

MEETING MINUTES ROCKWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUGUST 18, 2020

We started the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer, Amy Jo Stout, Sarah Sleasman, Nancy Sleasman, Attorney Ben Carroll, and Caryoln Romesberg. Carl Jones had called in and was on the phone. Missing were Kevin Yoder and Melissa Cramer. We had guests with us tonight as well, Jason Atchison and Holly Lafever were on the agenda. Larry Mazer was also slated to talk about a Rotary project. Chad Lytle was on the agenda however he did not attend.

Jason Atchison started the meeting off with his issue of being in a floodplain. After speaking at our meeting last month and speaking with Kevin, he was hoping to have resolved this problem. However, it seems like Kevin has not done anything to resolve the issue. He just needs to have this issue resolved so he can refinance his property and not have to pay flood insurance. Council has instructed Caryoln Romesberg to write a letter to Kevin regarding the situation. They are asking him for some sort of resolution for the issue with in 7-10 days of the date of the letter. Next up was Holly Lafever of PennTex Ventures. She had a pitch for Dollar General. She was here speaking on behalf of PennTex, who is the developer for Dollar General. She and her coworker, Ashley Wyman, were at the meeting looking to get an appraisal done on the two alleyways (that the Borough owns) at the former Clapper property/Lape property (their proposed site). They spoke for an extended period time about what Dollar General was and how long it would take to complete the project, when they would like to start. They were there to basically to get the blessing of the council tonight. To start the appraisal of those two alleyways that they would need to be able to complete the project. Nancy Sleasman suggested, and the two women from PennTex agreed, that any money needed for appraisals for any fees should be paid for by the PennTex people since this was such a small piece of property they needed. It should not cost the Borough anything for them to appraise this piece of land. Nothing was decided tonight as a few of the Council people and Attorney Ben Carroll were unaware of any previous meeting that has been conducted. They need to time to examine the facts before making any decisions. They need to weigh the pros and cons of the proposal.

Larry Mazer was up next with a project that the Rockwood Rotary wants to do at the Grove. The Rotary is applying for a grant. The Rotary would match the grant money. It is on a tier basis system so, the most that the Rotary would have to match would be 4500.00. With this money they are hoping to install counter space for crock pots and an industrial type sink. They want to upgrade the outlets to the GFI outlets, and if money allows, update the restrooms. Sam Sanner was there to look at Grove to see what they would need to do to be able to do these updates. The Rotary would be responsible for the project funding and labor being done. Sam Sanner did say that while he was looking around at the grove, he said that the roof on the pavilion needs painted badly. It needs to be taken care of soon. Sarah Sleasman made the motion to allow the Rotary to be able to start their project at the grove contingent on the funding from the grant they were applying for. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Kevin was absent from the meeting so; he did not have a presentation for the Engineer Report. The chlorine permit was mentioned at this time. It was supposed to have been approved the week after the last meeting. No one knew if it was. No one seemed to think it was. Kevin had not relayed any messages to council regarding the status. Everyone feels that it will be on the agenda till all eternity at this point.

Melissa Cramer was absent, so the police update came from Sarah Sleasman. Sarah told us at the meeting that her and Melissa Cramer spoke with officer Barry Barron. Barry Barron committed to giving us two evenings a week, and Saturday mornings. She said the Saturday mornings would be great because people are home throughout town and if he had any ordinances or citations, he would be able to deliver it to them. Carl was next on the agenda with the maintenance report. Carl was on the phone. He stated there was not a whole lot listed this month. They have been working mostly on the flood control project because of the inspection that they are up against at the end of the week. The Mamco permanent meter was to be installed in August however, it will have to wait until Chris completes the base for it then it can be installed. Carl stated they need to get it done soon because he is running out of good weather. He would like to have it done sooner rather than later.

Attorney Ben Carroll was up next. The Veterans Memorial and Community park. He had a list of questions that needed to be answered so he can write up the proposal for the sale of the land. Attorney Carroll suggested we go with \$6000 for the property, to make it an even amount. It would include all the closing costs and fees. It will be easier to divide out the \$6000 to be paid back. It would be \$1000 a year for six years. He is going to put a reverter clause in the proposal saying that if the Legion or the community park committee did not take care of the park or if the Legion was disbanded and no longer operated as an entity that it could revert back to the Rockwood Borough. Larry and Nancy stated that the money should not be left in the general fund but go into a separate account. Maintenance would be done on the park from a perpetual fund set up with the remaining money from fund raisers. There would be little grass mowing or care to be done based on the original design. The maintenance will be done by the borough. There were also dates tossed around for taking care of the closing and everything on this proposal, trying to narrow down a timeline to get everything taken care of. Larry Mazer is going to speak at the next meeting of the Park Committee on Thursday August 20th to let them know what is going on. That way, everybody is on the same page working towards the same goal of getting the Veterans Memorial and Community Park property sold and work started.

There is nothing new with Carl's contract. It was moved to the Carroll law office heading simply because it is no longer new business and it is something that is coming up that will have to be drawn up in a contract form. Attorney Carroll also brought up Chad Pritts, who is the attorney who is representing JR. Enos. He works for Fike, Cassio and Boose. He (Chad Pritts) was wondering what it was going to take to get this done for Jr (meaning the Moelann Project) on JR's property in Milford Township. After discussing the matter, it came down to first, Milford Township should be approaching the Rockwood Borough Council and JR. should be speaking with Milford Township not the Borough. Everything needs to be handled in the proper channels and the Borough Council is under no obligation to expand the service for this project in Milford Township.

Under new business bid for the lighting for the Grove is \$1445.00. This is for yard lights at the pavilion, and a new pole light with LED lights. There is going to be a sub feed panel installed, with conduit and new Breakers installed. They are going to remove 2 quartz lights. Denny made the motion to accept the bid for the Grove lights, from Atchison electric for \$1445.00 Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favor. Next up under new business Mike Modrak wants to purchase the alley by his house Mike Modrak wants to purchase the alley for his own use. After discussing the matter, and considering the legal issues with this, proposed purchase of the alley, attorney Ben Carroll said it is not in the borough's best interest to sell the alley to Mike Modrak. Denny Weimer is going to speak with him to see what exactly is going on and will report back to the council.

Amy asked for a motion to pay the bills for the month. Sarah Sleasman made the motion to pay the bills for the month and Denny Weimer second that motion all were in favor.

The committee reports were up next on the agenda. Water /sewer /flood- basically had nothing more to cover other than what was done the under old business in the maintenance report.

Under finance, Larry brought up about the budget meetings coming up. The first one is scheduled for September 3rd to start at 6:30 that would include Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman, Caryoln Romesberg and Amy Jo Stout.

Nancy Sleasman stated that she has gotten ahold of Marty Malone from Lehman engineering and has been corresponding with him and if he is willing to work with Kevin. He is going to give us a proposal as far as what payment would be like since we have an engineer on retainer It was left with Nancy Sleasman is going to give Carl the engineer information(Marty Malone) so that he could work closely with the engineer in trying to get some of our projects started as far as grants would go be going

Next up, personnel. Sarah Sleasman has called an executive session. Caryoln Romesberg is asked to leave the meeting at this time and Carl Jones is disconnected on the phone. It is 9:40 pm.

It is now 10:17 PM and the meeting is resuming. There are just a few more things to be covered. Chris Sipe is to get a dollar an hour raise effective September 1. He is doing a fantastic job. Denny and Larry have spoken with him and are impressed with everything he is doing. Chris has stepped up and has taken on more responsibilities. He is a good public relations person for the Borough. Everyone in town has been impressed. Chris is going to give an evaluation on Zack for his 90-probation period with a recommendation for a raise.

Lastly, under the Community Development heading, Sarah. Said that there is going to be a "Touch the Truck" fundraiser at the fire Department on October the 3rd. She wanted to get council's permission for the police cruiser to be there with our police officers in attendance. She also wants to allow the police officers to hand out some little token such as stickers, or badges or something like that. It was suggested those little plastic bracelets that kids are wearing nowadays would be a good thing and to see if we could get them in neon colors or to glow in the dark. Also, under community development she told us of two bikes that were donated last Wednesday and delivered to Tia Livengood for her to paint. One of will be kept here in the Borough and the other will go to the Historical Society she asked that we help with some of the paint or lacquer that Tia would need to be able to make these bikes festive.

At 10:34 pm Denny makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sarah Sleasman seconds. All in favor.