

MINUTES ROCKWOOD BOROUGH MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The meeting started at 7:05 pm with the pledge to the flag being done. In attendance at the Borough Building were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman, Carl Jones, Kevin Yoder, Caryoln Romesberg, and Atty. Ben Carroll. Attending virtually were Sarah Sleasman, Dennis Weimer, Marc Savitich and Mr. Bishop. We had guests with us Bill Heiple and Jon Wahl. The minutes had an amendment to the date, Caryoln will make that correction. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to accept the minutes with the amendment and Larry Mazer seconded it. Motion passed.

First up was the scheduled guest. Bill Heiple was here on behalf of his mother who lives at 611 Broadway. He was here to express his concern over the plowing on Broadway. He was also concerned about the fire hydrants being snow covered. Jon Wahl was the next guest to speak. He was in attendance with a proposal for the Veterans' and Memorial Park. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to accept the park project proposal from Somerset Planning and Engineering Services, LLC, which Jon Wahl presented, and Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Under the heading of Engineer, Kevin Yoder gave his report. He is working on a shopping list of items Carl Jones will need for the Chlorine permit. He is working on the revisions needed for the NPDES permit. Carl gave him the documents needed and now it is all in DEP's hands. The amfire/ school drain, Kevin reported that the family is going to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party attorney for an agreement to be written. Atty. Carroll will have to review it when it is received. The Broadway St. extension is to be kept on the agenda for next month. The survey and design will soon begin with a goal to bid it out by early spring. The construction phase will begin in August/September time frame.

There was no police report given because the mayor was out of the country.

Carl Jones gave the maintenance report. The telemetry system is being worked on steadily. He has gotten the Verizon Contract signed and 4 of the readers are up and running. The Mamco meter project will be backfilled as soon as weather permits. Everyone read over the list of maintenance items submitted and no one had any questions for him. There will be a zoon meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> with the people from Penn Vest. He will have an update on that project at the next meeting. Carl asked if a motion was needed to repair the Black Township Pump because of the cost. He was told to go ahead because the dollar figure fell into his category of preapproved cost amounts.

Up next was Carroll Law. PennTex was under his heading on the agenda. He had a couple of people who were attending virtually speak about the impervious area and the grassy area. Everyone on council agreed that no matter what, they need to make sure there is no water crossing the road and going into Eugene Kelly's property. PennTex agreed and will have a "catch basin" to collect water run off and it will be slowly released to drain properly.

Attorney Carroll had set the hearing date, for the petition to vacate the alley at the former Clapper's Building for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Let it be known that the hearing was advertised in the Daily American and that there were **NO** members from the public attending, and **NO ONE** called the Borough office for information. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to adopt the ordinance as per the petition.

Larry Mazer seconded it. All were in favor. The Felesky agreement will be emailed to Carl and Caryoln before the next meeting. There was a discussion about amending the language for the amusement tax ordinance. After the discussion, Atty. Carroll stated he will do what the Council advises him to do but, the wording in the ordinance is sufficient in his opinion and will not have to be amended.

Under new business, Caryoln Romesberg asked for a motion to be made by council to appoint her administrator for the Quick books account. Everything is still in Jill's name and she has been gone for over a year. Caryoln oversees all the office accounts and the record for the Borough needs to state that. Larry Mazer made the motion to make Caryoln Romesberg the administrator for the account and Nancy Sleasman seconded it. All were in favor.

Larry Mazer made a motion to pay the monthly bills and Dennis Weimer seconded it.

Committee reports given:

Water/Sewer/Flood-nothing

Finance-Caryoln will be getting some help from the Auditing team in correcting things that were wrong with the audit. It was a learning experience this year and Christina will be coming after tax season is over to help her work somethings out.

Streets/Alleys/Property-Sarah mentioned about the First People's bank going into Andy and Hailey Miller's building and them wanting to use the alley between them and the Insurance Co for a drive-up ATM. They would like to make it one way. There was a discussion about that, and they will not be able to legally do that. No formal request has been made now. The council was just discussing any options they had.

Police-John will be back in April. They have decided that they need to advertise for help. Larry mentioned talking to Randy Cox (Somerset Borough chief of police to see if any of his officers wanted some part time hours. Amy Jo said that we need to get the ad on Indeed. You get more candidates than running ads in the local paper, which is costly. Indeed is free.

Community Development-nothing to report.

Personnel-Nancy Sleasman made a motion to direct the solicitor to write a letter to the employees of the Borough announcing the implementation of the Drug and Alcohol policy that was adopted on November 10, 2020. Larry Mazer seconded the motion all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm with a motion to adjourn made by Larry Mazer and Seconded by Nancy Sleasman. All were in favor.