



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date / time Mar. 6, 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, Maint. Sup./ Rimersburg Boro.; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Officer Jonathan Smith/ SCCRPD; Daniel Burkett/ SCCRP Assoc., R. Boro. Mun. Auth.

Call to Order

The Mar. 6, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott at 7:01 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark.

Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed the previous month's water report and informed Council of an upcoming routine DEP inspection of the water system.

The street sweeper was run earlier in the day. Main Street was the worst resulting in several loads of debris. The salt has shown positive results of less debris to remove.

Officer Smith reviewed the police report and announced he is leaving the department for another opportunity nearer his hometown. Dan stated that one of the part-time officers previously interested will hopefully be on duty soon to help Chief. Another part-time officer is in the works. Cadet should begin in July. Had 20 applicants. If any are already qualified, could hire to work as soon as possible. Also can do another cadet in second session. The Board is exploring using a Constable in Hawthorne for ordinance enforcement and will keep other municipalities informed how it goes. They are also exploring a grant to cover Chief and one officer salaries for 1-1 ½ years. To better retain officers and be able to add as many as are needed, the Board will likely ask for a 5% increase for the 2024 budget.

Jeff Kriebel requested to speak w/ Council in Executive Session. Josh made a motion, seconded by Roger, and approved by unanimous vote, to enter Executive Session. After discussion, Josh made a motion to end Executive Session, seconded by Roger, and approved by unanimous vote. Someone went outside to retrieve those who were dismissed. Jeff Kriebel resigned effective 02/16/2023 as a result of a Worker's Compensation suit during the which Rimersburg Borough did not have decision over Jeff's employment. Jeff and Rimersburg Borough parted ways on good terms and Jeff was thanked for his over twenty years of service.

Approval of Minutes

The Feb. 06, 2023 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Mark, second by J. B., and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Roger made a motion to the bills as presented and all regular bills. Josh seconded his motion and it carried with a unanimous vote.

Projects

The Engineer Report is attached to these minutes. Kyle/ EADS was not present since the Borough is waiting upon Clarion County to complete the process of transferring surplus funds.

Committee Reports

Mayor: None

Public Safety & Police: None

Personnel Committee: Frank has requested a fourth full time Borough Maintenance employee be hired. Council discussed options of including WWTP Operator certification as a requirement, Borough Maintenance being tasked with

completion of smaller water and sewer projects instead of bidding out, and ways that the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority could assist. General consensus was reached to discuss options, ideas, and develop a plan with Frank to bring back to Council.

Building Committee: Pam was not present to speak about window coverings due to illness.

General consensus was reached in favor of Mark and Tim asking an Amish worker named Toby to look at the Community Bldg. Roof repair.

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Rental Inspector, Jonathan Belloit has spoken with Mark. He was not physically able to conduct inspections for a time, but has recuperated. He has begun conducting inspections without the application he is developing since it is not yet ready.

Correspondence

An email was received from Borough Solicitor Hager that he is available to represent the Borough with the Liability suit on the items not covered by Selective Insurance. Roger made a motion to retain Atty. Hager's services which received a second from Josh and a unanimous vote in favor.

Regarding the previously tabled PA Worker and Community Right to Know Act training on 4/10/2023 in Butler dealing with hazardous substances in the community and the work place [5 combined email responses received in favor from RBMA and Council of sending representative(s)], Mark made a motion, seconded by J. B. and approved by unanimous vote to send the Borough Secretary.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Monday, April 03, 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 8:06 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary