

Rockwood Borough Council
November 13, 2018

The meeting of the Rockwood Borough Council was held on November 13, 2018 at 7:15 pm due to a lack of a quorum at the start of the meeting. Members present were Amy Jo Stout, Larry Mazer, Nancy Sleasman (arrived at 7:13) and Sarah Sleasman (arrived at 7:45). Also present was Secretary Jill Shultz, Maintenance Supervisor Carl Jones, Mayor Melissa Cramer and Solicitor Bill Carroll. Denny Weimer was absent.

The motion was made by Larry Mazer to approve the October 16, 2018 meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried

Visitor Comments: Carl presented Bob Berkey with a plaque for appreciation for his thirty five plus years of service.

Old Business:

- A.** Kevin Yoder with Appalachian Engineering Group arrived at 8:30 and reviewed his items:
- 1) Kevin met with Carl, Larry and Denny regarding how to proceed with the grant for the water tank and the grant for the conduit replacement since we did not receive either one. We need to beef up the projects so they look more important in the eyes of DCED. DCED ultimately reviews the applications and makes the recommendations along with DEP to the Commonwealth Financing Authority who does make the final decision. The grant application opens again in March 2019.
 - 2) In regards to the levy conduit project, Kevin is looking at doing two things that go hand in hand. We can possibly do a soil investigation to see if the rumor is true that the pipe is incased in concrete, which drives the estimated cost of the project up drastically. We need to design the project so that it is shovel ready project. The estimated cost to do a soil investigation would be a maximum of \$1500. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to go ahead with Kevin's recommendation. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
 - 3) The flow meter has been repaired and will be sent out in about a week once it goes through testing. Kevin also gave Carl the formal version of the software to download.
 - 4) Kevin discussed the Street Scape grant through DCED. Steve Spochart at the Redevelopment Authority recommends we submit a grant application through DCED. The grant application opens March 1, 2019 and the open period ends July 31st, 2019 with award typically around the end of November. The minimum project amount they will fund is \$100,000 with a maximum of three million. Most of the projects that they see rewarded are at the \$500,000 range. There is a 30% match to the grant.
 - 5) In regards to the culvert on Bridge Street, Kevin talked to Bernie Nanna with PennDOT who directed him to talk to Adam Pritts, who is the assistant maintenance manager out of New Centerville. According to Adam, PennDOT does not have a problem with the discharge out of the culvert. Adam also said that the issue that the Borough has is from the Amfire strip mine.
 - 6) The situation we have with the Amfire issue is that we have roughly a 120 acre drainage area flowing down into the Borough. What Kevin is proposing is to go as far down as we can in the drainage basin and put in a retention pond. Kevin stated that a three acre foot pond would be suitable for our situation. Kevin is proposing to double the size to six acre foot pond. We could possibly tie in the culvert at the school if that becomes a much bigger issue. Kevin, as a representative of the Borough, will reach out to Joseph Outten, owner of the property, to see about getting an easement on his property. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to give Kevin the authority to draft a letter and have Solicitor Bill Carroll review it first before it goes out. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
 - 7) Kevin will have the NPDES permit renewal ready for signature at the December meeting.
- B.** Mayor Melissa Cramer reviewed the police report for October:
- 1) Officer Loiodici did not get the police report together for the meeting.
 - 2) Council decided that they would keep the 2007 Dodge Charger police cruiser to use for the maintenance department. The light bar will need to be taken off and we are only going to carry liability on the insurance policy. Carl was instructed to take the cruiser over to the maintenance garage and remove the light bar. Amy Jo Stout will call Connie Jerich to change the coverage on the vehicle.
 - 3) Nothing has been done with the Ordinance for Traffic & Parking Regulations.
 - 4) There was nothing new to report on code enforcement.

