

MEETING MINUTES

ROCKWOOD BOROUGH

APRIL 20, 2021

President Amy Jo Stout called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The following people were in attendance; Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman, Dennis Weimer, Melissa Cramer, Atty. Ben Carroll, Caryoln Romesberg, Kevin Yoder and guest Tim Gastley. Sarah Sleasman and Carl Jones were absent due to illness.

Dennis Weimer made a motion to pass the minutes with a correction to the spelling of Kevin Yoder's name. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tim Gastley spoke to council about closing the alley that he and Tom Schafer both have common area to. The council put this off until they can determine if there are water/sewer lines that run under the alley. This will have to wait until Carl Jones returns to work next week. He also addressed the council about the 4-wheelers and dirt bikes that run on the road. He was instructed to call 911. The police are aware of the situation but, our police are not usually on duty when these kids are out causing a ruckus through town.

The Engineer report was given by Kevin Yoder. Amfire/School drain, he is still missing calls with the Outten Family. The NPDES permit was submitted. He is still waiting on confirmation on the conduit replacement grant for the Flood Control. Video inspections will need to be done. He suggested filling out the grant information to pay for the video inspection. Kevin is getting hopefully, in the near future, a meeting between local officials. He would like to take them around to the various projects that will be going on around town. He also received hard copies of the storm water system from the Dollar General build, and he is reviewing them. He suggested a new grant for the Grove restrooms that need to be replaced. He suggested more updates to go with this project. He and Amy will be working on that over the next few months, so they have a strong grant for the Spring.

There was no Police report to be given. The idea of a compliance officer was put forth. The police are not on duty enough to deal with ordinance compliance so maybe they will investigate hiring an officer for that purpose.

The maintenance report submitted to council was done by Chris Sipe. Carl Jones has been off on medical leave for a few weeks, so Chris gave the council the update as to what had been done in the past month.

Atty. Ben Carroll updated council on the "bird issue" The Knopsyder's still have a lot of birds at their house. Atty. Carroll gave the Mayor a few suggestions or ideas for her to pass along to John Loiodici to help with the "bird" problem. Attorney Carroll also suggested a motion to amend the date for the rate increase for the Milford Township Agreement he has been working on to make sure they had enough time to be aware of the increases. Larry Mazer made that motion and Dennis Weimer seconded it. All were in favor.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Dennis Weimer and Seconded by Nancy Sleasman to raise the water rates for the Borough. All were in favor. The water rates have not been changed since January 1st, 2012. Effective on July 1, 2021. The base rate for Water will go up \$1.00. The Sewer rate

will increase by \$1.00 as well. The gallon usage will increase by .03 cents per hundred gallons. Caryoln Romesberg has been instructed to put "price increase stickers" on the bills this month when she sends them out. Dennis Weimer is still pricing the digital sign for the Borough.

Larry Mazer made a motion to pay the monthly bills and Dennis Weimer seconded it. All were in favor. Larry Mazer gave an update on the Veteran's Memorial and Community Park. He let council know that the advertising for the park will be done next week. Things are underway to get this project moving forward.

Committee reports were short due to not having committee meetings until next week. Larry Mazer and Sarah Sleasman met with a group of Community residents to discuss how the Borough can help with developing the Community more. To basically make a better place to live. They had a lot of great ideas. Putting flowers downtown, a community garden and things like that. The committee will be meeting again in May to develop some of these items that were discussed. All in all, Larry felt it was a great beginning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm. Larry Mazer made that motion and Nancy Sleasman seconded. All were in favor.