

The reorganization meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held January 2, 2024 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Council members attended: Mr. Joe Slovic, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda and Mayor Palmer. Also attending were Police Chief Michael Combs, Mr. Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Magisterial District Justice David A. Platchko. Councilman elect Jeffrey Enders and Junior Council member Kurtek.

District Justice Platchko swore in the Borough Council members Ian Mahal, Terry Raffety and Jeffrey Enders.

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Mayor Palmer congratulated the new council member and incumbents. and opened nominations of officers.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Mr. Mahal as President. Mr. Raffety made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Mahal was elected President.

Mr. Mahal proceeded to preside over the meeting.

Mrs. Securda nominated Mr. Kuehn for Vice President; Mr. Raffety made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Kuehn was elected Vice President.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Mr. James Kimmel to the Municipal Authority; Mr. Raffety closed the appointments. Mr. Kimmel was appointed to the Municipal Authority.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Mr. Thomas Eltringham to the Sewer Authority; Mr. Raffety seconded the appointment, Mr. Kuehn closed the nominations. Mr. Eltringham was appointed unanimously.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Mr. Eric Eichenberg to the UCC Appeals Board. Mr. Enders closed the nominations. Mr. Eichenberg was appointed unanimously.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Mr. Albert Evans as Solicitor; Mr. Raffety closed the nominations.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Entech Engineering as Borough Engineering firm. Mr. Raffety closed the nominations.

Mr. Raffety nominated Jones and Company as Auditors for the Borough Mr. Enders closed the nominations.

Mr. Kuehn nominated Gratz Bank as financial institution. Mr. Raffety closed the nominations.

Mr. Raffety nominated the current Borough Manager, Robert Mahalchick; Health Officer, Kyle Crouse; Emergency Management, Eric Eichenberg and Open Records Officer, Megan Paul all retain their positions. Mr. Kuehn closed the nominations.

Ms. Enders nominated Gloria Capik as Secretary; Mrs. Securda seconded the motion Mr. Raffety closed the nominations.

Ms. Raffety nominated Megan Paul as Treasurer; Mrs. Securda seconded the motion. Mr. Raffety closed the nominations.

The meeting continued with the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to appoint Mr. Firestine to fill the term for Mrs. Pothering. Mr. Mahal and Mr. Mahalchick responded that letters of interest have until January 5 to be received. Mr. Kuehn stated that this was an advertised reorganization meeting and Mr. Firestine was being appointed to fill Mrs. Pothering's term. Any letters received could be kept for the next vacancy. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, as follows- The roll call vote to appoint Mike Firestine to fill Mrs. Pothering's vacant seat was as follows- Yae-Enders, Kuehn, Raffety, Securda

Nae-hold for Jan 5 - Slovick, Mahal

Mr. Firestine was appointed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS-Mr. Bob Kimmel of the 113 Project spoke on his request to have a train event on May 11 from 10-4. Trains would run out to the breaker where there would be a short talk on the history of the breaker. The topic of parking was discussed as well as an area for local vendors. The addition of off road vehicles would be limited to possibly the soccer field for the safety of pedestrians. Mr. Mahal stated the council would work with Mr. Kimmel. Mr. Kuehn will do an article for the upcoming newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS-Mrs. Securda made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve Martin Luther King Holiday as a paid holiday for all borough employees.

Chief Combs reported the camera system at the recreation complex needs to be updated. The cameras are positioned badly. They are not night vision cameras and the lighting there is not sufficient. The Mayor stated he believes the cameras at Dustin's Adventure land are no longer there. He suggested the Little League, and Dustin's work with the borough to update the cameras and lighting.

The Mayor stated some changes need to be made to the off-road ordinance. Only 30 permits were sold last year.

OLD BUSINESS-The second reading of the 2024 Tax Levy was completed. Mr. Slovick made a motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated articles for the next newsletter are needed by January 18. He will be visiting the new businesses in town for an article.

Mr. Mahal stated the Land Bank is ready to go on demolition of the Sunbury Street property. Mr. Mahal reported the issue of an elevator in Phase 1 of the Borough Hall renovation has been taken off the table.

Mr. Mahalchick reported the light on the corner at the Gratz Bank has finally been repaired.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Capik, Borough Secretary