

February 14, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held February 14, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the February 14, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joe Slovick, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick and Junior Council Member Kurtek.

Citizens' Comments:

Members of the Historical Society attended the February 14 meeting. President Dr. Kear thanked the Council for their continued support and stressed the need for new members. Mr. Mahal stated the borough would be in touch to discuss how we can help financially.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the minutes from January 3, January 10 and January 23. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Communications:

A thank you note was received from the family of Councilman Kuehn on the passing of his Aunt Susan Kuehn.

The Minersville Lions are requesting their Dirt Track Festival be held on North Street. Engineer Don Cuff will be contacted on the progress of the water line replacement project on North Street.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to grant temporary approval, contingent on the opening, of two metered parking spaces at 118 Sunbury Street for the Drip Café coffee shop. An agreement for leasing of the spaces will be made within six months or when the new meters are in working order. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn asked for an update on the business next month.

New Business:

The Mayor, Law and Order Committee, Councilman Kuehn and Police Chief Combs will meet to review the ranking structure for the police department.

Mr. Mahal would like to do a cleanup of 610 Sunbury Street property for the Jason Jones Memorial Day of Service on May 12. Mr. Mahal has talked to Senator Argall about cleanup funds.

The Borough will seek quotes for environmental consulting services for the USDA Loan Application.

A request was received from the Minersville Little League requesting the borough to split the cost for new fencing around the Teener League Field from damage done from a fallen tree. The Recreation and Public Property Committee will meet with Little League and representative from Minersville Soccer and Jim Womer of Dustin's Adventure Land to discuss the fencing.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve for payment Application #6 to Heim Construction in the amount of \$94,810.13 for the Sunbury Street Corridor Improvements Project.

Old Business:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve submission of Pre-Application to USDA for Community Facilities Loan not to exceed \$2,331,400 and to authorize President Mahal to sign all documents to accomplish the submission of the Pre-Application to USDA. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to authorize the Solicitor to post the amount of the proposal for the Selmer property at the courthouse. The motion passed as presented.

Council Committee Reports-

Streets-Mr. Firestine reported that streets are being cold patched. The North side of town will have street projects this year. Mr. Firestine is hoping to advertise for bids in March.

Water, Sewer-Mr. Raffety stated the replacement of water lines is making good progress.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8 at noon.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary