Meeting Minutes December 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm due to issues with people connecting to Webex. The entire meeting was a virtual meeting with the following people attending; Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer, Carl Jones, Sarah Sleasman, Nancy Sleasman, Caryoln Romesberg, Attorney Ben Carroll, Kevin Yoder, and Ashley Weinman from PennTex. Mayor Melissa Cramer was absent.

The minutes were reviewed, and corrections suggested. Sarah Sleasman made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Larry Mazer seconded, all were in favor.

Police Report. Melissa Cramer could not be here. The police finally filed a report about the Halloween accident on Main St. Caryoln Romesberg stated that the police gave her a copy of the CNET report. She said that the only information on the paper was the address and phone number to the Trimpey's. There really is not any information given, nothing like a statement. The council was given a list of items that the police have done for the month.

Kevin Yoder-Engineer Report. He told the council that they will be awarded somewhere around \$120,000 for the Broadway St. Extension Project. The funds should be released sometime in April of 2021. The Borough will have until April to do the preliminary things to get ready for the funds to be released. Steve Spokart will be in touch with the council as to what paperwork will need to be done to get the money. He will also let council know what will have to go out to bid. The timeline for this project looks like this, do survey in early spring, money released in April, finalize plans in May and June, July and August bid time, September, and October construction. Kevin Yoder updated the council on the Flood Elevation Certificate for Jason and Kelly Atchison. FEMA had some comments that need to be addressed and Kevin plans on doing that and resubmitting the information tomorrow (12/16/2020) and hopefully that will take care of the issue. Amfire was mentioned. There has not been any movement on this item. Denny Weimer questioned Kevin about the project for the Broadway St. Extension and Amfire. He was wondering if the two would be tied together and Kevin Yoder said no, they are two different projects. Kevin Yoder stated that the Amfire would tie into the system further up the hill and will not interfere with the Broadway project. Carl Jones confirmed this as well. Attorney Ben Carroll asked Kevin to let him know if the Alton family are at any time uncooperative. He needs to know so he can come prepared to act at the next meeting. Kevin stated they have been very cooperative but, it is not a high priority for the family.

<u>Carl Jones-Maintenance Report.</u> The MAMCO project was seal coated last week, the guys will back fill when the weather permits and then they can get it up and running. He has been working on grant things. He talked to PennDot and asked if they would give anything toward the project like catch basins, pipe etc....they basically said no. Carl is going to get the financial information together so he can go to Penn Vest and find out about loan opportunities through them. Carl Jones had to leave the meeting due to a prior commitment for a sleep study test.

<u>Carroll Law Office Report.</u> Veteran's Memorial and Community Park is on hold for now. The next item of business was Resolution 5-2020 and the sales agreement between Rockwood Borough and PTV 1180, LLC. These items pertain to the sale of real property on Water St. Larry Mazer made a motion to

approve the sale of the property on Water St. as identified in the 5-2020 Resolution. Dennis Weimer second the motion all was in favor. Ashley Weinman thanked council and then disconnected from the meeting.

At this point in time, we all got disconnected from the meeting. One by one, we came back. Amy Jo Stout was not able to get back on at this time so, Vice President Larry Mazer took over the meeting from here. Sarah Sleasman referred to the chain of custody forms arriving at the office and we are all set up for the drug testing to begin. Atty. Carroll had forgotten about the Felesky agreement. After jogging his memory, he said he would get it ready and get it to Carl.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Dennis Weimer made a motion to fully adopt the budget as it was published after the November 10th meeting. Sarah Sleasman seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting dates have been set up and published according to the "Sunshine" law. Dennis Weimer made a motion to hire Ken Milcarzyk at the rate of \$13.50 per hour retroactive to November 30th, 2020. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The typewriter decoration in the Diamond in Somerset will be relocated to Rockwood. The teacher who oversaw the project asked if the Borough would like to display it with the other decorations in town. Amy Jo Stout was able to return to the meeting and took over again. Santa will be arriving on the 17th between 5 and 5:30 pm. Dennis Weimer made a motion to pay the bills and Sarah seconded. Dennis Weimer said since we kept getting "booted" off Webex maybe we should check into Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>: The Milford Township Agreement was mentioned. No final decision was made but an increase of fees was brought up. It was mentioned to move the hook-up fees to \$2000.00 and the inspections fees to \$100.00. The prices have not been changed on any of the water/sewer items since the 1970's and they all need to be looked at.

The council then went into executive session it was 9:25, when Caryoln Romesberg logged off the meeting.

"The Rockwood Borough Council had a special meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 4, 2021. At that time, members Larry Mazer and Nancy Sleasman were physically present at the Borough Office, and members Dennis Weimer, Sarah Sleasman, and President Amy Jo Stout were present via electronic telecommunications (ZOOM) as an emergency mitigation effort of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, physically present was Benjamin A. Carroll, Esq., as Solicitor. The meeting convened as an Executive Session for personnel reasons. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:03 pm. The following motion was made by Nancy Sleasman and seconded by Larry Mazer: To re-extend to Carl Jones the offer of employment according to the terms originally offered November 10, 2020, now to be effective January 4, 2021. The motion passed unanimously. The council returned to Executive Session at 7:13 pm; and the Executive Session and the meeting ended at 8:31 pm.