



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date / time June 05, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called by Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Jonathan Best | Roger Crick | Pamela Curry | Mark Deeter | Karina Libecco | Joshua Meeker | K. Scott Myers | Tim Yeany, Mayor

Also Present: Frank McNaughton/Boro. Maint. Supervisor; Sgt. Selnekovic, SCCRPD, Josh Walzak/ Leader-Vindicator; Dana Solida/ Boro. Secretary; Jane DiGiammarino/Asst. Boro. Secretary

Call to Order

The June 5, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President Scott Myers at 7:04 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark Deeter.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank McNaughton gave the water report. A lack of phone service caused increased trips to East Brady pump house for manual water readings.

The Bermad water control valve unit has seized, is leaking. This valve controls the entire water system. A new (\$5020) or rebuilt control valve is necessary. Installation can be done by borough maintenance staff; however, a start up fee will be incurred. This is the first time to replace the valve since plant opened in 1985. Motion: J. Best; Second P. Curry; motion carried buy new or rebuilt as Frank is able to find.

The borough is stocked well with road salt for next winter.

Police report documents were reviewed by Officer Selnekovic. P. Curry expressed concern for properties in violation of ordinances including unlawful garbage disposal on Main Street and unsafe stacking of logs and high grass on Chestnut Street.

Approval of Minutes

The May 01, 2023, minutes were read and approved by a motion: M. Deeter; second, J. Best; motion carried.

Financial

Financial reports for May were reviewed. Due to mail fraud incident on 05/10/23, four main borough bank accounts were closed and new accounts were created. M. Deeter was asked to sign checks on Tues., June 6, at 3:30 p.m. in Scott's absence. A motion to pay all bills was made by S. Myers; second, M. Deeter; carried.

Projects

Engineer report attached. No new discussion took place.

Committee Reports

Mayor: Mayor would like citations for unlawful motorcycles, dirt bikes, side-by-sides, etc. on borough streets. Sgt. Selnekovic will share mayor's concerns with the chief. If an ordinance was in place, citations would be easier to enforce. Mayor will seek advice from both the chief of police and the magistrate. Council President Myers asked the mayor to please report back to council. J. Best noted Sligo and other municipalities have adopted or are currently considering an ordinance on this matter written by Attorney Seidle from New Bethlehem (before she became a judge). Borough Secretary was directed to get a copy of the Seidle ordinance for council review.

Mayor asked McNaughton about the current no parking on Broad Street near the medical center. McNaughton shared the following background: Parking ordinance was put in place when the medical center parking lot was added. Two handicap spaces were originally in front of the medical center, but one was removed at Clarion Hospital's request. McNaughton could see no reason why parking could not be added to Broad Street as long as on one side only. Mayor asked if the street committee could look into it. General consensus in favor of assessing.

Mayor Yeany also inquired about Rimersburg's use of the fire whistle. He and other community members believe the curfew whistle is obsolete and pagers make fire and ambulance siren alerts unnecessary. Mayor Yeany noted that

many communities have eliminated sirens, with the exception of alerts for severe weather and community crisis. Council President Myers asked that the topic be placed on the agenda for next month. Mayor will research the Emergency Services protocol and guidelines for siren use in the borough, and see if there are state mandates.

Public Safety & Police: J. Best made a motion to add the following item to the agenda for discussion due to its time sensitive nature; M. Deeter seconded; motion carried.

A road closure request was granted to SCCP Assoc. for Rimersburg Community Days on Sat., 08/12/2023, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sun., 08/13/2023 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion: P. Curry; seconded J. Best; carried unanimously. Mayor shared the lineup of events for community days.

Personnel Committee: #7640 Water and Wastewater Workplace Safety - Confined Space, Trenching and Bloodborne Pathogens training was proposed for all maintenance employees on Aug. 11, 2023 by a Council member. Boro. Sec. noted that Sup. McNaughton stated previously he has had the current training. Motion: P. Curry; second M. Deeter; motion carried send other two Borough Maintenance staff.

President Myers moved R. Crick to the Street Committee and K. Libecco to Personnel Committee, as Libecco has professional experience with managing personnel.

Building Committee: Curtains in Community Building were installed by primary elections in May. Elections crews expressed appreciation, made a positive difference at bright sunlight times of day.

Microwave in community building no longer works. Mayor offered to donate a microwave to replace it.

Mayor Yeany also noted that the new roof repair at the community building was tested with recent rain and passed. No leaks are apparent.

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Roof installation to Borough Bldg. began today. Tin to be here tomorrow.

Council asked Frank to get pricing for generator, maybe Generac, gas for community bldg. Mayor recommended Blöse Construction, they recommended 24,000 btu for his job, his price around \$10,000. Community Building intent to power all lights, heat, possible emergency equipment, health equipment such as residents' oxygen during outages, in case of public emergencies.

Correspondence

JB to share slideshow file with Council and Boro. Office via email from Tues., 05/23/2023 Clarion County Emergency Svcs. Financial Stability Mtg. for Boroughs.

New Business

Council considered moving the Mon., July 3, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting to Mon., July 17, 2023, due to the 4th of July holiday falling on a Tues. this year. Motion: M. Deeter; second P. Curry; carried.

Summer School to Work Program will begin June 12, 2023, and last through Aug. 4, 2023. Four students are expected this year. Three maintenance and one clerical is proposed. General consensus approved participating in the program again this year.

Change to the borough building surveillance camera system was discussed due to recent theft from borough mailbox. One suggestion was to eliminate the mailbox and rent a post office box. Other suggestions to put mail in box closer to pickup time requesting no weekend delivery; and request hold all mail for pick up. General consensus to put on agenda for next month to discuss.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by general consensus.

Monday, July 17, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. is the next scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane DiGiammarino
Asst. Borough Secretary/ Recording Secretary