

Rockwood Borough Council
June 20, 2017

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on June 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Todd Berkey, Jean Atchison, Amy Jo Stout and Sarah Sleasman. Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones, Mayor Betsy Conn and Solicitor Bill Carroll. Barry Atchison was absent.

The motion was made by Jean Atchison to approve the May 16, 2017 meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public/Visitor Comments:

Lester Snyder, who lives at 430 Main Street was present to talk to Council about the constant flooding he gets in his basement when it rains hard. It comes running down the side walk into his basement. President Todd Berkey told him that the Maintenance Department is continuing to work on remedying the situation.

Fred Kaufman was present regarding a water leak he has in his yard that was discovered when the Maintenance Department read the water meter. He was asking for some relief on his upcoming water bill. Council stated that they couldn't do that because it would set a precedence for future customers who may have a leak but they were willing to work with him and let him pay on his bill as he could to get it paid off without any finance charges being added to the bill.

Old Business:

- A. Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group was present. Kevin had the preliminary copy of the FEMA grant application for conduit repairs. The preliminary total cost would be \$90,035 with the Borough's portion being \$13,507. Kevin will submit the grant application by the June 30th due date.

The final survey has been done on the Market Street properties and has been recorded at the Recorder of Deeds office.

Kevin discussed the water tank thickness testing was done by Liquid Engineering on May 28th. The tank overall is in relatively good condition. The sediment in the bottom of the tank is an average depth of two inches. Liquid Engineering removed the sediment. Kevin doesn't think it is an emergency at this point but Council needs to start preparing a plan on how to address this long term.

Kevin and Carl took a look at liquid chlorine situation at the sewer plant. With the Grant and the water tank, Kevin didn't have a chance to put a report together. He will have a report together next month's meeting.

In regards to the flow meters, Kevin has the software but he is having trouble getting the correct cable.

In regards to the floodplain accreditation, Kevin spoke with Ben Keyser from AECOM approximately two weeks ago. Mr. Keyser is done with his review and he sent an approval letter to FEMA. At that point, FEMA is responsible for sending out the final approval letter. Mr. Keyser thought we would have the approval letter back by now. He will check on it and get back to Kevin.

- B. Mayor Betsy Conn reviewed the police report for the month of May.
- 1) Mayor Conn discussed that Conemaugh Township offered to donate one of their police cruisers to the Borough. Jill Shultz typed an acceptance letter to them for Council President Todd Berkey to sign and she will then email, fax and mail the original to Conemaugh Township so they have it for their meeting tomorrow night. The motion was made by Sarah Sleasman and seconded by Amy Jo Stout to send a letter to Conemaugh Township asking for the donation of a late model Dodge Charger police cruiser. Motion carried.
 - 2) There are a few items that the police department needs in order to get back to code enforcement, such as a camera, phone and a printer cable. The motion was made by Sarah Sleasman for the police department to purchase the items needed. Amy Jo Stout seconded the motion and the motion carried.
 - 3) The motion was made by Jean Atchison to salvage the Borough's police cruiser that was damaged in the flooding. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- C. Carl submitted his maintenance report Council to review.
- 1) The muffin monster at the Bridge Street pump station failed. The cost is \$9625 to replace with a rebuild and comes with an eighteen month warranty. Carl is going to get a price for a new one before Council makes a decision.
 - 2) Carl had a cost of \$1700 from Paul Bunyan for the tree removal in the alley near Rusty Stewart's property at 520 Broadway. Carl is to get additional estimates before we proceed.
 - 3) Carl did not get a chance to put a list together of projects needing done.
 - 4) The broken line at the site of the future Park still needs to be looked at.
- D. Carroll Law had nothing further to discuss.

Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:07 to for personnel reasons. Council resumed the regular council meeting at 8:18 with no formal action taken.

New Business:

- A. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to accept Barry Atchison's letter of resignation effective June 20, 2017 from Council. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. One person submitted a letter of interest for the open position on Borough Council. Council tabled appointing someone to Council until the Council meeting on July 18th. Jill will post on the website letting Borough residents know that there is a vacancy and if anyone is interested to get a letter to the Borough office before the Council meeting.
- C. Jean Atchison made the motion to appoint Amy Jo Stout as Council Vice President. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Amy Jo Stout then made the motion to nominate Sarah Sleasman as Council Pro Tem. Jean Atchison seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. The motion was made by Amy Jo Stout to appoint Jean Atchison to the Somerset County Co-Op. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- E. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to appoint Amy Jo Stout to sign checks and redo the signature cards to reflect that. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- F. Sarah Sleasman reviewed the insurance quotes. Jack Mosholder submitted a quote in the amount of \$25,871 and Jerich Insurance submitted a quote of \$19,006. The motion was made by Amy Jo Stout to renew the insurance with Jerich Insurance. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jean Atchison voted nay.
- G. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to adopt the Resolution of the Destruction of Records destroyed in the flooding of May 28th. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- H. The motion was made by Amy Jo Stout approving Jill's request for vacation on July 6-7, July 18 and July 25th. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- I. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to cancel the pagers the Borough has through Schuylkill Mobile Fone. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- J. Council reviewed the quotes for the repairs that need done in the basement. They are going to wait until they hear from the insurance company to see what is covered before we proceed.

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer: NONE

Finance: The motion was made by Jean Atchison to pay the bills. Sarah 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

Sarah Sleasman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Jo Stout seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the June 20, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

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

Jill Shultz, Secretary

Date