

**Rockwood Borough Council**  
**August 15, 2017**

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on August 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Todd Berkey, Jean Atchison, Sarah Sleasman and Nancy Sleasman. Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Mayor Betsy Conn and Solicitor Bill Carroll. Amy Jo Stout and Maintenance supervisor Carl Jones were absent.

The motion was made by Jean Atchison to approve the July 18, 2017 meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Public/Visitor Comments: NONE**

**Old Business:**

- A.** Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group reviewed his items:
- 1) Kevin discussed the reinforcement for the water tank. Kevin had a cost estimate to add an additional ring around the lower ring of the tank. Total project cost would be approximately \$53,725. After some discussion, Council decided to explore the option of installing a new tank and refurbishing the old tank as a backup tank.
  - 2) In regards to the floodplain accreditation, Kevin spoke with Ben Keyser with AECOM and it was Ben's understanding that the letter was sent out by FEMA to the Borough with the approval. Ben will contact FEMA and get back to Kevin.
  - 3) Kevin had a cost estimate for the construction of the chlorine modification plan from gas to liquid at a cost of \$6838 including labor. If the Borough would want to provide the labor, the equipment cost would be \$4088. Kevin spoke with Chemstream and they have agreed to provide the tank as long as the Borough would buy the chemicals from them. If we would have to purchase the tank, the cost of a tank would be approximately \$350. The overall cost for gas vs. liquid is approximately the same. Kevin is going to contact Chet Cyga, the Borough's backup operator, to review some of Council's concerns, such as having to manually or motorize the airtate for the water to keep the PH levels down. Kevin is going to take a look to see if we would need to add more chemicals, because if we do need to add more chemicals, with additional chemical feed, we have to add to our permit modification. He will get us an answer by next month's meeting.
  - 4) In regards to the flow meters, Kevin finally got the cable and the software. The flowmeter software is a 45 day evaluation copy. To purchase the 5.1 software the cost is \$3500. We can get the version that just gives us communication with the flow meters, but it doesn't give you all of the analysis software with it for \$550. Kevin proposed an option where he would buy the flow meters and rent them to the Borough. Council is going to wait until Carl returns to work to set it up and look at it before they make a decision as to whether they want to buy it or rent it from Kevin.
  - 5) Kevin had a sketch for the police door to try to keep water out of the man door in the basement and a sketch to modify the wall in the police office on the side where the garage doors used to be. Jill is going to see if she can find the feasibility study that was done several years ago. Sarah is going to make some phone calls to see if she can get a quote to replace the wall in the basement with cement block instead of drywall.
- B.** Mayor Betsy Conn reviewed the police report for the month of July.
- 1) The radio should be here within the next two weeks. Nancy Sleasman made the motion for the police department to purchase uniforms and equipment that was lost in the flood which needs to be put back into the car. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. They can be connected back to the County within two weeks.
  - 2) The motion was made by Sarah Sleasman to rescind the motion that was made at last month's meeting to have the insurance company dispose of the police cruiser that was flooded and reaffirm the intention that we are collecting the insurance claim with the intention of keeping the vehicle. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - 3) Letters have started going out in regards to code enforcement.

**Mayor Betsy Conn left the meeting at 7:20.**

- C.** Carl submitted his maintenance report Council to review.

- D. Carroll Law prepared a Memorandum of Understanding in regards to modifications to the terms of Carl Jones's Employment agreement. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to retroactively approve the Memorandum. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. Nancy Sleasman had three estimates for the tree removal at both Rusty Stewart's property on Broadway and a tree at the grove. Foreman Tree Care put in a bid of \$800 for both trees, including removal of all debris and wood products. Tim Hinebaugh submitted a bid of \$1500 for the tree on Broadway and \$1100 for the tree at the grove, including removal of all debris and Windy Ridge Tree Care submitted a bid of \$945 for Broadway and \$1080 for the grove, which those bids also includes debris removal. At last month's meeting, Carl had a cost of \$1275 from Zambo's for removal and cleanup and \$1700 from Paul Bunyan for the tree removal and cleanup in the alley near Rusty Stewart's property at 520 Broadway. If we just wanted removal, the price would be \$525 from Zambo's. The motion was made by Jean Atchison and seconded by Nancy Sleasman to go with Foreman Tree Care for both trees. Motion carried.
- F. Sarah is going to get bids for the roof repair to the grove restrooms.
- G. The next budget meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**New Business:**

- A. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to accept the following bids from Atchison Electric:
  - 1) \$273.50 to replace 19 receptacles that were below water in the flood to be covered by the insurance claim.
  - 2) An additional \$167.50, which is not covered by the insurance claim, to relocate the receptacles and three data locations up to 42 inches.
  - 3) \$775.00 to replace 5 existing electric heaters in the basement that were under water in the flood.

Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jean Atchison abstained from the motion.

- B. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to accept the bids from Jesse Prinkey with J&A Custom Builders for the reconstruction work in the basement:
  - 1) \$400 to construct counter in the police office using the existing countertops.
  - 2) \$3875 for drywall replacement in the basement (with an additional \$260 for the far wall in the police office which is the wall that we are getting bids on blocking instead).

Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- C. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to donate \$50 to Somerset In Touch Hospice in memory of Carl's dad. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to transfer \$20,000 from the general checking account to the flood control account for the 2018 Grant for conduit repairs. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to transfer \$50,000 from the general checking account to the general savings account. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The motion was made by Jean Atchison to transfer \$25,000 from the water checking account to the water savings account. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The motion was made by Jean Atchison to transfer \$50,000 from the sewer checking account to the sewer savings account. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Council adjourned into an executive session at 9:35 to for personnel reasons. Council resumed the regular council meeting at 10:15 with no formal action taken.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Water/Sewer: NONE**

**Finance:** The motion was made by Jean Atchison to pay the bills. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Todd Berkey abstained from payment of the Rock City Express bill.

**Police: NONE**

**Streets/Alleys: NONE**

**Property/Flood: NONE**

**Building Committee: NONE**

**Personnel: NONE**

**Community Development: NONE**

Nancy Sleasman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the August 15, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

I, Jill Shultz, attest that the above public record is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Jill Shultz, Secretary

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Date