

January 9, 2024

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held January 9, 2024. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the January 9, 2024 meeting: Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, Junior Council Member Kurtek and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the minutes from December 2023. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Approval of Officers' Report:

Mr. Slovick made a motion to approve the officers' reports. Mrs. Securda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments-Mr. Kowalchick congratulated Mr. Enders on his winning election to the Borough Council.

A driver for Life Geisinger expressed his concern for traffic with parking between the 4 and 5 hundred block of Sunbury Street. Chief Combs said he would look at it.

Communications:

Mr. Enders reported he is stepping down from the Sewer Authority as of today.

New Business:

Mr. Mahal reported that last week's meeting was not a legally advertised voting meeting and Mr. Firestine's appointment would be in violation of the Sunshine Act. Letters for the vacant seat were received from Mr. Firestine, William Kurtek, Bernie Lescavage, Scott Hranchock and Donna Palmer and were included in members' packets. Mr. Slovick nominated Donna Palmer, Mr. Kuehn nominated Mr. Firestine. Mr. Raffety made a motion to close the nominations. On a roll call vote Mrs. Palmer was appointed 5 to 1 as follows-Enders, Slovick, Mahal, Raffety, Securda, Mrs. Palmer; Kuehn, Mr. Firestine. Mayor Palmer swore Mrs. Palmer in to her position. Mrs. Securda thanked all who sent letters of interest.

Following discussion, Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve Martin Luther King Holiday as a paid holiday for all borough employees. Mrs. Securda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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The Mayor reported he is working with the Little League and Lions about the camera system at the Little League complex. It was suggested to include Dustin's Adventure Land. Mr. Enders suggested adding addition lighting like the Lions have at their pavilion. Mr. Kuehn suggested having neighboring business purchasing cameras that can be linked into the system as well.

The Mayor is working on a new idea for the off road agreement. 2024 permits have not yet been sold.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, Mr. Raffety seconded the motion, to approve The Demolition Resolution for 2 Sunbury Street in the amount of \$90,00. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Securda made a motion to accept Mr. Enders resignation from the Sewer Authority. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. Mr. Enders abstained from the vote. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Slovic made a motion to advertise for Letters of Intent for Mr. Enders vacated seat on the Sewer Authority on Facebook and in the newspaper by February 2 at 3pm. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business-Mr. Slovic made a motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy after the second reading. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Crouse reported a notice to proceed for demolition was received for 28-30 South Street.

Chief Combs reported the owner of the properties on Delaware Avenue where there was a recent fire, have no insurance. Solicitor Evans will check to see if the borough can receive notification when insurance is dropped.

Chief Combs reported it is Mr. Raffety's birthday.

Mr. Kuehn again reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due within the week.

Mrs. Enders made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Slovic seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary