

September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes from Rockwood Borough

We started the night with the pledge to the flag promptly at 7 pm. In attendance were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer, Nancy Sleasman, Kevin Yoder, Caryoln Romesberg, Melissa Cramer, Carl Jones, and Attorney Ben Carroll. Sarah Sleasman attended virtually. The minutes from the August 18, 2020, were approved by Nancy and 2nd by Dennis Weimer.

Kevin Yoder gave the engineer report. The first topic was on the Chlorine System. The lady assigned to our case, has been relieved of her duties. Our new DEP Manager put on our case is Don Leone. He is going to make sure that we are a high priority on his list of things to do. Kevin has promised he will keep up with this since it is something that has been long overdue. The Amfire Drain with the School Drain project are now going to be tied together as one project and both completed at the same time. October 1st is the open date for the DCED Grant for the small water/sewer telemetry systems. There was a lot of discussion around the table about the cost of the new telemetry system. It was decided by everyone to fix it ourselves instead of waiting for the grant money to be awarded for this project. The grant is not a guaranteed thing and it makes more sense to fix/update the existing system now instead of waiting until the middle of winter when there will probably be more issues to deal with. Larry Mazer made a motion to get an informal quote to replace a system and a time frame for it to be completed to get the system up and running. Denny seconded it. All were in favor. They will still apply for the grant, but with the grant money, it will be used it to tie in with the new telemetry system. The money that they will get for any grant, will be put into tying the new telemetry system and other upgrades that need to be done so, no money will be wasted, it'll be something that could be added onto. Carl is to check with Chet Cyga about a quote and what can be tied into the system down the line in time. The conduit replacement grant is to be announced towards the end of this month. The streetscape grant process will open in October and Kevin is hoping to coordinate everything with Steve Spokart and Carl to get this grant applied for. The meeting with the local officials has been put on hold until the whole COVID-19 pandemic is over with but, it will remain on the agenda as a reminder.

The police report was next. One was not received as of 11:00 o'clock this morning. The council asked the mayor if there was anything that she would like to say. The subject about Barry, and his lack of hours that he is working was what she mentioned. The mayor is going to approach Barry about putting in the hours he promised to do or ask for his resignation.

Carl brought up about inquiring about a no parking sign at the turn around on Broadway, that maintenance just put in. He wants to put a sign there for no parking so that while they are doing their winter maintenance that no one's parking there. Carl is trying to prevent a problem down the line. Larry made the motion for Carl to be able to buy a sign for the Broadway turnaround and Nancy seconded. All were in favor.

Carl's maintenance report was the next agenda item. He provided the council with a list of items that were completed for the month. The Mamco permanent meter project is underway. He is working with Berkey Excavating and LB Water to get this project to be able to be completed.

The Veterans park memorial was the next thing up on the list. Larry Mazer gave a little summary on the meeting the Legion meeting, he said that they voted unanimously to purchase the land from the

Borough. The 23rd of this month, they will finalize everything with the park committee. Atty. Ben Carroll will draw up the transfer of the two parcels of land, known as the former Merchants Hotel from the Rockwood Borough to the Rockwood Legion for the purpose a Veterans Memorial and Community Park to be built. It was announced at the meeting that the said transfer would occur at the next meeting on October 20th, 2020 if possible. (as pursuant to Borough Code 1201.1)

Carl's contract was the next thing on list of items. Larry asked that everyone be in attendance for either the 17th or the 24th of September budget meetings so they could work on the contract figures and the other employee wages for the year. Everyone is to be working on Carl's contract.

The Penntex Corporation, which is representing Dollar General, proposal was discussed next. There were a lot of pros and cons stated as far as you coming to the Borough. It would bring jobs, increase the tax base, beautify the area too. There just will not be an empty lot. The first thing needed to be done is, to see if there are any sewer and water lines running through the alleys, that they want to buy from us. Carl has been instructed to check this out and also check about the actual alley that runs behind where Sonny Leer lived and see if it is on the old town maps showing if that alley ran down the property along the railroad tracks where Clapper's use to be. Atty. Ben Carroll is going to seek the appraisal for these alleys. He is going to contact Pentax directly to make sure it was OK for the appraiser to send the bill directly to them. The next thing up under Carroll law office was about changing the pay for the police dept. to a monthly pay period instead of bi-weekly. The council figured they could save money by combining the hours for the month and doing their paychecks monthly. Larry made the motion to change the police department's paycheck to monthly. The motion was seconded by Nancy all were in favor. Atty. Carroll passed out the new drug policy. The policy was not voted on and nothing done to it. The policy was tabled to next month, simply because they wanted Denny Weimer to be here for the discussion. Caryoln Romesberg is to send a copy of the policy to Sarah via email so she can see have a copy of it as well.

New business, Mike Modrak and the purchase of the alley was table next month because Denny had to leave. Denny was the one who was to speak with Mike about the alley. Rockwood Rotary member, Terry Pletcher proposed painting the roof on the pavilion at the grove area. His mother-in-law, Blanche Sanner, has purchased the material for the roof of the pavilion and Terry is going to do the labor, provided he comes into the office, and with any others that are helping on this project, and signs a hold harmless agreement. It was suggested that our men from the maintenance department also help with labor. Terry is more than welcome to do the labor at the Grove as soon as the agreement has been signed.

Amy Jo & Caryoln addressed council about the new email system. We are going to start only sending things from this office from the.org email addresses to the.org email addresses. If people need help, they can call the Borough Office and Caryoln will talk you through the process. These emails are secure. The Borough decided to get these, so they will be used. Caryoln got a virus from emails sent to her and it crashed her Outlook on her computer. The outlook she was using was using a 2007 platform.

Larry made the motion to pay the bills and Nancy seconded his motion it. All were in favor. The committee reports were short since there was no meeting this month. Community development, we were questioning if Rotary was still having a Halloween parade and trick or treating. The council also was wondering if anyone heard anything more about the touch a truck event that was to be held at the fire Hall on October 3rd. Melissa Cramer is going to check with the fire Department about the touch of

truck and Caryoln is to call Haley Miller, who is the president of the Rotary, to find out about the Halloween parade.

Larry a motion to adjourn the meeting for the night Nancy's second it. All were in favor. Meeting ended at 9:08 PM.