

July 11, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held July 11, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the July 11, 2023 meeting: Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mayor Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick and Junior Council Member Kurtek.

Citizens' Comments: Jane Steranko Minersville Library Director and Jim Kramer Library Board President questioned the release of American Rescue Funds. They stated the library survives on fundraising, donations and limited state and borough funding. Mr. Mahal has stated to Mrs. Steranko that American Rescue Funds would be coming. The library is in need of a shed for storage. The Mayor suggested she contact Bob Greene who is very generous in giving to Minersville. Mrs. Steranko stated she knows Mr. Greene personally but wants to know when the American Rescue Funds will be received. Mr. Mahal stated members of council would meet with members of the library board to discuss the issue.

Jaimie Zimerofsky who resides with her father at 16 North Front Street, stated the crosswalks on Front Street are blocked with traffic. Parking and handicapped sidewalks being painted needs to be addressed. Mr. Mahal stated meter parking being installed should alleviate the problem as well as the upcoming metered parking following the demolition of the apartment building on Sunbury and Delaware Avenue. Mr. Mahal stated the meters will be ticketed and vehicles towed.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Approval of Officers' Report:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Slovick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

There were no communications to discuss.

New Business:

The Teaberry Hill playground has been appraised at \$39,000. There will be an article on the upcoming newsletter concerning the future of the playground.

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve Application #3 in the amount of \$43,204.87 for the Multi Model project for new parking meters.

Old Business:

There is nothing new to report on the River Street wall.

The 60-day extension by the demolition company for 28-30 South Street will expire soon. We are waiting for determination of using block grant funds.

We are waiting for quotes for the removal of cemetery trees.

The short-term rental agreement was tabled.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve Abby Adams as Yoga instructor at \$19.00 an hour for classes on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday mornings at the pool. The borough will collect fees as set by the manager and office staff. The motion passed as presented.

Council Committee Reports-

Police- Police Chief Combs gave officer candidates updates.

Streets-Council questioned when ATV funds would be dispersed to the borough. The Mayor will check on it for the next meeting.

Community Updates-

The Halloween Parade will be held October 22 with rain date the following day. Staging is at 6pm with parade at 6:30. Trick or Treat will be October 31 with rain date the following day. Haunted house will be October 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Council went to Executive Session at 7:50.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:48 PM. There was a final additional update from Chief He wanted to let the council know that the police tests were graded and there are four candidates with scores on the higher level. He is hoping to schedule interviews for July 25. He wants to have an interview panel to consist of three very experienced individuals in law enforcement.

Mr. Slovick made a motion to adjourn at 8:52. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary