

February 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held February 8, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the February 8, 2022 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Rafferty, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt, to approve the minutes from January 2022. The motion passed as presented.

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

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Rafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

Jim Womer and Jeff Dunkel with Dustin's Adventure land requested the Council to approve paving the ramp from the auxiliary parking lot to the playground. Their engineers, WJP, have approved the area. Dustin's volunteers will do the excavation and stone for the ramp. A motion was made by Mr. Rafferty, second by Ms. Milbrandt to advertise for sealed bids for paving. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Ms. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to approve the request of the Fire Rescue to hold a boot drive on May 27 from 4pm to 7:30pm. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request of the Fire Rescue to hold their annual block party July 14 to 16 and permission to block off the involved streets. The motion passed as presented.

A thank you note was received from the Minersville Library for the contribution in memory of Bill Angelo.

Old Business:

Following discussion on obtaining conservatorship on the property at 610 Sunbury Street, Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to permit Attorney Evans to move forward with obtaining conservatorship of the property. On the question, what to do about the vehicles currently on the property, Police Chief Combs stated the vehicles would have to be towed for a fee. The motion passed as presented. Visitor Tony Siminitus stated there are grants to improve the town.

The issue of borough emails was discussed. Chief Combs reported an administrator is needed to control the accounts. Mr. Mahalchick stated Megan Paul could be the administrator.

New Business:

Megan Paul informed the council on the advantages of remote image capture with Gratz Bank. Following the banks merger with Link Bank, deposits to the borough's many accounts has been a challenge. Mr. Firestine made a motion to proceed with the process. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Rafferty asked Megan to keep the council informed with the new process.

The application for a two-car driveway in the back yard of 539 Pine Hill Street was discussed. Kyle Crouse reported that he has no knowledge of the owners turning the residence into apartments. On the recommendation of Chief Combs, Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Rafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Council Reports

Fire-Ms. Milbrandt presented a written report for 2021 for each council member.

Water and Sewer-Megan Paul reported the notice on the water/sewer/sanitation bills was approved by the Water Authority to offset their posting fees.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Mayor Palmer reported that the Lions Club Event on March 26 is proceeding. Various vendors will be attending. Mayor Palmer has contacted town restaurants and fire companies as well. The event will be held on Fourth Street.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16 dependent on COVID issues.

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

An Executive Session was held following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary