

## **August 9, 2022**

A meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held August 9, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the August 9, 2022 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joe Slovick, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

### **Citizens' Comments:**

Ray Melnick, 376 Jones Street, reported parking problems on their street. One owner is putting cones so no one can park. The Mayor suggested painting T lines. Mr. Firestine commented they need to be enforced. Mr. Mahal suggested an allowance for handicapped parking. Police Chief Combs stated he will check it out tomorrow with Mr. Mahalchick and Mr. Firestine.

Daniel Ayres, 31 South Delaware Avenue reported neighbors at 33 South Delaware Avenue parking in front of his garage as well in an access alley. Police Chief Combs instructed him to post "No Parking" at his garage and to call the police station instead of confronting the neighbor. Mr. Ayers also stated trash from Fuel Up littering the area. Mr. Crouse will look into it.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the July minutes. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

### **Approval of Bills:**

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

### **Communications:**

A thank you note was received from Hillside SPCA for the Borough's donation in Memory of the Mayor's father, Maynard Palmer.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Minersville hereby approves and authorizes the execution and delivery of such documents as may be required by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("PENNVEST") in conjunction with the \$1,067,844.00 loan (the "Loan") from PENNVEST to The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Minersville (the "Authority") in order to assign, pledge, or otherwise encumber the interest of the Borough in the Cooperative Agreement, dated November 12, 2022, between the Borough and the Authority in favor of PENNVEST and to otherwise address the requirements of PENNVEST relating to the Cooperative Agreement in conjunction with the Loan, including any necessary amendments to the Cooperative Agreement in that regard.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of Borough Council and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, respectively, of this Borough, as appropriate, are authorized and directed to execute all documents and to do all other acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of the foregoing Resolution and to so bind the Borough.

The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick has contacted Ms. Domalakas and Mrs. Lutkus concerning the Skate Park but has had no response. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to terminate the borough's relationship and lease with the Skate Park Association due to failure to maintain the park and if they cannot provide insurance by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahalchick will consult the Borough's insurance carrier to insure the park.

A public hearing, advertised for September 13 at 6pm for the PLCB Noise Ordinance Exemption Resolution.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to research updating the borough website. The Borough Association did the original site. The mayor suggested asking local firms for proposals. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the Fair Housing Resolution. The motion passed as presented

### **Old Business**

A second reading of both the Noise Ordinance and ATV Ordinance will be held at the September meeting.

Solicitor Evans stated the conservatorship hearing for the 610 Sunbury St property is set for September 6. Solicitor Evans informed the Council the estate has offered the property to the borough on the condition the borough not touch any assets of the estate for cleanup. Solicitor Evans stated it would cost approximately \$40,000 for the cleanup and another \$50,000 for the inside. We can continue with the conservatorship or accept the deed for the property. Either way the "tenants" need to be evicted and tow the vehicles from the property. Mr. Mahal stated that DEP would be contacted immediately upon our ownership for possible funds for the cleanup. Mr. Raffety made a motion to accept the deed and not pursue the estate for damages. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The council met in Executive Session at 8:35 for legal and personnel matters.

Council returned for Executive Session at 9:09. Mr. Mahal thanked the Police Salary Committee.

Mrs. Securda made a motion; second by Mr. Raffety to approve the proposed salary offer. The motion passed on a majority vote. Mr. Mahal will sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the MPLA. Electronic offers will be made to Officers Walsh and Bowers.

Mrs. Securda made a motion, second by Mr. Slovic to hire Officer Herring with an August 9 start date. The motion passed as presented

Mrs. Securda made a motion; second by Mr. Raffety to hire Officer Cavanaugh with an August 9 start date. The motion passed as presented.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Streets**-Mr. Firestine reported the street sweeper has been received. Megan Paul will put the schedule on Facebook and offenders will be ticketed. The paving has been completed. Mr. Mahalchick stated the purchase of the bobcat was a great investment.

**Fire**-Ms. Milbrandt thanked Eric Eichenberg and all first responders for their actions during the fire on Sunbury Street. The New Minersville Hose Company golf tournament was well attended. The annual block party was a success. Mountaineers breakfasts will begin next month.

**Sewer, Water, Sanitation**-Mr. Raffety reported curb painting near fire hydrants needs to be done. The Pine Street Project is continuing. The sidewalks have been destroyed in the area and need to be replaced. Mr. Mahal will look into Cobra funds. A sinkhole has opened up between Pleasant and High Streets and the road has been closed. Engineer Don Cuff and Ray Sukeena are inspecting the problem.

**Community Updates:**

Electronic recycling event on October 1.

Fall clean up is September 15 and 16 from 8 to 3 and September 17 from 9 to noon.

Ms. Milbrandt made motion, second by Mr. Firestine to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary