

Meeting Minutes Rockwood Borough Council

May 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. The following people were present for the meeting, Amy Jo Stout, James Zieglemeier, Mike Hutchison, Kevin Yoder, Samantha Bartko, Atty. Ben Carroll, Melissa Cramer, Nancy Sleasman, and Chris Sipe. Caryoln Romesberg was absent. There were three guests. They were Savannah Cavanaugh, Kelly Atchison, and Liesa Collier.

The motion to accept the minutes for the April 19th meeting was made by Samantha Bartko. She did make one correction to the minutes. She did not attend that meeting and was not listed as absent. The necessary change was made. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Act 65 of the Sunshine law was used to amend the agenda to include Liesa Collier who was not scheduled to speak to the council the ability to do so. Mike Hutchison made the motion and Nancy Sleasman seconded. Motion carried.

The guests were concerned citizens who wanted to have the speed bumps reinstalled on Water Street. The council decided to put up "speed limit" signs. Chris Sipe is looking for the speed bumps. Police presence was discussed. Melissa Cramer will have Officer Robert Clark check out Water Street situation. Liesa Collier made a comment about potential accident if speed bumps do not get installed.

Kevin Yoder gave engineer report. The Main Street project kickoff meeting within 30 days will be held. The Borough's portion of \$200,000.00 will get the project started from White Oak to Chestnut St. He is still waiting for contact from DEP about the NPDES permit. USDA Rural Water set up meeting in Early June. Somerset Ave. project is on hold for now. The Redevelopment Authority will be sending out Financial Census. The Black Township pump station grant that Kevin was looking at will not open again until January 2023. The Broadway Street extension update is that there is an issue with the environmental audit. The Community Garden is on hold for now. Kevin discussed with the council about a GIS System. It would cost the Borough around \$10,000.00 for set up and then after that it would be around \$700.00 a year. They discussed pros and cons.

Melissa Cramer gave police report. John Loidici prepared the report. He has yet to produce a return to work slip from his doctor. Melissa Cramer asked on behalf of the Community Action Group, if the Borough Maintenance Department would pick up sound equipment and store it in the Borough Office downstairs office until needed for Grove Fest.

Chris Sipe gave maintenance report. Chris Sipe wanted to purchase materials for the Grove sewer line before price increases. Chris presented a quote from Piles Concrete in the amount of \$1808.50. Samantha Bartko made a motion to accept the bid for \$1808.50 from Piles Concrete and Nancy Sleasman seconded. Motion carried. Samantha Bartko made a motion to close the restrooms at the Grove. Nancy Sleasman seconded it. Motion carried. The sewer line to Nancy Sleasman's property on at 430 Broadway was completed. The Act 65 of the Sunshine Law was used to amend the agenda so that Chris could restock the sewer supplies he had used on projects in town. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to amend the agenda for Chris Sipe to be able to replenish supplies used in town. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting with DEP did not happen. The Shirley Hickman decision was this, there is no video from Roto Rooter, the Borough has no responsibility to pay any part of the bill. Chris Sipe presented a quote from Vegetation Management in the amount of \$1167.00 to spray the flood control. Nancy Sleasman made the motion to accept the quote in the amount of \$1167.00. Samantha Bartko seconded it. Motion carried. The Act 65 of the Sunshine Law was used again to amend the agenda to address the situation at Todd Berkey's residence on School House Alley. The motion to amend the agenda was made by Mike Hutchison and seconded by Nancy Sleasman. The motion carried. There was a lengthy discussion about the issues he was causing.

Carroll Law was next on the agenda. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to approve and accept the Resolution for the SEP Program. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under New Business, James Zieglemeier made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. Motion carried. A discussion about the Spring Fund Drive for the Fire Department was next. Mike Hutchison gave a new perspective on the cost of items needed for the Fire Department. The council agreed to try to budget for more funding in the future for the department. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to approve the Change Order for Darr Construction in the amount of \$2050.00. Mike Hutchison seconded. All were in favor. The decision to send a letter to FNB to let them know we were not interested in the building they have on Main Street. There was a discussion about defining what the Community Action Group and how they were separate from the Borough. Attorney Carroll suggested to write a letter to the group regarding the relationship to the Borough. The issue of Insurance was raised because of the large groups at the grove for different activities.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 pm. Nancy Sleasman seconded it. Motion carried.