

April 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 12, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Diane Houser.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the April 12, 2022 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Bob Laughlin of the Fire Police, asked to be informed about future parades. The Council will sponsor a flag for the club's annual essay contest from their private funds.

Representatives from the Historical Society thanked the Borough for their annual financial support. The ladies have purchased a No Parking sign to be installed at the service entrance to the Union Cemetery. They asked that the Street Department install the sign and repaint the curb yellow. They have received a private donation for the removal of six trees at the cemetery.

Dave Cantwell will be holding a Kubb Viking Game at the Lion's pavilion on September 17th and has contacted Dustin's Adventure land concerning using part of the land the Borough leases to them for the games. Mr. Mahal will share contact information for the Minersville Little League with Mr. Cantwell to gain their permission for use of their land.

Rob Davis expressed his intent to hold a Skate Jam on May 21st at the Skate Park. Ms. Milbrandt will reach out to the Skate Park Association to gain their permission. They will deliver details of their event to the Borough office.

Representatives from County Waste and Valley Waste, the two bids received for the sanitation contract, posed questions on the insurance issues on the bid package. Solicitor Evans stated both companies met the bid requirements.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the minutes from March 2022. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the bills to be paid. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Little League's annual request for use of playing fields. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of the Mountaineer Hose Company boot drive on July 1 from 4pm to 7:30pm. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to accept the bids for sanitation. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to award the 2-½ year sanitation bid to Valley Sanitation. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the advertisement for the 2022 street paving. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve a Letter of intent to proceed with a Police Reorganization Study with Cass Township. The motion passed as presented.

The Solicitor will study a Noise Ordinance for the Borough.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve a Friday, Saturday and Sunday ATV event over Memorial Day weekend in the borough in conjunction with Famous Reading Outdoor. The motion passed as presented. The Solicitor and the Mayor are reviewing the Partnership agreement with Reading Outdoor.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the 2022 pool rates. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Police Chief to purchase body cams and possible dash cams for the Police Department, not to exceed \$25,000 following review by the Mayor and the Law and Order Committee with American Rescue Plan Act Funds pending approval by Keystone Municipal Solutions. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the Handicap Parking Renewals as approved by Chief Combs. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve Dr. McBreen, Mr. James O'Brien and Mrs. Ashley Securda to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Slovick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to approve the Tax Receiver charges for certifications and duplicate bills. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of Minersville Fire Rescue for two parking spaces for Fire Parking only. The motion passed as presented.

We are awaiting CDBG decision on the sale of Borough properties.

The Solicitor and Code Enforcement Officer are proceeding with plans for conservatorship of the Kozura property at 610 Sunbury Street.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick to proceed with securing emails for all Borough Authority, Officials and employees not to exceed \$2000.00. The motion passed as presented.

Council Reports:

Streets-Mr. Firestine reported the new truck should be delivered any day. The street sweeper is to be delivered in May.

Finance and Personnel-Jamie Kuehn stated the Pool Manager position needs to be redefined. Mr. Mahalchick stated the former pool manager would need to reapply for the position.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16 dependent on COVID issues. Dustin's Easter Bunny parade will be on April 16 as well.

Mr. Kuehn stated submissions for the newsletter are needed by the beginning of Thursday.

Mr. Firestine made motion, second by Mr. Slovick to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary