



MINUTES

Rimersburg Borough Council Meeting

Date / time Oct. 02, 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 (virtual), Joshua Meeker, K. Scott Myers, Tim Yeany/ Mayor

Also Present: Kyle Schwabenbauer/ EADS Group; Dan Burkett/ RBMA, SCCPA; Josh Walzak/ Leader Vindicator; Jeff Kriebel/ Borough resident

Call to Order

The Oct. 02, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Scott at 7:02 p.m. with all present standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Mark.

Persons to Be Heard

The water report from the previous month was provided to Council for review. Frank was on vacation and was not present.

The Police Report was provided for Council review.

Dan spoke briefly on SCCR Police Department matters. SCCRPD projects 7% increase to police budget from \$68,700 to \$73,500 to improve salaries to retain officers in addition to other expenses. Kittanning, one of the lowest neighboring departments, is at \$21-\$22/ hr. SCCRPD goal to get to \$20/ hr. Are at \$18/ hr. now, trying to get to \$19/ hr. Budget will be sent for Council review. Considering constable options.

He also spoke briefly on Authority projects. Agreements were signed with PENNVEST for \$1.1 million PA Lead Line Project to begin after Thanksgiving and completed spring 2024.

Jeff Kriebel was present to discuss an ordinance violation. Had a sewer issue which resulted in sewer line replacement. Contractor did the work at no cost on the weekend. Jeff took pictures and submitted, but did not have inspected because was on the weekend. All work is above ground coming out of the wall. Plans to attend the Authority meeting on Wed., 10/04/2023. Received a letter from the Authority to expose lines for inspection within thirty days. Jeff questions why photos are inadequate. Jeff presented his view. Issue is under the Authority. Referred to the Authority meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Sept. 18, 2023 Meeting minutes were read and approved by a motion from Josh, second by J. B., and a unanimous vote.

Financial

Pam made a motion to pay bills as presented, seconded by Mark, and approved by a unanimous vote in favor.

Projects

The Engineer Report is provided with these minutes.

Community Bldg. Project

Mark motion to approve final pay request no. \$26,193.80, second Roger, carried to approve. There is a one year warranty on that work, so can have contractor return to fix any issues. Frank to look into seepage. J. B. mentioned the coal chute area and Roger mentioned weak points in wall at SE and SW corners. No cracking noticed in wall, may need tar and chip, additional coating. Basement wet vs. dry condition is much improved.

J. B. motion, Josh second, carried to approve EADS Group to complete “substantial completion” of the Community Bldg. Project per EADS Group request.

Committee Reports

Mayor: None

Public Safety & Police: Comment offered that a young police officer was able to bring peace to an uneasy situation. Resident appreciated how the officer handled the situation de-escalating involved parties.

Personnel Committee: Scott requested that Personnel meet for discussion. Will pick a date and time and send out to members.

Building Committee: None

Streets Committee: None

Unfinished Business

Community Bldg. Generator

Tim asked if Blose/ Generac would have information to offer regarding available grants. Blose was the person who provided recommended specifications and estimate. General consensus in favor of Tim asking him.

Recreational Vehicles Ord.

Keli Michel from Hager's office was working on a draft per 09/21/2023 email.

Nuisance Ordinance 02-2012: length of notice - tabled last meeting for this mtg.

Waiting for Solicitor response on notice requirements.

Continued consideration of camera options

Mayor contacted Mr. Beamer for recommendations. Mr. Beamer sent his recommendations to the Mayor for 8 channel, 6 cameras, and installation totaling \$2491.30. For \$275 more, can be expandable to 16 channels. There is a cloud storage if desired. Can purchase a lock box for on-site system that can be hidden. General consensus in favor of lock box. Can be accessed from web by whoever Council designates. Would be 1 to 1 1/2 week lead time. Mark motion, Josh second, to purchase proposed camera system at 8 channels with lock box using ARPA funds.

Authority Appointee

Council requested to ask solicitor whether Mayor can serve on Authority.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Consider Resolution 06-2023 to accept Clarion County Tourism Promotion Agency designation (email 2023/09/22).

J. B. motion, Pam second, carried adopted Resolution 06-2023 to accept Clarion County Tourism Promotion Agency designation unanimously.

Junior Council Person Program - General consensus in favor of contacting Union H. S. to see if there are any interested students.

Adjournment

Monday, Nov. 6, 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 8:14 p.m. by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida

Borough Secretary