

Rockwood Borough Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Amy Jo Stout, Caryoln Romesberg, Attorney Ben Carroll, Chris Sipe, Samantha Bartko, Mike Hutchison, James Zieglemier, Nancy Sleasman, and Kevin Yoder. Absent was Melissa Cramer. There were five guests as well. Representing the Community Action group was Deb Phillippi and Brenda Henry. Jon Wahl and Dave Brant were here with an update to the Veteran's and Memorial Park. Officer John Loidoici was present as well.

James Zieglemier made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19th meeting with one correction being made that he was in attendance for that meeting. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. There was a motion made by Samantha Bartko to accept the minutes for the special meeting held on July 26, 2022, with a spelling change to James Zieglmeier's name. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Community Action Group spoke about the success of the Farmer's Market. They appreciate the Borough's cooperation with the group. They let us know that they will be getting Mums to put around town and Amy Jo Stout said that the Amish farms usually have excellent product at reasonable pricing. They also let the Borough know about Fire House Subs will be having a food truck at the Farmer's Market on September 22, 2022.

Jon Wahl and Dan Brant gave an update on the Veteran's and Memorial Park. Phase One is complete. They will be raising the flags at 5:45 on August 17, 2022. They are still selling bricks at a cost of \$100.00 each. Phase Two will be the building of the Pavilion. Jon Wahl asked if the Borough would help with the removal of the old Hotel wall and steps. The Borough with a motion made by Samantha Bartko gave Jon Wahl the authority to speak with Mr. Berkey about this project and to direct maintenance accordingly with the outcome of the conversation with Mr. Berkey. James Ziegelmeier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:18 pm with everyone stepping outside except for the Council members and Attorney Carroll. Officer Loidici was asked to come into the executive session at 7:32 pm. They returned from executive session at 8:00 pm. Samantha Bartko made a motion stating regarding the decision to the termination of John Loidici made at the July 19th meeting is to stand. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kevin Yoder gave the Engineer report. First on his agenda was the NPDES permit. He handed out a report that stated all the deficiencies that would need to be corrected with in the next 60 days. The handout broke down who was going to take care of what was needed to correct these problems. The Broadway St. extension should be in the newspaper out on bid this week. Kevin Yoder will be having a virtual meeting with PennDOT on August 20, 2022. This is a "scoping" meeting. He is also having a meeting with Steve Spokart on September 6th regarding the Main St. Streetscape project. Kevin has not heard anything from State Pipe for the Sewer Inspection.

Samantha Bartko gave the police update. She made a motion to amend the agenda according to the Act 65 of the Sunshine Law to include the promotion of Robert M. Clark to the position of Chief of Police and to also offer a raise of \$2.00 to said officer. James Zieglemier seconded the motion all were in favor. The amendment to the agenda will be noted. With that amendment made, Samantha Bartko makes the

motion to promote Officer Robert M. Clark to Chief of Police and to give him a raise of \$2.00 more per hour. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chris Sipe gave the Maintenance report. There were three items of concern on his agenda. First one was about a quote for a new meter install at the chlorine station for the water well sites. One was purchased on an emergency basis at a cost of \$1750.00 Nancy Sleasman made the motion to keep the one that the Meter Guy already installed, for \$3250.00 and Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor. With that motion as well the one that was ordered at a previous meeting that was not available will still be purchased and will be used as a spare. Ram Industrial Equipment Services gave a quote for a rebuild kit for the Bridge Street station. The quote was in the amount of \$2798.00 this will be a second spare purchased for this site. Samantha Bartko made the motion to accept the quote given by Ram Industrial in the amount of \$2798.00 and to have Chris Sipe permission to order the rebuild kit. Mike Hutchison seconded it. All were in favor. Chris had a third item on his agenda. It was for a water line tap tool and line puller. The quote was from LB Water in the amount of \$2337.00. Samantha Bartko made a motion to accept the quote from LB Water to purchase the tools. James Zieglemier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Caryoln Romesberg was instructed to run it under the large tool category for budget purposes.

Under new business, James Zieglemier made a motion to pay the monthly bills and Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. Motion carried. Samantha Bartko made a motion to amend the agenda according to the Act 65 of the Sunshine Law for the purchase of a Mr. Cool System which is both a heater and an air conditioner unit for the Police Department. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The unit is a 18,000 BTU unit and will be installed by Woodrock Co. For the price of \$2800.00. Samantha Bartko made a motion to purchase the unit and have it installed. James Zieglemier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Hutchison is going to get quotes on painting the water tower. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to amend the agenda according to the Act 65 of the Sunshine Law so that money could be moved from the regular checking accounts and put into the PLGIT accounts. James Zieglemier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Nancy Sleasman made the motion for Caryoln Romesberg to move \$20,000 from the general checking, the water checking, and the sewer checking and move it into the PLGIT accounts. The interest rates are much higher, and the Borough should be taking advantage of the higher rates. The Christmas Committee was tabled until the next meeting with Caryoln Romesberg making sure it stays on the agenda. At this time, 10:15 pm the meeting went to executive session. Chris Sipe called for the session. They came out of executive session at 11:20 pm. Mike Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Zieglemier seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.