



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date | time Nov. 06, 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: Dan Burkett/ RBMA, SCCPA; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator

Call to Order

The Nov. 06, 2023 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

The water report from the previous month was provided to Council for review. Frank reported that a leak believed to be located under the Earley Property on Chestnut will be investigated tomorrow by experts.

Clean-up Days are scheduled for November 13 and 20 with borough crews picking up bagged leaves and brush that are placed curbside.

The Police Report was provided for Council review.

Council formalized the inclusion of SCCR Police Department employee participation in the borough's health insurance plan. There will be no cost to the borough.

Dan spoke briefly on SCCR Police Department matters. SCCRPD held a banquet recently where a new officer was sworn in. Advertising for an additional officer with necessary training (not sending to academy) is underway.

He also spoke briefly on the authority's grant of almost 8.9 million dollars, noting the assistance of Rep. Donna Oberlander and Senator Scott Hutchinson.

Approval of Minutes

The Oct. 02, 2023 Meeting minutes were read and approved by a motion, second, and a unanimous vote.

Financial

A motion to pay bills as presented was seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote in favor.

J. B. motioned to increase holiday gift cards for employees from \$25 per employee per holiday to \$50, one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. Seconded by Scott, motion was approved by unanimous vote.

McGill, Power, Bell were approved by motion, second, and unanimous vote as auditor for 2023 fiscal year and as needed for 2024.

Mechanical amusement device tax on PA coin-operated games of skill and/or chance was a recent discussion on PSAB website. Council requested secretary to research Clarion and New Bethlehem Borough's ordinances on such a tax for further consideration.

SLFRF 2023 Interim Final Rule email from 09/23/2023 (aka COVID funds) was brought to the attention of Council. The borough General Fund has approximately \$46,000 remaining to be allocated and spent. A suggestion to purchase the community building generator was discussed. Frank is tasked with the research of costs, specifications, etc. for presentation to Council.

Liquid Fuels funds at the county level are available according to a recent email, but the deadline for application is this Friday, Nov. 10. Crick felt that our chances of getting any funds to be slim and due to the short notice, the council declined to pursue the funding.

Projects

The Engineer Report is provided with these minutes.

Community Bldg. Project

Kyle, the EADS engineer, will be managing the final modifications necessary to the Community Bldg project.

Committee Reports

Mayor: None

Public Safety & Police: None

Personnel Committee: Health insurance agent informed staff that health insurance agreement with Borough specifies a sixty day probation period for new employees to avoid being over ACA ninety day limit on probation periods for active health insurance benefits. Insurance is only activated on the first business day of any month, no other time. Motion, second, carried by unanimous vote in favor to change probation period for new employees from ninety days to sixty days.

2023/10/07 Personnel emergency approval, to be presented to Council mtg. 11/06/2023, upon an employee showing positive for COVID-19 (tested both at home and at Urgent Care) up to 5 consecutive days paid leave per current isolation protocol, employee not required to use personal/ sick or vacation time. 3 days used in this case due to start on Tues. and already scheduled Fri. off for weekend rotation. Discussion of current trends and CDC treatment of virus in comparison to others.

Motion to approve current leave as proposed; as of 12/31/2023 to end required isolation for COVID-19 and treat same as all other common viruses, seconded, all present voted in favor, motion approved.

Building Committee: 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. Roger also reported that the basement has never been in better condition. Two dehumidifiers are mitigating excess moisture, and recent improvements to the building have been overall successful.

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Recreational Vehicles Ordinance: Council approved advertisement of an ordinance addressing the use of recreational vehicles in the borough. Adoption of ordinance is expected at the December council meeting.

Nuisance Ordinance 02-2012: The ordinance was reviewed and discussed. In particular, a clear definition of “nuisance” was the issue. After reviewing the ordinance, a discussion of how to implement and enforce the ordinance included council members posting notices on front doors of violators and sending certified mail. Crick suggested advice from borough solicitor and the local police. Discussion ended with no motion to change the length of time homeowners have to correct ordinance violation.

A title search for 322 Chestnut Street was not discussed as information from the solicitor was not yet available.

Right-of-Way Correction: Pending approval from council solicitor, a corrective easement to the right-of-way between the borough building and Fowler property was approved. This right-of-way provides access to Crick’s Storage. A recent borough-wide survey showed an error in the original document. No legal costs will be incurred by the borough. Crick Storage will assume the costs.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Junior Council Person Program – Secretarial staff has emailed the high school guidance counselor, Youth Council advisor, and Student Council advisor to encourage a student applicant. A response has not yet been received.

Council approved with motions and unanimous vote to advertise the 2024 Budget adoption at 12/04/2023 meeting.

Adjournment

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. is a budget work session for council members.

Monday, Dec. 04, 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 8:25 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane DiGiammarino
Asst. Borough Secretary

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