

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President James Zieglemeier with those in attendance saying the pledge of allegiance. Those in attendance were James Zieglemeier, Samantha Bartko, Mike Hutchison, Nancy Sleasman, Caryoln Romesberg, Chief Robert Clark, Chris Sipe, Melissa Cramer, Attorney Ben Carroll, and Kevin Yoder. There was one guest, Steve Spokart. Absent was Amy Jo Stout.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2022 meeting. Samantha Bartko seconded it. All were in favor motion carried.

Steve Spokart was there to inform the council about the TA Set Aside Funding (\$1.4 million) that the Somerset Development Authority has set aside for the Streetscape project on Main St. There was two other Boroughs awarded money for projects. He told the council that they will start in Berlin then move to Garrett and Rockwood would be last, most likely seeing a Spring of 2025 date to start the project. Appalachian Engineering suggested that the project go from the new laundromat to White Oak Street not including the sidewalks and curbing in front of Rockwood Insurance and the post office. Installing sidewalks on the river side of Main Street would provide access to the business part of Rockwood from the bike trails. Kevin Yoder next spoke about the DCNR grant that was awarded to Rockwood Borough for improvements to the grove. He suggested we do the restrooms right away in the Spring so they could be used for this Summers rentals, Grovefest, and the farmer's market. The rest of the project could wait until the rentals were done in the Fall or early next Spring (2024). He let us know when some of the other grants that he applied for, would be awarded. The water tank is to stay on the agenda as a check list item. Samantha Bartko and Kevin Yoder are to schedule a time to calibrate the MAMCO meter.

Samantha Bartko and Chief Robert Clark gave an update on the police department. There were 18 calls in the last month that were answered. The cruiser had a recall on it. Chief Robert Clark is doing continuing education for the department. The department is now in full compliance with both the state and the federal government.

Carroll Law gave an update with the Roberta Miller property on Broadway. It will be going forward with a 3-way agreement. There has to be an approval of the appraisal and market analysis, then the project can move forward.

Under New Business, Samantha Bartko made a motion to pay the monthly bills and it was seconded by Nancy Sleasman. All were in favor. Samantha Bartko made a motion to pass a resolution to destroy old files in the Treasurers office. Mike Hutchison seconded it. All were in favor. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to split the Covid money that came into the general account, between water, sewer and general accounts. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in favor. Nancy Sleasman made a motion to move \$20,000.00 from the general account to the flood control account to replenish the funds in that account. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. Motion carried. Samantha Bartko made a motion to approve the new custodian job description and duty list. Nancy Sleasman seconded it. Motion carried. Caryoln Romesberg was instructed to send a copy of the job description and duty list to Katelyn Stout and have her sign the job description and send it back if she intended on staying with the job, this is to be returned by January 31, 2023. The council kicked around the idea of some dates for things in the

Borough for the Spring and Summer months. They discussed having the yard sale days the same as Grofefest. James Zieglemeier is going to arrange for the recycling day through the company he works for. Light up night will be held the first Saturday in December, which Mike Hutchison will make sure that day is available. The clean up days for yard debris will be the Mondays in April. The street sweeping company will need to be notified so we can get that date arranged and these things can be advertised.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:25 pm. They returned from Executive Session and adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.