

April 11, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 11, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the April 11, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joe Slovick, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Citizens' Comments:

Representatives of the Skate Park reported they have filed for their 5013C. Association meetings will be held at the Skate Park. Ms. Milbrandt made a motion; second by Mr. Raffety to approve the Skate park coming events on May 13 and June 3. On the question, Mr. Kuehn questioned why the Council needs to approve all of Skate park events. Mr. Mahalchick responded that funds from events are a budget line item, going to skate park expenses. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahal stated that a misunderstanding between street employees and participants at the skate park has been resolved.

Council will use their own private funds to support the Navy Club's annual essay contest with a contribution.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Officers' Report:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine, to approve the request of the goodwill Hose Co to hold a boot drive on April 23 from 8am to 1pm. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve the request of Minersville Youth Softball's field request. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

The bid award for 28-30 South Street was tabled until Mr. Crouse can contact Northeast Industrial concerning their bid of \$73,270.00. Mr. Crouse will ask the end date of the bid. Mr. Crouse would like to use 2022 CBDG funds for the demolition.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the advertisement for 2023 street paving and resolution escalation clause. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to allow Don Cuff to secure quotes for an ADA bathroom facility for Dustin's Adventure land. The motion passed as presented.

Council member will present recommendations for Citizen of the Year to Mr. Mahalchick.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn, following lengthy discussion, to table the request of the Lions Club for an amendment to their lease until the May meeting. The motion was passed following a roll call vote.

The council approved Entech Engineering to do a RFP for an environmental study of the current borough hall.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the invoice from Kuharchick. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Mr. Mahalchick suggested contacting the Minersville Little League for an itemized quote for their fence request.

Mr. Mahal reported that he has obtained a letter from Chief Combs and will obtain one from Fire Chief Eichenberg concerning the condition of the River Street wall. He will include letters from legislators and send them to Penn Dot.

Council Committee Reports-

Streets-Mr. Firestine reported street crews are doing crack sealing. Street sweeping has resumed. The schedule will be posted on the Borough's Facebook page. Mr. Mahalchick reported dead trees on Penn Street at the Lions' parking lot have been taken down.

Recreation-The issue of improper behavior and language at Dustin's' was discussed. Mrs. Securda said benches are needed at the park. The camera issue was discussed. Mr. Mahalchick will have Dustin's' board contact Chief Combs.

Fire-Ms. Milbrandt reported the April 3rd workshop was informative. The next workshop is May 8 at the Minersville High School.

Sewer/Water-Mr. Raffety reported the Water Authority is on the last leg of their replacement project then sidewalk and street restoration will begin. Mr. Firestine suggested using funds from street restoration to help replace North street curb to curb. Mrs. Securda expressed concern that shut off valves had been cemented over during the project.

Mayor- The mayor reported he has secured donations for a dumpster, tire removal and for cleanup of 610 Sunbury Street. The Mayor stated that ATV funds were set aside for revitalization and can be used for this. Mr. Firestine suggested advertising and selling the property “as is”. Mr. Mahal stated it should be looked at sub dividing the property.

The Council went to Executive Session at 8:35.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:20.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to authorize advertisement of a police hire following a salary amount if reached and agreed upon with the MPOA. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary