

MEETING MINUTES

ROCKWOOD BOROUGH

MARCH 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Larry Mazer. The pledge to the flag was said. The following people were physically in attendance, Larry Mazer, Dennis Weimer, Kevin Yoder, Caryoln Romesberg, Melissa Cramer, Nancy Sleasman, and Attorney Ben Carroll. Virtually attending were Sarah Sleasman, Amanda Coleman, and Carl Jones. Amy Jo Stout was absent. We had 2 guests with us, Ellis, and Virginia Nair. Dennis Weimer made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah Sleasman.

Speaking first was the Nair's'. They were here to discuss the issues they were having with sewage back-up at their house. Ellis presented pictures of his sewage pipes and he also gave everyone on council a drawing of how the manholes is situated and the pumping station as well. After the presentation and discussion, Council decided the first step would be to pump out the manhole that seems to be the most problematic, and after that our Engineer may have to have a look at things to see what else can be done. Amanda Coleman gave a presentation virtually concerning the Audit results. She has made recommendations to both Caryoln Romesberg and Council to help Caryoln be able to do her job more effectively and proficiently. She will be uploading the audit to DCED before the end of March. Caryoln has been instructed to put the audit results in the Daily American.

Kevin Yoder gave the Engineer's report. He started off with the amfire/school drain. He is waiting to get the draft of the agreement from the Alton family and Borough. The Alton family's attorney will be sending it to Kevin and as soon as he gets that he will get it to the Borough. NPDES permit has been submitted and is being reviewed. The mapping on the Broadway Street extension has started. They plan on finishing up the surveying next week. He will then get that draft to council. Kevin suggested with the Water Tank and Main St. project that the Borough check into USDA Rural Development Grants as well. He told them it would not hurt to see if they could get a grant from those folks as well and "stack" the grant money. He got a draft from the Dollar General team about the storm water system that was discussed at last month's meeting. The "draft" does not appear to be the agreed upon impervious portioning that was discussed but, it is only a draft and it has not been submitted for final approval and changes can be made. He stated he gave a list of items that Carl Jones would need to finish up the rest of the Chlorine Permit.

Melissa Cramer gave the Police report. She let everyone know that Barry Barron had worked his last day on March 10, 2021. She had just gotten a text from John Loiodici and he will be returning from his training next week. His police dog did not qualify and will not be coming home with John. Sarah Sleasman told us that she found a job description from another municipality and an application and she will be contacting Caryoln Romesberg for the password and such for the indeed website.

Carl Jones gave the Maintenance Report. The telemetry system is just waiting on Comcast to come install the pole and get them up and running. The Mamco Meter has been backfilled and they maintenance department has build a road up to the meter. The wiring needs done to finish the project. Carl has been out a lot over the last 2 weeks for health issues. He apologized for being behind and Council knew what he was up against. Chris Sipe and Ken Milcarzyk have been keeping things running in his absence.

Carroll Law office was up next. Attorney Carroll returned the fully executed Ordinance to Caryoln Romesberg. This is the ordinance to vacate the alley so that they PennTex organization can build the Dollar General store that they have planned. The Felesky agreement was sent to Carl he will need to execute that with the Felesky's. The Milford Township agreement is being revised to reflect rate increases for Milford Township water/sewage customers. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to raise the flat rate for both water and sewer to \$26.00 per household and raise the rate to 52 cents per hundred gallons. The motion was seconded by Dennis Weimer. All were in favor. Carroll Law will draft the new agreement. Atty. Carroll is going to get in touch with Fish and Game Commission concerning the bird population at the Knopsnyder's house on Market Street. Caryoln Romesberg was instructed to put the bird issue back on next month's agenda.

Under New Business, Dennis Weimer made the motion to update the users on the Tractor Supply Account. The users are to be Caryoln Romesberg, Carl Jones, Chris Sipe, and Ken Milcarzyk. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dennis Weimer also made the motion to pay the extra \$1800.00 to Beer, Ream for the extra time to help Caryoln Romesberg with audit procedures. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ken Milcarzyk's 90-day probation has expired. The motion to retain Ken to full time status and give him a \$1.00 per hour raise and pay \$35.00 toward his cell phone was made by Sarah Sleasman. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion. All were in favor. The grove/pavilion was next on the agenda. Larry Mazer addressed this subject. The Rotary got the grant for the proposed update for the "kitchenette" it is valued at \$5000.00. The Rotary and Legion came up with the match of \$5000.00. Larry proposed we investigate updating the restrooms while they are over there working. Caryoln Romesberg spoke up and said that her and Amy Jo had taken a grant writing webinar over the winter and that was the project that they had picked to write a grant for. Sarah stated that there is a sewer line that goes out the back of the property that was thought not to work anymore but, it is still connected. This will be checked out over the next few months as time and weather permit.

Dennis Weimer proposed looking for an electronic sign that would display upcoming town events and any notices that the town would need to be made aware of. He was referring to one like the fire department has. He is going to investigate the sizes and costs for this sign. There were a few town events that dates were settled upon. Town cleanup days (for yard debris only) will be the Mondays in April. Recycle day has been set for July 10th from 9am to Noon. Town wide yard sale day was set for May 15th.

The Community Development committee has invited a few of the towns people for a fact-finding meeting. The meeting is set for April 5th at 6:30 pm. The objective is to get the community involved in what they feel needs to be done. They are just trying to get a feel what is needed in the community.

Nancy Sleasman made the motion to pay the bills and it was seconded by Sarah. All were in favor. Sarah Sleasman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Dennis Weimer seconded it. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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