

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16,2020

ROCKWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

President Amy Jo Stout called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was started off with the pledge to the flag. In attendance was Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Sarah Sleasman, Nancy Sleasman, Dennis Weimer, Caryoln Romesberg, Carl Jones, Attorney Ben Carroll, and Melissa Cramer. Absent was Kevin Yoder.

Larry made a motion for the minutes from the May 19th meeting to be accepted. Nancy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There was no engineers report given being that Kevin Yoder did not attend the meeting.

Melissa Cramer gave the police report. She indicated that the police department needs a new SIM card. The police department was alerted to some properties with high grass that needed to be taken care. Melissa took note of these properties and will pass the information on to the police. Take list of duty items off Agenda he does not have anything for this item. No current update on Body Armor.

Maintenance Report was given by Carl Jones. Carl addressed some issues they are currently having with the water system. He used a power supply he had on hand and reported that it was the last one he had. He is trying to see if one of the old ones can be repaired. He will be meeting with Cambria Systems to get some updated figures to get the Autocon system working for the wells. There is someone moving into 1011 Broadway, there has not been service at this house for 11 years. The water line has several leaks and needs to be replaced. The homeowner will let the office know when it is completed, so that we can turn their service on. Chris installed a new meter at this address also. there. The subject of the previous home- owner came up. Caryoln was instructed to send him a final bill. Atty Ben Carroll stated that there was no lien on this house, the homeowner just has an outstanding balance.

Carroll Law offices was the next to speak. Attorney Carroll went over the ordinance he is recommending for council approval addressing the Rockwood Borough Animal Ordinance, 2020-01. He presented 2 versions of the ordinance because after he got the first one done, he realized there was not a provision about rabbits. The first difference is in the definitions section, he added the definition small domestic backyard coup or caged animals includes rabbits, and similar members of the Leporidae family including guinea pigs and similar members of the Caviidae family and chinchillas. The second difference is found in section 6 and it has to do with keeping fowl and keeping of the cages, or coops in good, clean condition in the Borough. There also is a limit to 6 animals total. There was one concerned voiced about the ordinance, and it had to do with enforcement. The concern was raised by Larry Mazer. This ordinance was numbered 2020-01-Rockwood Borough Animal Ordinance as amended and was passed with a motion from Nancy Sleasman and seconded by Dennis Weimer. The ordinance was signed by Amy Jo Stout-President of Borough Council, Melissa Cramer -Mayor and Caryoln Romesberg-Secretary/Treasurer. The ordinance that was already in place about dogs, cats, known as the pet ordinance, is still in effect. This new ordinance is dealing more on the order of animals housed outside, not household pets.

The Sanner Quit Claim Deed was next on the agenda. It is passed with a contingent motion, with the Municipal Authority, pending the outcome of a conversation with Butch Wahl and Cary Phillippi. The president of the Authority (Cary Phillippi) and the secretary (Joyce King) will then need to go to Atty. Carroll's office to finalize the paperwork. It will need to be notarized. Atty. Carroll did not see any issue with this being finalized soon. The Municipal Authority is just being cautious and not wanting to cause any miscommunication between the parties. They think it would just be more courteous to talk with him about this matter. (Butch Wahl)

The computers were next to be discussed. There were a lot of issues concerning emails. It was decided that maybe Dan can come to our next meeting in July and speak. He still needs pictures for the website which has been up and running since 6/9/20. Sarah suggested two additions to the website, and they were grove rental fees and contact information. Amy Jo will contact him to see if he is available.

Memorial Park update-the committee is applying for a Greenways Grant. It is due by June 26, 2020. They are taking delivery of 277 of 300 bricks sold so far. They are going to be stored in the Insurance garage along Main St. Attorney Carroll provided the group with a market analysis of the two properties where the Veteran's Memorial Park is to be built. There will have to be more discussions as to how the Borough is going to proceed, in the sale or use of this land. Sarah expressed concern over the maintenance of the property once it is developed. A reverter clause can be added if necessary if this is a sticking problem for the sale of the property. There will have to be a lot more discussion going forward with this project.

Under new business, Larry mentioned the update for the Census bureau. Stickers were put on the sewer bills this past month encouraging people to fill out the census. We will be getting updates occasionally for the total of census filled out.

Carl's contract is being worked on. Carl showed Caryoln how to get into the data base and she has begun the task of putting work orders into the data base.

Caryoln had a quarterly audit with Beer, Ream Co. she will be having someone from their firm spend the day on June 23rd with her to go over and make corrections to her quick books. This is part of her ongoing training and the council said if she needs more than one day, so be it. She needs to be able to be trained and be comfortable doing her job.

A motion to pay the monthly bills was made by Larry and seconded

Committee discussions were next on the agenda. The date for next committee meetings is July 4th, 2020. After discussing it, they all decided that all the committees will meet on Monday July 6th starting at 6:00 pm.

A few additional items were discussed. Larry & Sarah will meet with Pamela-Tokar Ickes concerning the train station.

Recycle Day is set for July 25 from 9am to Noon-Contact person for this is Vince Gusbar.

Community Yard Sale Day is set for August 1, 2020.

Carter Atchison is working hard at the grove. His Eagle Scout project is covering down spouts, removing the grills from the current place and moving them so they do not get rusty from all the water from the

roof hitting them. He is going to fix the tables, ground down the stumps, and fix up the playground sign. He is also going to power wash the restrooms and paint them. He is also going to paint the steel roofing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry and seconded by Nancy. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.