

April 14, 2026

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 14, 2026. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the April 14, 2026 meeting: Mr. Alex Kurtek, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mrs. Amelia Hopkins, Mr. Jamie Kuehn and Mr. Terry Raffety. Mr. Bernie Lescavage, Mayor Palmer. Solicitor Day, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Borough Manager Megan Paul.

Citizens' Comments: Mr. Lachlan of the Fire Police requested the American Flag sponsorship of \$75 or cash prize of \$50 for the Annual Essay Contest. Mr. Lescavage stated he would sponsor a cash prize. The Borough will sponsor a flag as they have in the past.

Mr. Lescavage made a motion; second by Mr. Enders to approve the Fire Police help with Frackville's 150 Anniversary on July 3rd and the Ryan Townships request for the Fireman's Convention on August 22. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Mr. Lescavage seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Lescavage made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Officers' Reports: Mrs. Enders made a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Kurtek seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications: Once again Council denied the request of the Railway Project 113 for use of a land parcel-formerly the Penn Street playground due to the proximity of homes and possible future use by the Street Department. Mr. Kuehn will reach out to the organization.

The Minersville Little League request for field use was approved as past precedence.

Mr. Enders made a request to approve New Minersville Hose Company's request for road closure for their anniversary celebration on June 20 was approved. Chief Bowers will supervise the closure. Mr. Lescavage seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

A thank you was received from Dustin's adventure Land for the use of land for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

New Business

The First Reading of the Food Code Ordinance was completed.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Hopkins to approve the Towing Contraact for advertisement. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kurtek made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve to advertise for summer help for the pool and Street Department. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve to advertise the 2026 Paving Project. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Lescavage to approve Resolution and approving the Escalation Clause Paving Project. The motion passed as presented.

Citizen of the year suggestions will be reviewed and decided t the May meeting.

Mr. Lescavage made a motion, second by Mrs. Hopkins to submit the grant application on behalf of the Little League. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety for the dissolution of the Land Bank, which will be melting into the Schuylkill County Redevelpment Authority. The motion passed as resented.

On the recommendation of Chief Bowers, Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the hadicap Parking at 418 North Street. Mr. Lescavage seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented,

Mr. Raffety made a motion to purchase a bobcat skid loader (no water tank) for \$5904.60. Mr. Kurtek seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The tentative opening date of the pool will be June 6, 2026.Mr. Lescavage made a motion to approve the pool and pass rates from last year. With a discount of \$5.00 individual and \$10 family passes if purchased prior to opening. Mr. Kurtek seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Hopkins to approve one-day student tickets for the pool for players at softball sectionals. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Hopkins to approve the Resolution for Reimbursement on Borough Building Project. The motion passed as presented.

Representatives will meet with Dustin's Adventure land to discuss allocating \$85,000 of the \$150,00 of CFA Awards for bathrooms at the Adventure land, with remaining funds for steps and drainage. The motion passed as presented.

DHS>ICE 287 (g) Program will be discussed after Chief Bowers attends the Chiefs meeting.

Council representatives will meet with Borough Fire and EMS on April 23rd.

Community Updates

The Community Yard Sale will be June 6, rain or shine.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2026 at 9am. The motion passed as presented.

April 22nd Earth Day cleanup will be held at the Recreation Complex.

Softball Sectionals will be held June 30 to July 3.

Spirit Day will be held September 13.

Schuylkill County Fall Cleanup will tentatively be held September 17-19,

Halloween Parade will be held October 25. On a motion by Mr. Enders, second by Mr. Kurtek, Trick or Tread is the 31st, rain date is November 1st. The motion passed as presented.

Santa Parade is November 29.

Council went to Executive Session at 7:41 for Personnel and Legal issues.

Executive session ended 8:42 p.m.

On a roll call vote, with Mr. Kurtek, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Enders, voting aye and Mr. Kuehn and Mr. Raffety voting No The motion to advise legal council to accept the FOP attorney decision in Officer Brown's case. With Mr. Raffety and Mr. Kuehn the only no votes,, the motion passed as presented.

Motion to adjourn Enders.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary