

April 9, 2024

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 9, 2024. Councilman Joe Slovick opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the April 9, 2024 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick. Mr. Mahal participated by telephone.

Citizens' Comments:

Residents of 528 Lytle Street reported the attached property at 530 Lytle Street is causing multiple problems with their home including mold everywhere and a collapsing roof. 530 Lytle is not occupied. The owners have contacted an attorney to explore their options. Mr. Crouse said notices of violations have been sent, he will contact the county office tomorrow to inquire who is paying the taxes on the property. Solicitor Evans stated it is a civil dispute but they should keep in touch with Mr. Crouse.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the minutes from March 2024. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Communications:

The Borough Office will approve the following-

Minersville Fire Rescue Boot Drive on Friday, May 24 from 4-7:30pm

Minersville Fire Rescue Block Party from July 18 thru the 20th with street blocking requests

Mountaineer Hose Co. Boot Drive on July 5 from 4-7pm

Mr. Mahalchick will compare rates at Midd Penn bank to our current bank, Link.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve 20 one day individual pool passes and a pool pavilion rental to the YMCA. On the question, Mrs. Securda clarified the motion was for 20 passes and the pavilion rental. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion.

The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal will look into the request to purchase 610 Sunbury Street by Singh & Kaur, Inc. The property will be put out to bid.

New Business:

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve the 2024 pool pass rates. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders asked to see if it is feasible, following appraisal, to purchase 600 Sunbury Street. Mr. Mahalchick will reach out to the tax collector to see who is paying taxes on the property. There will need to be a deed restriction on the property.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the pool opening on June 1. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. The information will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve a proclamation for Minersville Softball for 50 years. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business-

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the fencing at the Soccer Field pending a meeting with Mr. Enders prior to the installation due to damage to the sewer line.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to begin enforcing meters June 1 at the previously approved rate of 25cents per every 15 minutes, Monday thru Saturday until 6pm. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety giving residents who live on Sunbury street stickers at a cost of \$10 for proof of residency and will receive free parking. Mrs. Securda opposed, the motion passed. Should resident purchase a new car, a new sticker will transfer to it.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to have violators parking in front of businesses or in municipal lots, towed away. The motion passed as presented. Mrs. Securda abstained from the vote.

Business in the borough will be offered parking in front of their business at a rate of \$500.00/per year, which includes a pole and sign. Mrs. Securda abstained from the vote. The motion passed as presented.

The municipal lot rates will be determined at a later date. It was suggested to have T lines painted on Laurel Street.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve \$5000 from ARPA funds be given to the library. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion to adjourn, second by Mrs. Securda.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary