

Meeting Minutes

Rockwood Borough Council

March 31, 2020

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council for March was held at the Rockwood Borough office at 669 Somerset Ave. In attendance at the borough office was Amy Jo Stout, Nancy Sleasman, and Caryoln Romesberg. In addition, the following people were in attendance by phone, Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer and Sarah Sleasman. The meeting was held this way because of the Covid-19 out break in the Country. We had an amended meeting due to this health issue.

At 7:05 the meeting was called to order by Borough President, Amy Jo Stout. She asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the February 18th meeting. Dennis Weimer made the motion and Larry Mazer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Nancy Sleasman made a motion to pay the bills retroactive back to March 17, 2020. Larry Mazer seconded it.

The borough council adopted a new Credit Card Policy. The credit card will be with Somerset Trust Co. It will have a \$5,000.00 purchase limit. Caryoln Romesberg and Carl Jones will be the card holders for this account. Carl will have a \$500.00 purchase limit at any one place, and Caryoln will need a purchase order for anything over \$100.00.

Under the topic of 90 probation period, it was decided that Caryoln Romesberg would be given a .50 and hour increase to take her to \$12.50 per hour and she will be entitled to benefits as well. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to end her 90-day probation period and give her the raise and benefits. Larry seconded the motion and all were in favor. The discussion then turned to Christopher Sipe. It was decided by the Borough Council to increase Chris' wages by \$1.00 an hour starting with the pay period starting March 29, 2020. The motion for this increase was made by Larry Mazer and seconded by Dennis Weimer. All were in favor.

UPMC-through Knepper Insurance, with Laurie Wahl as our agent will continue for the upcoming year. Nancy made the motion to accept UPMC as the Borough's health/hospitalization insurance carrier and Dennis Weimer seconded the motion all were in favor.

Amy Jo Stout, Borough Council President, signed a Declaration of Emergency. Essential Employee Statements were issued to all employees plus Council Members. These statements are to be carried on your person at all times incase you are stopped by the police. A motion was made to sign these forms on behalf of the Borough by Nancy Sleasman and Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Denny also brought up the idea of him and Larry learning how to do the water testing that needs to be done just in case something would happen to Chris Sipe or Carl Jones during this Covid-19 outbreak. Everyone seemed to think this was a good idea and they were in agreement to learn the testing.

There was a discussion about George and Bob's. Caryoln is to forward on to Sarah Sleasman all that she has on George and Bob's so she can go over what has to be done and what still needs to be done. Amy Jo is going to contact Dan Younkin so he can help us with our computer issues.

There was also a discussion about internet service. We need a comparison between Verizon and Comcast. More detailed. The difference is approximately \$90.00. Larry and Denny said the comparison should be more of a matched product comparison. The services we currently have from Verizon are top notch. The next thing would be fiber optic cables and they have no plan on running those in Rockwood over the next few years.

The Rockwood Fire Dept. was mentioned briefly due to Adam Lytle breaking his leg on a fire call. The Borough carries the workers' compensation plan for the fire department. Our insurance agent, Connie Jerich drafted a letter to the fire co. detailing their information and what to do in future incidents.

The following items were tabled until next months meeting: Maintenance Report, Police Report, Committee Reports, Veteran's Park Report and Sanner Land Deed update.

At 8:37pm the motion to end the meeting came from Dennis Weimer. It was seconded by Larry Mazer. Motion passed with all in favor.