

January 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held January 11, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the January 11, 2022 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Rafferty, Mrs. Ashley Securda, 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 December 2021. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

Mr. Mahal thanked Ms. Milbrandt and Mr. Kuehn for their service to council.

Citizens' Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

Communications:

The Minersville Lions Club requested permission to hold a Dirt Track Racing Festival on March 26. Mr. Firestine questioned if the club had applied for a Penn Dot license to hold the parade on Sunbury Street. He also stated that the borough dumps snow in the lot adjacent to Quandels so there would be no opportunity for parking there. Mr. Slovick expressed his concern on the expense of additional police hours for the event. Ms. Milbrandt expressed her hope that the fees charged for the parade would benefit the borough. Concern was also raised that food vendors be charged to be fair to our borough food establishments. Following discussion, Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to preliminary approve the event pending the fees and location of the event with Chief Combs and Mr. Mahalchick working with the Lions Club. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

The school district's request for the Borough to help financially in the Miners Lofts appraisal was discussed Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to instruct Solicitor Evans to withdraw our intervention in this matter. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Slovick being the only no vote. The motion passed.

The second reading of the Tax Levy was completed. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to pass The Ordinance #342 imposing a tax on real property in the borough and establishing the mileage at 21.00 for 2022. The motion passed as presented.

Hiring an ARP consultant was discussed. Mr. Mahal stated that DCED stated grant funding in the amount of \$6,250 could be used towards the fee of \$12,500. Mr. Rafferty questioned if the consultants would guarantee if their advice was followed, we would not be held responsible if it was determined the funds were not used properly. Solicitor Evans said it the consultant's obligation. Mr. Mahalchick stated it does not state that in their proposal but it could be put in the final paperwork. Mr. Rafferty made a motion to accept the proposal of Keystone Municipal Solutions in the amount of \$12,500, dependent on their liability. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion.

Ms. Milbrandt suggested a member of council attend the next meeting of the Skate Park Association on February 7.

Mr. Mahalchick stated the need for a street sweeper. If the sweeper is ordered by January 15th a price of \$188,000 is guaranteed. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to authorize a letter to the dealer that American Rescue Funds would be used to purchase the street sweeper in an amount up to \$190,000. The motion passed as presented.

Council Reports

Mr. Mahal distributed written copies of Committee Chairmen and members. Mr. Mahal suggested council members reach out to committee chairmen or him with ideas or issues.

Mr. Crouse requested Solicitor Evans intervene with the ongoing code violations at the former Kozura garage on Sunbury Street.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 dependent on COVID issues. Mr. Rafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

