

**Rockwood Borough Council**  
**January 15, 2019**

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Amy Jo Stout, Nancy Sleasman, Larry Mazer and Dennis Weimer. Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones, Mayor Melissa Cramer and Solicitor Ben Carroll. Sarah Sleasman was absent.

The motion was made by Larry Mazer to approve the December 18, 2018 meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried

**Visitor Comments:**

**Old Business:**

**A.** Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group reviewed his items:

- 1) DEP has approved the application for the liquid chlorine switch over. There is one outstanding item that is actually their error and not ours. The municipal notification that had to go to Black Township and also to the County Commissioners was submitted after the application. DEP has to have the application on file before we can send the notifications out. That way if the municipalities have any comments, they can contact the department and the department knows what is going on. Those have been submitted to DEP and once they review those, the application will go into the thirty day public review period. If no comments are received, the permit will be issued.
- 2) Kevin is working with Steve Spochart at the Somerset Redevelopment Authority to come up with some grant alternatives in regards to upgrades to the water tower. Steve does have some ideas and he is going to pull those together and get them to Kevin by February's meeting.
- 3) In regards to the levy conduit replacement, the drilling to determine whether or not there is concrete at the Market Street conduit, we were scheduled to drill this week but Eichelberger's is delayed seven to ten days. Once we can get that drilled and determined if there is indeed concrete in there or not, Kevin will prepare the grant application based upon their findings. The grant deadline is May 31, 2019.
- 4) The NPDES permit has been submitted to DEP.
- 5) Kevin discussed the Street Scape grant. Kevin recommends that the Borough submit for a multi mobile application through DCED for a project within the Borough. Kevin said that it seems like they are focusing their efforts on municipal projects such as sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines. Kevin is going to talk to Steve Spochart to see if he can come to a council meeting to talk about these grant application opportunities and that they are geared towards specifically.
- 6) The flow meters are still in St. Louis. They are waiting on parts from Japan. They should be here by the end of January.
- 7) Kevin spoke to Sam Outten (Joe's son) regarding the Amfire drain issue. Talking with him, they have no objections to some type of land agreement. He would prefer to give the Borough an easement or right of way rather than selling the property outright. From an easement or right of way perspective, they would basically want no responsibility at all and they would expect an airtight waiver of indemnification. Some of the things that they want to see is more detailed information as to what we want to put on the property, where we want to place it, how would we access for maintenance. Kevin thinks that once they see exactly where it is at on their property, they may look at selling the property to us or conveying it to us. Kevin estimates that it would be approximately \$3500 to do a detailed site plan including showing the access road off of the main road. The motion was made by Denny Weimer authorizing Kevin to spend up to \$3500 on a more technical drawing for the Amfire drain project. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Kevin will have the plan done by the February meeting for Council to take a look at.

**B.** Mayor Melissa Cramer did not have a police report for December.

**C.** Carl presented his maintenance report for Council to review.

- 1) The Black Township booster pump probably won't make it to the weekend. The motion was made by Denny Weimer to purchase a new pump at a cost not to exceed \$2600. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**D.** Solicitor Ben Carroll reviewed their items:

- 1) They still have not heard anything back from Milford Township Municipal Authority regarding their infiltration. Ben is going to write a more aggressive letter

**E.** Sarah has completed her NIMS training.

### **New Business:**

- A. The Senior Citizens are disbanding. They made an offer to the Borough to purchase the chair rack along with 35 folding chairs at a cost of \$100. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to purchase the stand and chairs. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. The motion was made by Denny Weimer to advertise for a part time police officer and a full time maintenance worker. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- C. The Borough's contract with Waste Management is set to renew on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have 90 days prior to that to cancel the contract or it will automatically renew. Amy Jo Stout had prices from other collectors. Advanced Disposal's cost is \$182.90 for a one four yard dumpster and \$84.00 for a one 2 yard dumpster. They also have a \$125 one time set up fee. Burgemeier never got back to her. Harbaugh Trucking came in at a price of \$100 for a one four yard dumpster with no contract and no set up fee. He would give us the 2 yard courtesy dumpster at the grove at no charge. If there is an overflow of bags or garbage, it would be \$3.00 extra per bag or \$50.00 for an extra dump. He is willing to do a three year contract if we want it at a cost of \$110 for a four yard dumpster. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to do a letter of termination to Waste Management and to approve replacing them with Harbaugh Trucking at the \$100 cost with no contract. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jill will call, email and send a letter by both regular mail and registered mail to Waste Management.

**Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:12 for personnel reasons. Council resumed regular council meeting at 8:37.**

- D. The motion was made by Denny Weimer to amend the prior motion with regard to advertising the police job to add that it is for a position that is 20 hours with an option to increase at a later date. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to go with the Knepper Agency for our health care coverage with Rockwood Borough paying \$100 per month towards the health care costs for each employee for the year 2019. The additional cost will be covered by employees. This only applies to employees who have passed their probationary period. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- F. There was discussion in regards to contracting out snow plowing if Carl gets into a situation where he needs help due to lack of employees. Water meters will also need to be read. The motion was made by Larry Mazer for the Mayor to assist the maintenance department on an emergency basis when other workers are not available at \$11.25 per hour until the yearly limit of \$2500 compensation is reached for the Mayor under the Borough Code. Larry Mazer made the motion to amend the prior motion to state that this compensation is not salary for the Mayor under the Borough Code, although we are using the same limit under the Borough Code, but is compensation for the specific as described but also the total amount that may be earned by the Mayor in this way will offset any salary that we are giving to the Mayor in the future. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried. The motion was then made by Denny Weimer to contract out snow plowing as needed on an emergency basis with a company at the Maintenance Supervisor's discretion through March 31, 2019. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- G. Larry Mazer discussed the current Comcast contract. Based on our contract with Comcast, there is a clause in there that states that we can go from three percent to five percent on our franchise fee. We would have to give Comcast a sixty day notice requesting that and we would also have to have a Resolution stating that we authorize the adjustment. Carroll Law is going to review the contract to make sure that we can do that and have it for approval for February's meeting.

### **Veteran's Memorial & Community Park:**

- A. Larry Mazer gave an update on the park developments:
  - 1) They received a \$3330 grant from the Community Foundation. The grant was applied for the possible purchase of benches.
  - 2) Fundraisers are being scheduled. So far there are three chicken barbeques on May 25, July 27 and September 14. Last time they did that they made approximately \$1300. A Valentine's Day cash bash will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. That fundraiser is being held by the Legion for the Community Park.
  - 3) Amy Jo Stout and the group is currently working on another grant through the Community Foundation, which will be their second round. They are not sure exactly what they are applying for yet but they are hoping to get \$3000-\$5000.
  - 4) The current balance right now that they have raised to date is approximately \$34,800.
  - 5) They are working with the engineer to start looking to see what they need to do to start Phase 1 of the project. They should have that recommendation by February or March's meeting.

**Public Comments: NONE**

**Committee Reports:**

**Water/Sewer/Flood: NONE**

**Finance:** The motion was made by Denny Weimer to pay the bills. Larry Mazer 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. Larry Mazer seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the January 15, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

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

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Jill Shultz, Secretary

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Date