

Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with everyone saying the pledge of allegiance. The following people were in attendance for the meeting. Larry Mazer, Amy Jo Stout, Caryoln Romesberg, Attorney Ben Carroll, Dennis Weimer, Nancy Sleasman, Sarah Sleasman and Kevin Yoder. Carl Jones and Melissa Cramer were absent. The minutes were accepted after two corrections were made. Dennis Weimer made that motion and Nancy Sleasman seconded it.

Police report supplied by John Loiodici. The mayor was not there to give the report.

Kevin Yoder presented a few maps at this meeting the first one being for the Broadway Extension. He is proposing 5 new catch basins. He is also proposing a curb to help with the runoff. He wants to go from a 6" line to 8" line to tie this in at Bridge St. He is working on the bid and would like to have it ready in June. Kevin is going to be done with the mapping and surveying later this month and he plans on speaking with Steve Spokart later next week to go over this project. There is specific language that needs to be in this proposal, so he is working on that. The redevelopment authority will be doing all the inspections on this project. Larry spoke with Steve Spokart and he told Larry that he is 99% sure of the funding. It will be \$70,000 to \$80,000. It will be late August or early September for construction. Kevin will be working with the Redevelopment Authority to tie things up for this project. Kevin also presented a map of a Streetscape project from Bridge St. to Rock St. He is hoping to be able to obtain a multi-level DCED grant for this project. They also will be taking care of the bidding process. Kevin also presented a map of a Streetscape project from Bridge St. to Rock St. He is hoping to be able to obtain a multi-DCED grant for this project. This grant will be opening in July. He is going to try to tie the recreation aspect of things into this grant project. He is going to ask George Spinelli to come to Rockwood and walk the streets to figure out bidding so that he can make sure the money that is spent is done wisely. He also mentioned the Rescue funds that the Borough will be receiving to help cover some of the costs. This project's objective would be to move the water/sewer lines out of the PennDOT right of way (roadway) and put them in the sidewalks. Kevin had a proposal for the Dollar General about the Storm Water Control Plan Drawings that were sent to him for approval. When it came down to it, Dollar General did not do what they told Council that they were going to do with the water run-off. Everyone on Council was adamant about them correcting the problem before they would approve any of their plans. NPDES Permit was next on the agenda. He is working on it, and it should go a lot smoother now that DEP is starting to transition back to work. He suggested the meeting with the local officials be held at the grove and do a catering for them. That way they can see all the improvements and, we can show case future projects to them. Kevin also has a plan to replace the restrooms at the grove. He is also suggesting we do something more with the playground at the same time. Larry mentioned that the Rotary can apply for grant money again. It will be coming around soon.

There were two maintenance reports supplied one by Chris Sipe and the other by Carl Jones. Neither one of them were present to give an oral report.

Caryoln Romesberg was instructed to move a few things around on the agenda.

Carroll Law addressed the issue of the bird farm in the Borough. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Atty. Carroll would send a strongly worded letter to the Knopsnyders before any more action is taken.

Larry addressed the issue of blighted properties in the Borough. He is looking into grant money to have them cleaned up. He is also investigating what happens to the property once it is taken care of.

Larry also addressed the Compliance Officer position. Officer Liodici has told him that the biggest problem that the Borough has is enforcing all the ordinances. Attorney Carroll is going to investigate the qualifications for this position. Dennis Weimer made a motion to advertise for a code enforcement officer for the June Committee meetings. Larry Mazer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting at this time of 9:07 was sent into executive session.

The meeting resumed at 10:10.

Larry Mazer made the motion to accept Carl Jones' resignation effective as of May 31st, 2021. However, Carl is working on a few projects, tying up loose ends and if he is not finished with his projects by then, they will have him work as a consultant until said projects are done. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Nancy Sleasman made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Larry Mazer seconded it. All were in favor.

Committee reports were as follows; The newly formed Community Group, want to put up flower boxes and have them sponsored by individuals. There will be a Food Truck and Music night at the grove on July 16th. Caryoln Romesberg is to check on the date for this event. They also had an idea of a Children's Story Hour. Their next meeting will be June 14th at 6:30 to discuss this years Christmas events. They are also looking for more members so put the word out in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 with the motion made by Sarah Sleasman and seconded by Larry Mazer. All were in favor.