- C. Carl reviewed his maintenance report:
 - 1) The flow meter was reinstalled at the manhole for Milford Township. There was discussion regarding installing a meter to monitor the sewage. This would be similar to what we already do in Black Township. Carl estimates that we should be able to do it for around \$4000. Council would need to decide if we would just use it to monitor the sewage going through or if we would use it for billing Milford Township like we do Black Township. Nancy Sleasman suggested that we have Solicitor Carroll write a letter to the Milford Township Authority since they have not taken care of the infiltration issues nor have they got back to the Borough after the thirty days as we have requested as to what they are doing with the issues. The Borough is continuing to take care of too much water and sewage for what monies we are collecting. Therefore if they don't do something about it, the Borough has no choice but to put a meter on and bill the Milford Authority for that additional usage. Solicitor Carroll suggest the letter state that in the very near future that a meter will be installed for the purpose of monitoring the infiltration and it is the intention of the Council to consider billing for this infiltration early in 2019, with a rate to be determined by Council, if the situation doesn't get corrected.
 - 2) Repairs were made at Tri-Star to the dump truck at a cost of approximately \$523.
- D. Solicitor Bill Carroll reviewed their items:
 - 1) Solicitor Carroll still hasn't heard from anyone from the Milford Township Municipal Authority. He will write a letter to their Solicitor regarding installing a meter to monitor the infiltration.
- E. Sarah Sleasman still needs to take her NIMS training.
- F. Matt will continue to work with community service hours.
- G. Denny Weimer is still looking into the cyber liability insurance.

New Business:

- A. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to tentatively adopt the 2019 Budget and advertise it in the Daily American. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to hire Kyle Sneddon as a part time police officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and starting at 10 hours per week, not to exceed 20 per week. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried. His first day will be ASAP. Mayor Melissa Cramer will call and let him know. It was also decided that Mayor Cramer would be setting the police schedule. Sarah Sleasman asked Mayor Cramer to check with Officer Sneddon to see if he would be available to work on Saturday, December 1st from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.
- C. The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman for Officer Loiodici to order supplies for both him and Officer Sneddon at a cost not to exceed \$679.80. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. Larry Mazer made the motion to bill Clapper's Building Materials at the minimum rate of \$40.00 per month for their water/sewer bill not based upon usage for the months of December 2018 through March 2019 provided that they comply with a reasonable request by the Borough for access to make sure that the water is turned on at the minimal amount necessary to keep it from freezing. Sarah Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Carl will contact Doug at Clapper's to make the necessary arrangements for access to get in to set the water to trickle so it does not freeze up.
- E. Sarah Sleasman discussed a meeting that was held with Pamela Tokar-Ickes regarding the Amtrak situation. There are people within the County that still think this is a good idea. There are enough people still working for the County who were on the committee that believe it is a viable thing and they want to explore it more. The idea was to come to Rockwood to see if there was willful consensus of support for the train if and when it would come. The stop wouldn't be an actual station or a platform but a flag stop meaning that the train wouldn't be here for more than five minutes at a time and it would literally be a bus shelter. That part is not the problem. The problem is getting CSX to stop. The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies is willing to be the driver for the project with the support of the Borough if we can unanimously support the project. Pamela Tokar-Ickes drafted a letter of support on the Borough's behalf. The motion was made by Sarah Sleasman to authorize Borough Council to send a letter of support, drafted by the Community Foundation, to the Honorable Robert Casey, United States Senator, concerning the Amtrak stop, with the Community Foundation being the driver for the project. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- F. Amy Jo Stout asked Council if they would be willing to make a donation for the Borough's Festivity of Lights being held on December 1st. No firm decision was made. Amy Jo wasn't sure exactly what they needed yet so Council decided to wait to see what exact dollar amount they needed and could make a decision retroactive at December's meeting.

Public Comments: NONE

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer/Flood: NONE

Finance: The motion was made by Nancy Sleasman to pay the bills. Larry Mazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police: NONE

Streets/Alleys/Property: NONE

Building Committee: NONE

Personnel: NONE

Community Development: NONE

Sarah Sleasman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried and the November 13, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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

Jill Shultz, Secretary

Date