

August 12, 2025

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held August 12, 2025. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the August 12, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety. Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Megan Paul. Bond Council for the Sewer Authority, Attorney Datte, attended the August meeting as well.

Due to the absences of the Chairman and Vice-chairman, Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to have Mr. Kuehn proceed with running the meeting.

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

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

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

Communications: An email from Mr. Joseph Slovick was read announcing his resignation from Borough Council. Mr. Enders made a motion accepting the resignation as of this meeting, August 12, 2025, and advertising for a replacement by the September 9th regular meeting. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Attorney Datte informed the Council the Sewer Authority is seeking a PENNVEST loan to finance the UV Project at the sewage treatment plant. With the resignation of chairman Slovick, the proper paperwork will be updated with a signing by proper parties at a later date. Mr. Enders made a motion to authorize the resolution and signatures. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. On the question, Mr. Raffety explained the loan is for the state required UV system at the sewage treatment plant.

Citizens' Comments: Teresa Smith, Carbon Street, again stated the outside deterioration apartment building near her with bees becoming a problem. Mr. Crouse has sprayed for the bees, which along with mice, continue to be a problem. Additionally there is a very deep pothole by the stadium and with school starting will be a big problem. Mr. Enders stated it would get looked into.

Bernie Lescavage, New Castle Street reported his displeasure at the Minersville Police Department Facebook page endorsing certain candidates for council. Chief Bowers stated he would speak to the officer in charge of the site. Mr. Lescavage also stated an issue with reporting an individual to police who was at an uninhabited property near his home. Police came but he was never given an update. Chief Bowers stated the department does not generally give updates. Mr. Lescavage suggested repainting of the parking spaces.

Mike Firestine questioned when 4x4 parking had been extended to borough streets. Originally, when the 4x4 riding thru town was authorized, parking was limited to certain spots. The Mayor stated that parking has been approved throughout the borough. Mr. Firestine asked what about the rights of residents who need to park. Mr. Kuehn suggested an alternative parking lot for 4x4. Mr. Enders will look at alternative parking on Friday morning.

New Business: Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr., Raffety to approve the Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Grant applications for the pool slide were discussed. Additional projects to be included in the grant would be equipment in the shallow end that are not working and a possible pad in the shallow end. Megan Paul will look into the grant options.

The issue of Borough Manager applications will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second d by Mr. Raffety to approve the purchase of computers for [police cars, which are portable in the amount of \$17,772.00 from the police department account. The motion passed as presented.

The Mayor reported on the DCNR ATV/Snowmobile Grant Application, which is a 0 match grant. The Mayor stated possible updates to cameras at intersections, paving, etc.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, with approval by the Police Chief, second by Mr. Enders to approve the handicap sign application for 15 North Fifth Street. The motion passed as presented.

The issue of the 2010 Street Department truck was tabled.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve sending insurance renewals to Tobash and Seltzer if 2 agencies are approved or to Seltzer if only one is approved. The motion passed as presented.

The council instructed Chief Bowers to inform the medical practice on Sunbury Street that they can acquire an additional handicapped parking spot would be approved or a reserved parking spot at the cost of \$600 year.

Old Business: Megan Paul reported she is waiting for the cost for next month's meeting from Don Cuff of Entech for managing the USDA Loan. She stated we are waiting for the 2023 audit.

The property at 50-52 is demolished and property is awaiting private sale to the Borough.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the basketball hoop installation by B&H Landscaping with a cap of \$4000, out of the Outdoor Revitalization. Second by Mr. Raffety. Motion passed as presented.

The Council went to Executive session at 8:23. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:51.

Mr. Enders made a motion to appoint Mr. Kuehn at Chairman, Mr. Frantz as Vice Chairman. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion to authorize the Personnel Committee to proceed with interviews and hire if necessary, a Borough Manager prior to the September meeting. The motion passed as presented.

Council Reports

The closing of the pool will be August 14, with the library doggie swim on the 15th. Megan Paul suggested a possible splash party.

Mr. Kuehn reported articles for the Newsletter need to be received by July 24.

Community Updates

The Lions Spirit Day is September 14.

Fall Cleanup is September 11-12 from 8am-3pm and September 13 from 9am-12pm.

The Halloween Parade is Oct 26-formation at 6:30, parade at 7pm, rain date October 28.

Trick or Treat-October 30-reaindate Nov. 1

Santa Parade-November 30.

Mr. Enders made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary