

February 11, 2025

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held February 11, 2025. Vice Chairman Jamie Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the February 11, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mr. Justin Frantz, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Office Manager Megan Paul.

Citizens' Comments: There were no citizens' comments.

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

Approval of Bills: Mr. Frantz 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. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications: There were no communications to discuss.

New Business: Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to apply for USDA Community Facilities Loan for the future purchase of a police truck. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to contract Don Cuff to make modification for the parking lot using DCED Multimodal remaining funds. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to advertise for summer help in the newspaper, Miners Journal and Borough Facebook page for the pool and street department. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to amend the Police Ordinance properly identifying no parking tow away zones. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety future advertising for demolition 50-52 Westwood Street.

Chief Bowers and Mayor Palmer stated a Ride Along Program for high school students with Police Officers is under review.

Mr. Raffety, under advisement from the Police Department, made a motion to deny the driveway application for 343 New Castle Street. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion second by Mr. Enders to approve the handicap parking application for 514 Baker Street. The motion passed as presented. Application for 324 Laurel Street, 533 School Street and 137 Carbon Street were tabled for further review.

A list of blighted properties for the Land Bank was reviewed. The borough has been a benefactor of Land Bank opportunities other municipalities have not.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the potential sale of the police 2013 Ford Taurus in the amount of \$5800 to Pottsville School District. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business: Interviews for the position of Borough Manager will be scheduled. Twenty applications were received. Eight applicants will be considered for interviews. Mr. Mahal will replace Mr. Slovick on the interviews.

The subject of the CBA Police Contract was tabled and referred to Law and Order, as there is no urgency to act when we are 22 months in advance of a new contract and not all council members were given details.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to appoint Mr. Smith to the UCC Appeals Board. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve Entech to prepare specification for the River Street Wall. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of preparing an RFP for the Solar Project was tabled for additional information.

Council Reports

Law & Order-Mr. Kuehn reported an ongoing problem of cars not being moved for months.

Streets-Mr. Enders wants the crosswalks painted following the final day of school.

Megan Paul reported there is currently a 7-10 wait for salt for streets.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Enders seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary