

August 8, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held August 8, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the August 8, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mrs. Katielynn Pothering, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Day, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick and Junior Council Member Kurtek.

Citizens' Comments: There were no residents at the August meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the minutes from July 2023. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Approval of Officers' Report:

Mrs. Pothering made a motion to approve the officers' reports. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Pothering to have requests for banners and signs for events to be handled by the office staff from here forward. The motion passed as presented. The request for South Cass to erect a banner was approved.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mrs. Pothering to approve Schuylkill Haven Borough's request for fire police for August 26, 2023. Police Chief Combs will inform them. The motion passed as presented.

A thank you letter was received from the Suicide Prevention Task Force for the efforts of Officers Wilson and Kerby in helping to save a person's life on July 2.

New Business:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mrs. Pothering to approve the Amendment to the Gulotta Group Proposal not to exceed \$4000 using ARPA funds. The motion passed as presented.

A meeting with Dustin's Adventurland will be held concerning quotes for the auxiliary parking lot.

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve Application 4 in the amount of \$68,155.60 and Application 5 in the amount of \$108,382.17 to Kuharchick Construction. On the question, Mr. Firestine asked when the new streetlights are being turned on and suggested withholding payment until they are. Mr. Mahalchick stated payment couldn't be withheld if the deadline for the project has not been reached. Mr. Mahalchick will check on the deadline and email Council. The motion passed on that condition.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the driveway application for 422 Church Street on Mr. Crouse's recommendation. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to table the Business Parking application until it can be further researched. Mrs. Pothering seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Police Chief Combs needs to update his letter concerning the River Street wall.

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to hire Wills Trees for cutting of cemetery trees in the amount of \$11,000. The motion passed as presented. Wills Trees will cut down the trees and push them aside. Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mrs. Pothering to pay Wills Trees a deposit for their work. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick reported the new parking meters are on their way.

The short-term rental agreement was tabled.

Council Committee Reports-

Streets-Mr. Firestine reported the blacktop on North, Second and Carbon Streets is completed. Crosswalk and line painting is being done. The new employee has completed probation and is working out well. Mr. Mahalchick reported the purchase of the bobcat was well worth the money. Mr. Mahalchick stated a new street sweeper schedule would be worked out. Mr. Firestine asked that the Recreation Committee recommend to the Little League that tables be removed from the pavilion. Mr. Firestine suggested looking into closing the pool when it is not occupied by a certain number of people for the 2024 season.

Fire-Mrs. Pothering reported the Fire Convention would be held in Schuylkill Haven this year.

Community Updates-

Fall Cleanup will be held September 14-16.

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the Lions request for streets to be blocked off for Spirit Day on September 24. The Lions are holding Spirit Day with approximately twenty-five vendors and one hundred food trucks participating. Mr. Mahal suggested awarding a key to the Borough to Neil Goodman at Spirit Day.

The Annual Halloween Parade will be held October 22 at 6:30pm with rain date of October 29.

The Haunted House will be held October 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Trick or Treat will be October 24.

Santa will come to town November 26.

The Council went into Executive session for Personnel Matters at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary