

**Rockwood Borough Council**  
**August 21, 2018**

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on August 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Sarah Sleasman, Nancy Sleasman and Dennis Weimer. Also present was Mayor Melissa Cramer, Solicitor Bill Carroll and Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones. Secretary Jill Shultz was absent.

The motion was made by Larry Mazer to approve the July 17, 2018 meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried

**Visitor Comments:**

**Old Business:**

- A. Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group was not present.
- B. Mayor Melissa Cramer reviewed the police report for July.
  - 1) Officer Loiodici continues to work on code/ordinance enforcement. He had no numbers for this month.
  - 2) The changes to the traffic & parking regulations ordinance is still not done yet. It is going to be awhile until John has time to work on it.
  - 3) The police cruiser replacement was discussed at police committee meeting. Sarah Sleasman gave price estimates to Officer Loiodici for a new cruiser.
  - 4) Tin's Tavern has until August 31<sup>st</sup> to pay their Amusement Tax or they will receive a citation.
  - 5) Council is going to explore the possibility of a joint arrangement with the School District to provide police coverage. Denny Weimer is going to send a letter to Superintendent Mark Bower to see if there is any interest in sharing police coverage. Solicitor Bill Carroll advised that we will need an Intergovernmental Operation Agreement with Milford Township in order to provide that service. One was prepared years ago but Milford Township did not sign it.
- C. Carl submitted his maintenance report for Council to review.
  - 1) PennDOT provided Carl with an estimate of \$3000 to repair the asphalt near the sidewalk at the post office. He will now get bids for the project.
  - 2) PA Rural Water was able to locate the abandoned curb box near Clapper's. As soon as the maintenance department gets the opportunity, they are going to dig that up.
  - 3) Carl is going to have to have a custom riser made for the hole in Grandview/Market Street due to a low setting catch basin.
  - 4) Carl had a bid from Foreman Tree Care to remove a tree near Schoolhouse Alley below the old Borough building at a cost of \$1000. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to approve the estimate. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - 5) Atchison Electric put in a bid of \$3475 to change the Maintenance building's exterior lighting to LED's and install additional lighting. Carl is going to get additional bids before a decision is made.
- D. Solicitor Bill Carroll reviewed their items:
  - 1) The agreement for Calvin Hoover's is on hold because of some issues with crossing a neighboring property in Milford Township.
  - 2) There have been no updates in regards to Milford Township Municipal Authority and their I & I issues.
- E. Sarah Sleasman and Denny Weimer still need to take their NIMS training.
- F. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to direct the police committee to take appropriate action to dispose of the salvaged police cruiser in the best way possible. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- G. Matt will continue to work with community service by pulling staples from the picnic tables at the grove and weed eating.

**New Business:**

- A. There were eight applications for the open maintenance position.
- B. Jill will advertise Budget Meetings to occur every Thursday at 6:30 pm during the months of September and October. If Council will not meet on a particular night, an announcement will be posted on the door.

- C. Travis Robison, who owns the property at 540 Main St., came to Council because he is frustrated by the animals belonging to his neighbor, Becky Bankes, who lives at 544 Main Street. She own 5 dogs, 3 cats, and 6 chickens. The chickens have destroyed plants, dug up the lawn, and defecated on the property. The dogs are not leashed. On January 10, the Robison's went to court. Ms. Banks was found guilty and fined \$300. On May 1, the Robison's video cameras showed one of the dogs crossing the street, and on that day, that dog actually bit another neighbor's child. Mr. Robison and his family have moved out of the borough because of the problems. He says that he has contacted both the Borough office and the Police office at least 10 times and received no response. Missy will direct John to inspect the property. Amy directed Bill to send a formal letter to Mr. Robison as a follow-up measure because he asked to be informed of Council's progress with this issue.
- D. The motion was made by Larry Mazer for the Borough to join the Somerset Area Ambulance Association at a business level at a cost not to exceed \$150. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. Council declined to make a donation to the Somerset County Humane Society this year.
- F. Larry Mazer is going to research costs of attending the PSAB leadership conference at Seven Springs this fall.
- G. The motion was made by Denny Weimer to fill out the application and get pricing from Jerich Insurance to add cyber liability to our insurance policy. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- H. There was discussion regarding on putting internet back in down at the sewer plant. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to add an additional \$25 per month to Carl's reimbursement for his cell phone through the end of the year in order for him to get upgraded Wi-Fi speed when he is working in the field. Carl has been paying additional money of his own for this service. There was discussion earlier at police committee meeting that Officer Loiodici can get Carl on with AT&T hotspot with the County since they are going to a live system and the Borough is going to be required to get that for Officer Loiodici. Officer Loiodici will be able to get a discount rate for Carl for his truck since Carl is our Emergency Responder for the Borough. Carl would then have a hotspot in his truck. There are plans for an AT&T tower by the end of the year. The motion was seconded by Denny Weimer and the motion carried.
- I. The sewer accounts will be the topic of the next budget meeting. Carl noted that Council should figure a 10% increase in costs to the account for the liquid chlorine.
- J. Sarah Sleasman will prepare newsletters to go out on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will print the newsletters in black and white in the office. They will be delivered by volunteers. Future editions of the newsletters will be dropped off at local businesses and will also be available at the Borough office. Jill will announce their availability by printing a memo on the back side of the water/sewer bills.

**Public Comments: NONE**

**Committee Reports:**

**Water/Sewer/Flood: NONE**

**Finance:** The motion was made by Larry Mazer to pay the bills. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Police: NONE**

**Streets/Alleys/Property: NONE**

**Building Committee: NONE**

**Personnel: NONE**

**Community Development: NONE**

Mayor Melissa Cramer excused herself from the meeting at 9:08.

**Council adjourned into an executive session at 9:08 for personnel reasons. Council resumed the regular council meeting at 9:35.**

Larry Mazer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Denny Weimer seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the August 21, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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