

Meeting Minutes

Rockwood Borough Council

May 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. This meeting was attended by Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman, Sarah Sleasman, Caryoln Romesberg, Kevin Yoder, Melissa Cramer, and Attorney Ben Carroll. This meeting was a virtual meeting held on Web-ex.

Larry made the motion for the Minutes from the last meeting, on April 28, 2020 to be accepted. Nancy seconded the motion. The minutes were put together by Atty. Ben Carroll, Amy Jo Stout and Caryoln Romesberg because, none of the recording devices worked from the last meeting. The motion passed with no changes being made to the minutes.

Kevin Yoder gave the Engineers Report. First up, the water tank. The grant for that has been pushed back until November 30. The second thing, the grant for the small water telemetry is also coming up in the fall. Kevin said that him and Carl Jones were going to get together while Carl is laid up and work on this grant. Carl wants to get a current estimate for the grant. He said about using Cambria Systems for that purpose. Cambria Systems is a local company and has done things for the Borough in the past. Next, Kevin wants to have the grant application for the Conduit finalized by the next day. Kevin asked Council a few things, 1) Kevin wanted to verify that Council agreed to give \$20,000.00 to the flood control project, this went back in Kevin's notes from a couple of meetings ago and yes, they had agreed to the \$20,000.00 and he 2) he also wanted to ask permission for Amy to be able to sign a resolution, that needs to be submitted to DCED from the Borough for the grant request. The amount of the grant is for \$50,197.00 with the Borough putting up the \$20,000.00 bringing the total project to \$70,197.00. Larry made the motion for Amy Jo to be able to sign the resolution (After Ben has it drawn up) and Nancy seconded the motion. Under "normal circumstances the resolution would be signed at the meeting but, the motion will give Amy Jo authorization to execute the resolution. Next up, the Amfire drain-He talked with Sam, who said he will have something for review for the next Borough meeting. The Street Scape grant needs some tweeking and he thought it best to wait to talk when we can all get together. The Chlorine feed system at the sewer plant, it needs some clarification so some issues that the inspector made so they can better address any deficiencies she found. Kevin has left her messages; he is just waiting to hear from her. He is hoping to have all deficiencies and recommendations taken care of so he can submit his paperwork to DEP by the end of next week. The final thing is keeping on the list to have a meeting with the local Representatives and Senator. This meeting would be very helpful going forward for grants, and other funding, and for the connections. Kevin also volunteered some extra help from some interns if needed while Carl is laid up.

Police Report-Missy is going to forward the police monthly report to the office since we didn't receive one. The discussion about the Fireworks Ordinance was the next focus. John and Barry are the enforcement officers for this town and they need to be able to enforce all the ordinances the Borough has in place. We will check with Dan Younkin too about getting the police dept. their own new email addresses as well. Each officer should have their own per the discussion. Melissa Cramer suggested that

the police dept. Should have some sort of drop down box or something on the web page where the citizens in town can just click on it and a message is sent directly to the police departemtn.

Maintenance Report was given by Larry. Carl didn't provide his monthly up dated last. Larry brought up Denny's email about the Locator that is approximately \$5,000.00. In the past they used PA Rural Water but Denny felt it would be beneficial in the long run to have one of our own. Larry made a motion to purchase the water locator and then Nancy seconded. All were in favor.

Carroll Law office had a check list of items that need to be gone through. We needed to define classes of animals. This was stemming from the issues with the Hutchinson's and the Knopsnyders. We defined what a "pet" was and what "livestock" was. There was a lot of discussions about what kind of animals are allowed in the borough and what weren't allowed. Ben is going to write letters to the 2 families to let them know that the Borough is working on an ordinance to be passed letting them know that livestock will not be allowed in the Borough and there will be a limit of fowl permitted as well. Nancy made the motion for Atty. Ben Carroll to draft a letter to the Hutchinson's and the Knopsnyder's letting them know of the Borough intentions. Larry seconded it. All were in favor.

Computer up date-Comcast was installed and is working great. Dan Younkin gave us all new email addresses. Amy Jo was sending them to each one. Dan Younking will have to fix Melissa Cramer's because of the spelling of her name. Web mail is at IONOS.com.