motion exit, J. B. second, carried unanimously. Roger motion, J. B. second, carried with unanimous vote to file charges and make it policy to file charges from second time theft of service is committed forward if not sooner.

Adjournment

Monday, July 01, 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 8:40 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary