

July 12, 2022

A meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held July 12, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council met in Executive Session for legal purposes.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the July 12, 2022 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Zubrofsky of New Castle Street reported the neighboring property has overgrown weeds and grass. Mr. Crouse responded the property has cited and is currently at the District Magistrate for a hearing. He will call the Magistrate for an update.

Mrs. Zelonis of 245 Sunbury Street reported the tree at 239 Sunbury Street is growing on her property and is close to power lines. Solicitor Evans responded that she is able to have any overgrowth onto her property removed. Mr. Crouse will inspect to see if it is a fire hazard.

Jeff Dunkel of Dustin's Adventure land reported ground has been broken to begin construction. A grand opening is scheduled for September 7. There will be activities from Wednesday to Sunday with Thursday night being for sponsors. Trees have been removed from the area and others will be planted in appropriate areas.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Officers' Reports:

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Officers' Reports. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Communications:

The Sewer Authority will be proceeding on a project on North Delaware Avenue in response to a complaint from the owner of 317 North Delaware Avenue.

A thank you note was received from Lisa Pascuzzu for the planting of a sugar maple tree she sponsored.

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to deny the request of Timothy Cappel of 510 Sunbury Street, to absolve him from trash fees as he claims to not live

at the address. His driver's license states that is his address. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mrs. Securda made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve police salaries for three new officers at \$43,946 with a retention bonus of \$12,000 to be distributed over three years. On a roll call vote the motion passed five yes to 1 no-Mr. Raffety. Police Chief Combs stated he has concerns that those numbers will not attract good candidates. Chief Combs questioned why the salary he asked-\$54,933, was not approved. Mr. Mahal stated the committee has spent many hours on their salary recommendation and he has complete faith in their recommendation.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to offer the police officer position to the top three candidates. The motion passed as presented. Chief Combs will contact the candidates with a deadline of August 1st for their reply.

Old Business

Solicitor Evans needs a map to submit to PLCB for the Noise Ordinance.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to authorize Solicitor Evans to negotiate within sixty days to take the property at 610 Sunbury Street releasing the estate from financial responsibility. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to advertise the Noise Ordinance.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to advertise 140, 142 and 144 Sunbury Street for bid. The motion passed as presented.

Community Updates:

Fall clean up is September 15 and 16 from 8 to 3 and September 17 from 9 to noon.

Mrs. Securda stated there would be a work party on the steps to New Minersville on July 20th.

Mr. Mahalchick will share the Go Joe event on the borough Facebook page.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

