

Rockwood Borough Meeting
October 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. We all stood and said the pledge of allegiance. The following people were in attendance, Larry Mazer, Sarah Sleasman, Nancy Sleasman, Attorney Ben Carroll, Kevin Yoder, Dennis Weimer, Chris Sipe, Melissa Cramer, Caryoln Romesberg and phone attendance by Amy Jo Stout. There were no visitors. Dennis Weimer made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 21st, 2021, meeting. Nancy Sleasman seconded it. All were in favor.

Kevin Yoder gave the engineer report. The liquid chlorine is still on hold, as is the water system upgrade. He suggested the levee conduit replacement be put off until spring due to the insulation process that is going to be done. There was no change in the amfire drain. He is still waiting on the NPDES review letter. He updated the council on the grant funding on which he is working. Kevin informed the council that the small water and sewer project grant has not opened yet. That is the grant money he is seeking to redo the Black township pump station. Steve Spokart is to place the ad for the Broadway St. Extension Project.

Melissa Cramer gave the police report. There was a discussion on a speed bump being placed on Water St. due to people speeding to beat the train. It was decided by Council that this is the wrong time of year to put up a speed bump due to the plowing that will need to be done on the street. Larry Mazer also at this time let the mayor know that in the budget there is allotted \$6,500.00 for equipment for the police department. It will be left to the mayor and the police department to spend the money and get some of the items on the police departments "wish list."

Chris Sipe gave the maintenance report. He addressed the need for the Black Township sewer meter. He let council know that the meter is used for reporting by Joel Yoder and Chet Cyga. Dennis Weimer made the motion to accept the quote for the meter for \$3425.00 and use the American Relief money to pay for it. Sarah Sleasman seconded it. All were in favor. The council touched on the possibility of a retirement plan for the upcoming year for all full-time employees. Chris also mentions that the salt spreader the borough currently has is leaking. It will cost \$700.00 to rebuild it. A new one costs \$830.00. Chris was told by council to order the new one. The new one is within his spending limit.

Carroll Law had nothing to pass on.

Under new business, Caryoln Romesberg got an update from Steve Spokart about the CBDG grant. The council as of October 19th still need four more income surveys. He seems positive of the odds of the Borough receiving the money to work on Somerset Avenue. Larry Mazer went over the budget figures with the Council. They were given a copy of the budget to review. He is hoping to pass the budget at the next meeting so it can be advertised. Nims training will need to be completed on all the full-time current employees and the incoming Council members. Sarah Sleasman made a motion to pay the bills and Dennis Weimer seconded it. All were in favor. There was a discussion of an advisory position being added to the council. Atty. Carroll said there is no reason he could think of that the council could not call upon out going council members for their expertise from time to time. Larry Mazer gave an update on the Veterans' and Memorial Park. Darr Construction is slated to start on November 1, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Sleasman and seconded by Dennis Weimer. All were in favor.

