



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time Nov. 04, 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, K. Scott Myers, Anita Otero, Tim Yeany/ Mayor

Also Present: Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Officer Brown, SCCP; Michael Burt

Call to Order

The Nov. 04, 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 Roger.

Persons to Be Heard

Water Report, Borough Maint.: Since Frank McNaughton was not present, council considered possible issues to discuss when he returns to work. The only topic presented was progress on a solution to a meter pit fitting that seems prone to fail.

Fall Clean up Days are set for 11/11/2024 & 11/18/24. Citizens are encouraged to place bags of leaves curbside the night before for pick up by Borough Maintenance.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Operation: A positive report was given on WWTP progress from engineers.

Present: Michael Burt, an applicant for Borough Rental Inspector, introduced himself to Council and asked for a more specific job description. Council shared the common practices of the rental inspector and answered his questions.

Approval of Minutes

The 10/07/2024 council meeting minutes were approved by a motion from Karina, second by Roger, and unanimous vote.

Financial

Karina made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Roger and approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Projects

An Engineer Report is provided with these minutes. No further discussion on borough projects.

Committee Reports

Mayor: None

Public Safety & Police:

- Officer Brown presented a summary of police interactions in the borough for October. Scott asked if any complaints had been received or acted upon concerning the ATV ordinance. Officer Brown shared that one ATV owner had been sited 8 times, with seizure of ATV. Unpaid fines will result in a warrant for arrest.

- **34 Monterey, 91 Mill St.:** Council directed office staff to proceed with police contact per ordinance for two properties inhabited, but without water service. Emails sent from 09/24/2024 through 10/30/2024 provided for Council review. Seeking meeting update from police.

Personnel Committee: Scott shared that Maintenance Supervisor Frank McNaughton is planning to retire in Spring 2025 after more than 40 years of service to the borough. Frank is willing to help with transition to new supervisor. Karina, Chair of Personnel Committee, will reach out to RBMA Chair to discuss the job description/duties of Borough Maintenance Supervisor in preparation. Karina wants to start the job search quickly to provide as much time as possible to train, license, and mentor the new hire before Frank's retirement.

The borough lost a maintenance worker recently before probation end. The job is posted on Indeed.

Council took no action appointing a rental inspector as not all applicants have been reviewed. Personnel committee inquired whether the appointment of the inspector was under its jurisdiction; Scott and Roger both felt it was not since it is an appointed position.

Per Council request, full-time Borough employees reached unanimous consensus to keep Buck Monday, (Monday after Thanksgiving) as a paid holiday rather than exchange. **The traditional Buck Monday holiday will remain in effect for all borough employees.**

Council's traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for employees (\$50 each per holiday) was approved with a motion from Pam and a second from Karina; passed unanimously.

Building Committee: Roger reports no work has started on the community building as of today.

Streets Committee: Streets projects for application to County Liquid Fuels must be submitted by 11/08/2024 per announcement dated 10/20/2024, previous 2 meeting agendas. No action taken.

Unfinished Business

322 Chestnut: Borough Council discussed the possibility of condemning blighted property 322 Chestnut Street since it did not sell at county tax sale. Roger suggested reaching out to our local state representatives to facilitate the process of condemning a property. State Rep. Office, local PA Dept. of Health, local PA DEP offices, local fire Chief were all contacted and all stated they were unable to help. Borough Solicitor Hager's office and Council were emailed with one proposal 10/10/2024 and 10/25/2024. Awaiting response(s).

88 School St. Playground: Council members met with Matt George of Diamond Garden Apartments concerning the playground. George said a lease agreement with the borough, much like the one Diamond Garden Apts. has with the Little League, would be acceptable to them. He did offer to pay electric bill for playground lighting. Council discussed how to move forward and what funds might be available to support the borough taking over the maintenance of the playground. Areas of needed repairs were mentioned. Karina motioned to pursue a lease agreement with Diamond Garden Apartments; Anita seconded the motion; passed unanimously. Council directed office staff to secure a copy of the lease agreement with Little League by contacting Bill Coradi of the Little League. Previewing the parameters of agreement may help solicitor and council to move forward with a reasonable agreement.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Scott motion, second Karina to advertise the 2025 Budget for adoption at the 12/16/2024 Borough Council meeting carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

The next budget work session is set for Thursday, 11/14/2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Adjournment

Due to staff holiday, Mon., Dec. 16, 2024 | 7:00 p.m., is the next meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane DiGiammarino
Assistant Borough Secretary