

January 10, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held January 10, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the January 10, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joe Slovick, 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.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the minutes from December 6th and 13th. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve Mr. Kurtek as a junior council Member. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

The second reading of the tax levy was completed. Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the Tax Levy as posted. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the revised payment of \$31,557.60 to Kuharchick Construction (tax exempt amount). The motion passed as presented.

The following bids were received and opened:

420 Church Street \$501.00

203 Spruce Street \$500.00

Mr. Firestine made a motion to accept the bids. Mrs. Securda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion to award the bids to the sole bidders. On the question, Mr. Kuehn questioned if the bid was for 203 or 205 Spruce Street or both. Mr. Slovick seconded the motion, upon clarification of parcels. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the sale of the following properties as requested by the Tax Claim Bureau- 447 Carbon Street, 408 Jones Street, 209 North Second Street and 454 Sunbury Street- The motion passed as presented.

The Mayor reported the agreement with Reading Outdoors is ready to go with the Rich family's support.

Old Business:

Mr. Mahal reported that cost estimates and layout for the first floor of the Borough Hall would be available for our meeting next month.

Council Committee Reports-

Streets-Mr. Firestine reported that he met with the borough's fire departments and they are not happy that they have not received the \$10,000 to each department of the Covid funding. Mr. Mahal stated that on his direction funds would be released tomorrow. Accountability of funding will be addressed in letters to the departments with their funding.

Mr. Firestine reported street department workers are patching. Mr. Raffety asked that storm drains are blocked and need to be addressed.

The street department laborer position has been posted and six applications have been received.

Water, Sewer-Mr. Raffety stated the need for AEDs at the borough departments. Mr. Firestine stated instruction would need to be done as well as the purchasing of the AEDs. He will look into an instructor and purchasing for all departments.

The Council went into executive session at 7:58 for legal purposes.

The Council returned from executive session at 8:43.

Mr. Slovick made a motion to authorize Solicitor Evans to negotiate with Attorney Caputo in regards to former officers Clink and Brown. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Slovick seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary