

## **April 8, 2025**

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 8, 2025. Vice Chairman Jamie Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the April 8, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joe Slovick, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mr. Justin Frantz, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Office Manager Megan Paul.

Mr. Kuehn stated one letter of interest had been received to fill the vacant council seat. Mr. Enders made a motion to appoint Amelia Hopkins to fill the seat. Mrs. Palmer closed the nomination. Mayor Palmer swore Mrs. Hopkins into her seat on Borough Council.

**Council Reorganization:** Mr. Enders made a motion to appoint Joe Slovick council President. Mrs. Palmer closed the nominations. Mr. Slovick provided over the remainder of the meeting. Mrs. Palmer nominated Justin Frantz as Vice President. Mr. Enders made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Frantz is the new Vice President.

**Citizens' Comments:** Jimmy O'Brien, 411 North Delaware Avenue, thanked Street and Water employees for help with the trees that were down at the Little League complex. Megan Paul reported PP&L would be present April 17 when additional trees are taken down for safety purposes. The Little League received a quote of \$16,400 to replace the backstop and safety netting.

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

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

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

**Communications:** Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the YMCA request for a field trip to our pool on August 8, 2025 with free admission for 4 to 5 hours for 30 campers and 4-5 counselors. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to donate 10 pool passes and one small pavilion rental to the YMCA Healthy Kids. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the Good Will Fire Co. request for a Boot Drive at Sunbury and 6<sup>th</sup> St. on Sunday, May 4 from 8am-4pm. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to approve the request of the Lions Club to hold their Spirit Day on September 14, 2025. The motion passed as presented. Mrs. Palmer abstained from the vote.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to approve the request of Dustin's Adventure land to install a free little library and food pantry at their playground. On the question, they will have camera coverage of them. The playground will provide weekly maintenance for expired foods, etc. On the recommendation of Solicitor Evans, the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the Little League use of fields request. The motion passed as requested.

A thank you was received from the Historical Society for their annual donation from the borough.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the donation of 611 and 613 North Second Street contingents upon being free of leans. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The Goodwill Hose Co. sent a letter to recognize the help of the Minersville Police Department.

After discussion it was decided to have the Sewer, Water, Sanitation Committee respond to the letter council received from the Water Authority concerning all correspondence be done by email. Mr. Slovick will speak to the Water Authority and Committee members were encourage to attend all Authority meetings.

**New Business:** The proposal by the Little League to construct an indoor facility was discussed. Mr. O'Brien addressed concerns requiring emergency vehicle access once the facility is built. He stated that Mike Misstishen deemed the area accessible. Mr. Enders made a motion to grant the Little League Permission for the indoor fancily per their proposal to council. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. Mr. Kuehn voted no. The motion passed on a majority vote. The Solicitor will examine the Little League's current lease.

Mrs. Palmer suggested Mr. and Mrs. Kopinetz as citizens of the year. Mr. Slovick suggested Mr. Jim O'Brien, Senior and Eric Eichenberg as citizens of the year. Mr. Enders made a motion to approve all four. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The Mayor reported that meetings are being held for the opening of the Time Capsule in 2026.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the purchase of mulch for playgrounds using ARPA funds. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. The mulch will be delivered to the 4<sup>th</sup> Street playground to be distributed. Mrs. Palmer informed the council that Schuylkill County Leadership has selected the Second Street playground for their \$1000 project including manpower. They will be at the playground on April 23 at 12:30.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to approve the address updating for the Street and Water buildings for 911 purposes.

The tentative date of the pool opening is June 1. We have 7 returning lifeguards and 2 new who need to pass their test. The Mayor reported he has contacted the Cressona pool to inform their lifeguards of openings at our pool. The Cressona pool is not opening this year. Mrs. Palmer made a motion to send a letter to Cressona Borough offering their residents season passes at our pool. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the Resolution for Price Adjustment for Bituminous Materials for Small Quantities. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve advertisement for 2025 paving. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Frantz made a motion to approve purchase for \$1 and demolition of 50, 52 Westwood Street following title search and forgiveness of taxes. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion for emergency demolition of the accessory structure at 447 New Castle Street. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

**Old Business:** The USDA Building Loan is waiting for documentation of the flood plane.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to amend the Police Ordinance for No Parking /Tow Away Zones. The motion passed as presented.

The Solicitor is researching the Police Ride Along Program.

Mr. Raffety made a motion; second by Mr. Enders to approve the request for contract extension providing a \$20,000 non-refundable deposit with includes zoning approval of 610 Sunbury Street. The motion passed as presented.

### **Council Reports**

**Streets**-Megan Paul has put in a request for summer help to REDCO. Summer help will be hired at the May meeting. All streets earmarked for repair will be covered.

Mr. Kuehn stated items for the newsletter need to be submitted by April 17. The newsletter will cover May, June and July.

### **Community Updates**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 13.

The Community Yard Sale will be held June 7.

Mr. Slovick reported he is looking to have a U Tube Channel that films meetings. It will be in conjunction with the Minersville High School TV Club.

Mr. Slovick wants to bring back Junior Council members from the high school.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Enders seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary