

minutes

Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority Meeting

Date | time Jan. 07, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Authority members: Patty Alworth, Dan Burkett, Gary Fowler, Mike Graham, Will Gruver, ~~Vacancy 1~~ | ~~Vacancy 2~~

Also Present: Kyle Schwabenbauer, P.E./ EADS Group; Roger Crick/ Rimersburg Borough Council; Tim Yeany, Mayor/ Rimersburg Borough Council

Call to Order

The Jan. 07, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority was called to order by Vice-Chair Dan Burkett, at 6:34 p.m.

Persons to Be Heard

Service Access Issues 50 Monterey

Motion, second, carried with unanimous vote to require water upgrade to 2 meter pits providing 24/7 access to svcs. 50 Monterey with sixty (60) day deadline after recent denial of entry compounding existing continued access difficulty, and shutoff violations.

Action items:

1. Borough Office send upgrade letter

Schmucker/ Long Lane W. Svc. Request Status

No response, unlikely to pursue main extension.

Action items:

1. N/A

Leaks demand, conserve water status

After the first alert was sent 12/31/2025, the following quoted and closely paraphrased information from a very helpful email 2026/01/07 from one of our Council members was offered as update:

“We experienced since 12/31/2025 the near failure of our ability to provide water service to our customers caused by increase in lost water (both metered and unmetered). Steps have been taken to control the worst metered situation by reducing our service to Medardo Estates to two 4 hour windows per day. They have seen their monthly usage increase over the year, particularly since July, from 60,000-80,000 gallons per month to well over 300,000. We have:

- A. fixed two service line leaks that contributed to the lost water problem;
- B. identified a leak in the 6" main that was obsoleted by our recent 12" line project. Old line valves failure to operate properly have frustrated attempts to cap this line off;
- C. filled the storage tank today for the first time in several days;
- D. had excellent cooperation from John Rentler; Sam George, Eric Ciccirelli, Kyle Schwabenbauer, and our Boro employees.”

Further update emails were sent 01/05/2026-01/07/2026 including the Little League concession stand turned off at the pit after a leak of 110,000 gallons, and Mill St. unmetered leak found and repaired. Borough Maintenance

continues to look for and repair unmetered leaks, talk with customers who have unrepaired metered leaks, and work on repairing the old Main St./ Monterey line valve issue.

Action items:

1. Kyle/ EADS to provide as built maps Baker St. water line installed in 2005

Approval of Minutes

The 12/03/2025 minutes were approved by a motion, second, and unanimous vote.

Financial

All Authority, Borough bank account balances, and Toby debt service loan balances were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote to pay the bills as presented.

Action items:

1. N/A
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Projects

EADS Group Engineer Report attached to these minutes.

Monterey Road Waterline Project:

Motion, second, carried to pay engineering invoice for project as engineering is not paid for by CDBG funds, is considered Authority's match.

Action items:

1. N/A

WWTP Upgrade Project

Construction Fund (ME #71473) – \$10,464,743.00 Project Cost to Date – \$1,522,801.82 (15% of budget)

Engineering Fund (ME #77118) – \$710,000.00 Project Cost to Date – \$602,643.46 (85% of budget)

Current Invoices:

A. Hickes Associates Pay App #6 – \$162,538.55

1. Wagner Electric Pay App #6 – \$60,580.80

2. EADS Invoice #250461 – \$18,625.38

3. Interest During Construction – \$162.97

B. Motion, second, carried unanimously to submit PENNVEST Payment Request 6 = \$241,907.70

WWTP and Water Operations smooth with some water sampling violations. Beau/ EADS offered a calendar of the sampling schedule with DEP's requirements for the entire 2026 year for Borough Maintenance to use.

EADS pump 2 at East Brady not operating at the same level as other. Kyle questions when impellers were changed last. Some significant repair was performed in the last year or so. Uncertain whether both pumps helping to fill tank, one clearly not as efficient, using more time and power to achieve same result. Should pumps be tested? Motion, second, carried to direct EADS to collect maint. history of pumps at East Brady water pump station, make recommendations for repair and/ or replacement.

Action items:

1. Kyle to submit Pay Request 6 to PENNVEST
2. Borough Office to mail signed checks once all Pay Request 6 disbursements are received from PENNVEST
3. PA DEP schedule calendar with contacts sent by Beau/EADS. Borough Office to print for Boro. Maint. to post where Maint. employees can see/ use.

4. EADS to collect maint. history of pumps at East Brady water pump station, make recommendations for repair and/ or replacement.

Unfinished Business

Proposed General Fee Resolution:

Motion, second, adopted to add revised General Fee Resolution 01-2026 for consideration.

Motion, second, adopted revised General Fee Resolution 01-2026 reflecting Rimersburg Borough Council change in Rental Inspection fee. Includes water and sewer rates as set by the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority at its 12/03/2025 meeting.

Action items:

- 1. Authority members signed resolution as approved.**

Correspondence

Emailed monthly invitation to this evening's mtg. to Madison & Toby Twps.; Toby monthly loan update email, no response.

Action items:

- 1. N/A**

New Business

Further discussion of recent crisis, water upgrades can eliminate unmetered service lines, narrowing unmetered leak searches. Solutions presented to protect our resources include:

1. ongoing leaks of specified volume level, notify in writing thirty (30) days to respond with remedy, but if still exists after deadline, shut off and require upgrade if not already;
2. requiring entire system to upgrade in phases; proposed letter to inform community RBMA reviewing svc. upgrade phases. Several methods of deciding priorities for setting phases proposed.

No action yet, to be discussed further next meeting.

Action items:

- 1. Borough Office to determine numbers of locations not yet upgraded; Borough costs associated with purchasing meters, Borough owned parts; also try to break down locations by usage level possibly upgrading by large usage; also number of rental units in system as another possible priority in phases.**
- 2. Keep this item under Unfinished Business for further consideration next meeting.**

Dan to attend next Council mtg. Mon., 02/02/2026.

Adjournment

Wednesday, Feb. 04, 2026 | 6:30 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

Motioned, seconded, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary