

Rockwood Borough Council
March 15, 2016

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on March 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Barry Atchison, Todd Berkey, Amy Jo Stout, Jean Atchison and David Weimer. Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones, Mayor Betsy Conn and Solicitor Ben Carroll. Officer John Loiodici was absent.

The February 16, 2016 minutes meeting minutes were read and discussed. There was one correction to the minutes regarding the nominations. It should state that Amy Jo Stout was nominated for President Pro Tem. With that one correction, the minutes were then approved.

Public/Visitor Comments:

Amanda Coleman was present to review the Borough's 2015 audit. The motion was made by Dave Weimer to approve the audit as presented. Todd Berkey seconded the motion and the motion carried. The motion was then made by Dave Weimer to advertise the audit in the Daily American. Amy Jo Stout seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Beth Hollis was present to find out who is responsible for maintenance of the piece of road between the post office sidewalk and the parking area. As she was parking to go into the post office, her vehicle went into an area of the parking lot that has potholes and by doing so, it "sucked" her vehicle into the curb damaging the bumper of her vehicle. She would like whoever is responsible to pay for the repairs. She had an estimate of \$731.40 from Aaron Dively in Friedens.

At 7:23 pm, Council adjourned for an executive session for legal matters. Council resumed the regular council meeting at 7:35 pm.

Solicitor Ben Carroll stated that Council is going to deny Ms. Hollis's request. He suggested that she report it to her insurance company and if they feel that the Borough has done something wrong, her insurance company would handle it from there. The Council does not know who owns or maintains the area in question nor do we know where the property line is at the post office.

Old Business:

- A. Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group was present to discuss the floodplain accreditation. Kevin reviewed the copies of the correspondence between the Borough and CME along with the agreements between the Borough and CSX regarding use of the railroad right of way. Kevin stated that he thinks the documents are really clear regarding the right to control the railroad in emergency situations. The Borough should be covered and have the right to close the tracks if need be. Assuming FEMA approves the accreditation, the Borough should be covered for maintenance whenever needed. Kevin feels that the documentation should be acceptable for accreditation. Nikki Roberts with FEMA told Kevin last month that it would probably be a couple of months yet for the accreditation.
- B. Officer John Loiodici submitted his police report for the month of February for Council to review.
 - 1) Mayor Conn stated that the first notices regarding ordinance violations were delivered on February 20th. February 2016 minutes stated that the first notices were going out April 15th but the Mayor and Police Officer were able to get an early start.
 - 2) The Mayor stated that there were a lot of things going on in town right now in addition to all of the ordinances that they are doing. She would like to extend Officer Loiodici's allotment of hours up to 32 hours per week. The motion was made by Jean Atchison to amend the previous motion increasing John's time up to thirty two hours per week specifically intended that he is to remain part time. Dave Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
 - 3) Mayor Conn updated Council on the Emergency Operations Plan. We are still waiting on the information back from the Fire Department. Also, everyone needs their 100 and 700 for NIMS. Carl and Betsy have taken and passed both and Jill has passed the 100 so far. Jill has study guides available in the office for those who need.
 - 4) There was some discussion regarding a donation to the Humane Society due to the fact that the police officer is the one who takes the strays into the Humane Society. The motion was made by Todd Berkey to donate \$100 to the Humane Society of Somerset County. Dave Weimer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jean Atchison abstained due to the fact that she is on the board at the Humane Society.

- C. Carl submitted the maintenance report for the month for Council to review.
- 1) Carl stated that we received the check from the insurance company for the repairs to the utility truck in the amount of \$845.38. Jill stated that the check is in the mail for the building repairs in the amount of \$2107.31 based off of Fisher Homebuilding's estimate. Carl is to go ahead with getting the repairs done.
 - 2) Carl is going to schedule the street sweeping as soon as they are available and the town cleanup for the second week in April. Jill will try to get a newsletter out as soon as possible to make the residents aware of the town cleanup.
 - 3) There was discussion regarding the inflow and infiltration issues. Carl stated that a meter to monitor the flows would be approximately \$5000. Kevin Yoder stated that he would give John Tressler with Confluence Borough a call to see if they would be interested in selling or renting their meter.
 - 4) Carl is going to rent the equipment and have maintenance do the crack sealing.
- D. Carroll Law Office had nothing further to go over.

New Business:

- A. Barry stated that the Ethic Statements need returned to the Borough office as soon as possible.

At 9:25 pm, Council adjourned for an executive session for legal issues. Council resumed the regular council meeting at 9:35 pm

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer: NONE

Finance: The motion was made by Amy Jo Stout to pay the bills. Dave Weimer 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

Dave Weimer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Jo Stout seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the March 15, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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

Jill Shultz, Secretary

Date