

**Rockwood Borough Council**  
**January 16, 2018**

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman and Dennis Weimer. Also present was Mayor Melissa Cramer, Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones and Solicitor Bill Carroll. Sarah Sleasman and Secretary Jill Shultz were absent.

The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to approve the December 19, 2017 minutes and January 2, 2018 reorganizational meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nancy Sleasman was sworn into office by Mayor Melissa Cramer.

**Public/Visitor Comments:**

Bob Hay was present to discuss purchasing a property on Greenhouse Road across from the Mamco Development. He is seeking an assurance from the Borough that they will accept their sewage and the Borough would also be able to provide them with water. J.R. Enos is selling the land with the assumption, or the understanding, that the gentleman that JR bought the land from, Randy Musser, that there was in fact taps available on that side of the road. Solicitor Bill Carroll stated that for a long time, most recently since 2006, there has been an agreement with the Rockwood Borough and the Milford Township Authority. That agreement states that Rockwood Borough would supply water and sewer to the Milford Township Authority, who would then sell it to individual people. The agreement states for a total of forty five lots currently laid out within the Meadowview Heights Subdivision for sewage and fifty one lots for water, also within the Meadowview Heights Subdivision. Solicitor Carroll said that if one looks at the agreement, it has a certain number of lots within the Meadowview Heights Subdivision and if you check all of the subdivisions, they are on the south side of Greenhouse Road. What Mr. Hay is referring to is on the north side of Greenhouse Road. That is indeed in Milford Township but that is not part of any deal between Milford Township and Rockwood Borough. If someone wants water or sewage there, Bill stated that there must be new agreements worked on, drafted and agreed upon between the Rockwood Borough, Milford Township and Milford Township Municipal Authority because that Township's Municipal Authority can't tell someone services are available when they don't have the ability to provide them.

**Old Business:**

- A.** Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group reviewed his items:
- 1) Kevin brought the cable and the software for the flow meter.
  - 2) The flood control grant for the conduit repairs has been released by DCED and is due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Kevin is going to try to have that ready by February's meeting so we can get it submitted early.
  - 3) In regards to the liquid chlorine switchover, Kevin has called multiple times for delivery charges for the chlorine. He has not got a firm number back yet from Chemstream. Kevin will keep on that to try to get a number before next Council meeting.
  - 4) Kevin discussed the DCED Grant for the long term plan for the water tank and the DCED grant that is available for small water systems. Kevin did not have the grant information with him. He will email it to Jill tomorrow for her to forward to Council to take a look at. Kevin's total estimated cost is \$531,455. The Borough's portion would be fifteen percent, which would be a little less than \$80,000. Kevin is still trying to pin down is the cost of the tank and also the cost of the telemetry system that would need put in. Two things that Kevin will need the Borough to adopt a Resolution for next month's meeting to be passed by Council to formally apply for the grant and a letter on Borough letterhead stating that we need/requesting a certain amount of money. Kevin will get a little more detail before next month's meeting for the long term plan.
- B.** Mayor Melissa Cramer reviewed the police report for December.
- 1) Jill still needs an updated copy of Officer Loiodici's inventory list to keep in the office.
- C.** Carl submitted his maintenance report Council to review.
- 1) Pristow's has the zero turn mower on hold for us. Carl suggested that we stall as long as we can taking ownership so the warranty doesn't start until we take ownership.
  - 2) Carl discussed the issue Clapper's is having with their water line, which is in the general location of Bridge Street, under the state road. Carl is going to do a study to see if the line behind Clapper's to see if that was still a "live line" and see if that would be an option to move the line to the rear. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to authorize the Maintenance Department to explore the viability of a water line that Clapper's can tie into an existing line and if it is viable, they may do so but they must bear all of the costs. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- D. Carroll Law had no open issues to discuss since the Knopsnyder's, the borough residents who want to raise quail, were not in attendance. Item was tabled to next month's meeting.
- E. Denny Weimer is going to check with Todd Berkey on the status of the salvage title for the old police cruiser.
- F. The motion was made by Denny Weimer and seconded by Larry Mazer to abandon the temporary month to month memorandum of employment agreement with Carl Jones, dated July 19, 2017 and return to the original agreement dated May 19, 2015 agreement. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- A. Amy Jo Stout handed out NIMS training packets that Jill printed out and highlighted what training is needed by new council members and the mayor.
- B. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to add Nancy Sleasman to the checking account as an additional signer. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Nancy Sleasman abstained.
- C. The motion was made by Larry Mazer for himself, Amy Jo Stout and Denny Weimer to attend a two day boot camp training class held by the PSAB at a cost of \$135 per person. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. The motion was then made by Larry Mazer to pay for each member, along with the mayor, a subscription to the Borough News magazine which is put out by the PSAB at a cost of \$10 per subscription. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. Committee meetings were scheduled as follows and Jill will have them advertised in the paper:

Water/Sewer/Flood: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.  
 Finance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
 Police: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:15 p.m.  
 Personnel: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month right after Council meeting.  
 Streets/Alleys/Property: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m.  
 Community Development: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

- E. Larry Mazer discussed the Community Park. He would like to see a committee be a committee set up under the Borough. By doing that, the Borough would be able to initiate and apply for grants under the different Pennsylvania state grants through DER, DEC and etc. Jimmy Marker, who is involved on the park committee, stated that our chances of getting grants to do some of the work at the park, would have a better chance if we were doing this as a Borough project. Larry had a question for the Solicitor: In doing that, if you have a committee under the Borough and you start doing construction, do you then have to fall under the prevailing wages and bidding it out. Council tabled further discussion until further information can be found.

**Nancy Sleasman left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.**

- F. Larry Mazer discussed what could be done with the abandoned and blighted properties within the Borough. Solicitor Carroll stated that there is not much you can do unless the Borough is willing to spending a lot of money in legal actions to file nuisance cases against them to try to get orders against them to clean things up. If a property in question is owned by the Tax Claim Bureau, it is very hard to do something.

**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**

Larry Mazer made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Council going into an executive session for personnel reasons, with no further action being taken after. Denny Weimer seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the January 16, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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