

Rockwood Borough Council
February 20, 2018

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman and Dennis Weimer. Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Mayor Melissa Cramer, Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones and Solicitor Ben Carroll. Sarah Sleasman was present via skype.

There was one correction to the January 16, 2018 minutes. Under old business, item F, it should read: The motion was made by Denny Weimer and seconded by Larry Mazer to abandon the temporary month to month memorandum of employment agreement with Carl Jones, dated July 19, 2017 and return to the original agreement dated May 19, 2015 agreement. With that one correction, the motion was made by Larry Mazer to approve the minutes. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Visitor Comments:

Michael Knopsnyder, who lives at 352 Market Street, was present to see what the Borough decided regarding raising quail within the Borough. He needs a letter from the Borough to the Game Commission saying it is OK before the Game Commission will issue him a permit. Once Mr. Knopsnyder fills out the permit and Carl Jones signs off on it, Jill will forward the permit to Solicitor Carroll so he can proceed with writing the letter.

Pamela Tokar-Ickes, who is the Director of the Somerset County Endowment Committee for the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, was present to discuss what services the Foundation can offer to help with the Community Park. The Community Park Committee would like to move the current donations, which are held by the Borough, into an account with the Community Foundation. The Foundation would essentially be the depository for the funds. They would also provide invoice and tax acknowledgement for all of the donors; in addition they would be able to serve as a conduit to their own grant program that they have. The Foundation has two rounds of grant funding (one in the Spring and one in the Fall). The motion was made by Denny Weimer to transfer any funds raised for the benefit of the Veteran's Park to The Community Foundation for the benefit of the park and refer any future donations to the Foundation. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business:

- A.** Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group reviewed his items:
- 1) Kevin had the final DCED Grant information for the long term plan for the water tank. The final estimate on the project is \$551,580. The Borough's portion would be 15% or \$82,737. After much discussion regarding the grant, it was determined that the Municipal Authority actually owns the water system and the Borough operates it. Therefore, the grant has to be filed under the Municipal Authority. Jill will make arrangements with the Municipal Authority to have an emergency meeting on Monday, February 26th at 4:00 pm and have the meeting advertised in the newspaper. Kevin and Solicitor Carroll will also be in attendance at that meeting. Kevin will redo all of the documentation for the grant showing the Municipal Authority filing for the funds.
 - 2) The H2O Flood Mitigation Program grant will be submitted for the conduit repairs through the flood control. Kevin will email the grant application to Jill to forward to Council to review. That grant amount is \$97,800 with a 20% match from the Borough.
 - 3) In regards to the chlorine conversion from gas to liquid. Kevin did hear back from DEP and they are not going to require a pre application meeting. Kevin will have the draft application for Council to take a look at by next month's meeting and will submit it shortly thereafter. Kevin stated that DEP has ninety days to review once submitted.
- B.** Mayor Melissa Cramer reviewed the police report for January.
- 1) Jill still needs an updated copy of Officer Loiodici's inventory list to keep in the office. Mayor Cramer stated that Officer Loiodici has it done and will have him forward it to Jill.
 - 2) Code enforcement will be starting again.
- C.** Carl submitted his maintenance report Council to review.
- 1) Carl and Larry Mazer met with DEP regarding AMFIRE and the culvert issues at Bridge Street. The only recourse the Borough would have now would be against the landowner. The Borough would need an agreement with the landowner to get in and maintain the area.
 - 2) Carl is waiting on the weather to take care of Clapper's water line.
 - 3) The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to purchase a metal detector to find lines at a cost of \$854.95. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- D. Carroll Law had no open issues to discuss.
- E. Denny Weimer still working on the salvage title for the old police cruiser.

New Business:

- A. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to keep the minimum requirement at 50 ton of road salt for the 2018-2019 contract. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried
- B. The motion was made by Sarah Sleasman and seconded by Larry Mazer to allow the Rockwood Ministeriam to have their annual Cross Walk on Friday, March 30th (Good Friday). Motion carried.

Public Comments: Randy Musser was present to provide some insight regarding the MAMCO development and the number of taps available in the development according to his records. He also discussed the land he owned across the road from the development that he recently sold to J.R. Enos aka Moelan LLC and the transfer of taps for that land.

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer/Flood: NONE

Finance: The motion was made by Denny Weimer to pay the bills. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police: NONE

Streets/Alleys/Property: NONE

Building Committee: NONE

Personnel: NONE

Community Development: NONE

Denny Weimer made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Council going into an executive session for personnel reasons, with no further action being taken after. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the February 20, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

I, Jill Shultz, attest that the above public record is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jill Shultz, Secretary

Date