

**Rockwood Borough Council**  
**June 19, 2018**

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on June 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, and Dennis Weimer. Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Mayor Melissa Cramer, Solicitor Ben Carroll and Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones. Nancy Sleasman arrived at 8:10. Sarah Sleasman was absent.

There was one correction to the minutes. Under the finance section of the committee reports, it should have read if we roll them into "public funds money market" status. The motion was then made by Larry Mazer to approve the May 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Visitor Comments:**

Connie Jerich was present to discuss the worker's comp for the fire company, which is coming up for renewal on July 1, 2018 through SWIF. Connie had an alternate quote from AmTrust North America in the total amount of \$18,975. This price includes the Borough Employee workers comp. AmTrust will not write just the fireman's workers comp by itself. The cost for the fireman's worker's compensation from the current carrier SWIF is \$13,455. Added to the Borough's current employee worker's comp, the total would be \$19,984, which is a difference of \$1009. Connie pointed out a few things for the Council to consider. The heart and lung coverage we have right now has a limit of \$75,000. AmTrust only offers \$20,000 per person/\$60,000 for the entire incident. Also, with the umbrella that the Borough currently has, which is a policy that you buy that goes over top of all your liabilities to increase those limits, we would not have umbrella coverage if Council decides to go with AmTrust. The rates are pretty much the same except for the city is higher. EMC worker's comp is \$5.97 and AmTrust's is \$8.87 for the city (or maintenance). If we would have a bad winter or lots of overtime, the audit would be higher with AmTrust than it would be with EMC. That would make total cost go up. After some discussion, the motion was made by Dennis Weimer to retain EMC as the Borough's worker's compensation carrier and stay with SWIF as the fire company's workers comp carrier. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council showed Connie a photo of the Monument that was damaged sometime in the past few days. Someone ran over the metal poles and chain on the side of the monument. Connie double checked the Borough's current policy and it was discovered that the Monument is not listed on the policy. Connie will take a look at the area and get the Borough a price to add it onto the policy.

**Old Business:**

**A.** Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group reviewed his items:

- 1) In regards to the application to DEP for the liquid chlorine switch over, the administrative review has been completed by DEP and there are two items that they would like us to revise on the application. The first item is the municipal notification to Rockwood Borough. There is some confusion between who owns the sewer plant and what the application is going to be under. Since we submitted it under the Municipal Authority, we failed to notify Rockwood Borough that the Municipal Authority is going to do an upgrade down at the sewage plant. Kevin is going to be taking care of that. The second item they are requesting is a copy of the Chapter 94 report. Kevin will get a copy off of Carl and submit it to DEP.
- 2) The grant application for the long term plan for the water tank was submitted to DCED. The application is under review. Kevin spoke with the analyst out of Harrisburg and they anticipate awarding sometime in either August or September 2018.
- 3) Kevin has been back & forth with DCED regarding the FEMA Grant application for the flood mitigation. They have made some revisions to our application, the main item being the contingency that we have included for the construction. Since last year, they have reduced the maximum contingency that they will allow on a project from 15% to 5%. With that, it dropped the total project cost to \$89,334. Kevin reduced the contingency for the construction and eliminated the contingency for the administrative/engineering/permitting costs. With that reduction, the Borough's portion went down to \$13,401 and the state will pick up the remaining \$75,933. What Kevin needs yet is a letter stating that the Borough is providing the match of \$13,401 and where the money is coming from. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to direct a letter for our Conduit Grant/Market Street grant under FEMA for the verification of the \$13,401 that the Borough has to match. Dennis Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- 4) The motion was made by Larry Mazer to purchase the software used to collect the data for our flow meters at an estimated cost not to exceed \$400. Denny Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Kevin will order the software and bill the Borough.

- 5) Larry Mazer stated that we need to sit down sometime to discuss a long term plan regarding the issues with Amfire overflows coming down off of the property.
  - 6) The motion was made by Dennis Weimer to purchase an additional flow meter from Kevin at a cost of \$1000. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B.** Mayor Melissa Cramer reviewed the police report for May.
- 1) Officer Loiodici is still working on code enforcement.
  - 2) Two of the abandoned and blighted properties have started cleaning up. Larry Mazer stated that Matthew Harbaugh with a group called Helping Hands, have offered to help clean up other properties within the Borough.
  - 3) In regards to the Narcan, he does not need a letter to go to the Attorney as previously thought. He is already carrying the Narcan.
  - 4) Mayor Cramer did not have an update on the changes to the Traffic & Parking Regulations Ordinance.
  - 5) There was a request to put a handicapped parking space on Main Street near Rock City Café and Redefined Chiropractic. Someone will talk to the Chiropractor to see if it would be advantageous to her business to put a handicapped spot out front.
- C.** Carl submitted his maintenance report for Council to review.
- 1) The Borough had flooding issues on the night of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Rainfall of nearly three inches caused the Amfire drain to overflow. Damage was limited to the alley and PennDOT assisted the Borough with the cleanup.
  - 2) The motion was made by Denny Weimer to purchase tires and tubes for the Hillsider at a cost of \$774 from Dumbauld's Tire. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - 3) Maintenance is going to put something around the hole at the corner of Grandview and Market Street until it can be repaired.
  - 4) Carl still has not had a chance to take a look at Clapper's water line.
  - 5) Carl is to get quotes to pave the parking lot area by the post office.
  - 6) Nancy Sleasman had a cost for replacement LED bulbs for the Christmas lights at a cost of \$1231 for materials only, no labor, from Atchison Electric. The motion was made by Denny Weimer to purchase the bulbs and change the decorations all over to LED lights. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jill will call and order the bulbs.
  - 7) Denny and Carl are going to get costs to repair the issues at the area Market Street Extension that is having water issues.
  - 8) Todd Berkey gave the salvage title for the police cruiser to Carl tonight before the council meeting. Council tabled any decision on the cruiser until next month's meeting.
- D.** Solicitor Ben Carroll discussed his items.
- 1) Ben discussed the letter that was received from Attorney Michael Barbera. Attorney Barbera proposes on behalf of the Milford Township Authority a series of steps designed to address the infiltration and inflow problems. Council needs to see things are going to happen and not just hear that things are going to happen. Kevin Yoder's opinion is that Milford Township is taking the right steps in the right direction. Kevin said that identifying the problem is the first step. Once they identify the problem, Kevin is more inclined to recommend to Council to move forward than he is at this point. Solicitor Ben Carroll suggested that since the letter came from Milford Township's Solicitor, that a response should come back from our Solicitor. Ben will draft a letter to Attorney Barbera thanking Milford Township M.A. for their efforts in identifying the sources of I & I and also request that the Milford Township M.A. provide Council with monthly reports as to what they specifically find, including reference to specific residences, or other specific single sources of I&I, as well as what was done to solve the problem in each instance. Council is hoping that if MTMA is working to identify and correct the I & I in the near future, and keeps the Borough up to date in this manner in a relatively detailed way, the Borough will be able to observe a definite and measurable reduction in I & I, in correlation to MTMA's progress. After that time, if the Authority would like to propose that the Borough allow any additional tap ins into the system in Milford Township beyond those which are currently covered under the existing agreement(s) which were recently discussed, we will then suggest that the three parties: Rockwood Borough, Rockwood Borough M.A. and the Milford Township M.A. schedule a date for another joint meeting to discuss the amendment or a revision of the existing agreement. Council's thinking on another meeting on the topic of further tap ins is, that if reports are delivered from Milford Township M.A. to Council before the Council meetings in July and August, then by some time after Council's regular August meeting, we should have a generally good idea whether the Authority's efforts in identifying and remediating I & I are working.
- E.** Denny Weimer and Sarah Sleasman still need to take their NIMS training.
- F.** The Borough received a copy of the Rockwood Veteran's Memorial Park grant that was written. It is in the Borough office if anyone would like to see it.

**New Business:**

- A. There was some discussion regarding pool water and if customers should be charged for sewage. No action was taken at this time.
- B. Larry Mazer suggested that we do some kind of recognition for Bob Berkey, Barry Atchison & Jean Atchison for all of their years of service. Melissa Cramer said she would look into prices for plaques and Jill will get their service years and give that information to Larry.
- C. The motion was made by Larry Mazer to direct Carl Jones make arrangements with Laurel Fuel to install fuel tanks at the sewer plant and start purchasing fuel for vehicles in bulk. Laurel Fuel will install the tanks for free as long as we purchase the fuel from them. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. Denny Weimer discussed that we need to start putting a plan together to replace the utility truck. We will have to start looking into that when we start planning for the 2019 Budget.
- E. Nancy Sleasman completed the Census information for 2020.

**Public Comments: NONE**

**Committee Reports:**

**Water/Sewer/Flood: NONE**

**Finance:** Since switching over the accounts at First National Bank to “public funds money market” accounts, we have gained approximately \$750 in interest in the month of May. The two accounts at Somerset Trust did not get converted until June so we don’t know yet how much interest we gained there. The motion was made by Denny Weimer to pay the bills. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Police: NONE**

**Streets/Alleys/Property: NONE**

**Building Committee: NONE**

**Personnel: NONE**

**Community Development:** A recycling event will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>

Denny Weimer made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Council going into an executive session for personnel reasons, with no further action being taken after. Larry Mazer seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the June 19, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 10:00 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