

June 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held June 14, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Mr. Mahalchick's brother, Mike and Andrew Rose, a former Minersville Police Officer.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the June 14, 2022 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Raffety and Mrs. Ashley Securda via telephone conference, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse and Police Chief Combs.

Mayor Palmer swore in a new member of the Fire Police, Raekwon Blye. The council congratulated Mr. Blye and thanked him for his service.

Citizens' Comments:

A resident of Carbon Street voiced her concern over the recent FRO event. She stated drivers were driving recklessly, making obscene gestures, making loud noises and parking on streets. She feels someone will be killed with their unsafe behavior. She stated that vehicles were still in town on Memorial Day, which was not part of the approved event. The Mayor addressed her concerns stating the event draws tourism and brings revenue to the town businesses. He feels it is local drivers, not those associated with the event, causing the problems. Police chief Combs stated he received no calls reporting problems during the events.

Mrs. Kurtek, Westwood Street, requested using the pool after hours on June 20 for a Boy Scout Swim test and inquired about the cost. She stated her two sons, who are both lifeguards and employed at the pool, will be conducting the test. Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the activity. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahal instructed Mrs. Kurtek to contact the borough office to make plans for the event.

Brandon Kopinetz, owner of the Washington Hotel, inquired about the progress of a noise ordinance. Mr. Mahal stated he would work with Police Chief Combs to prepare an ordinance, which could be read and passed as soon as possible.

Residents of Delaware Avenue reported a storm drain issue, which is causing flooding in their homes. Mr. Firestine confirmed the storm drain is sinking. He will contact Borough engineer, Don Cuff, concerning fixing the problem.

Resident of 215 Laurel Street reported the No Parking signs at Laurel and Line have not been replaced and the T parking lines have not been done following road resurfacing. Mr. Firestine stated lines would be done by Thursday. Police Chief Combs stated that if someone parks in front of the resident's garage he should call the police office.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the minutes from May 2022. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the bills to be paid. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Officers' Reports:

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

Communications:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt, approving the request of St. Nicholas Church to erect a sign advertising their annual picnic by the softball sign on the highway. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Slovic to approve the request of the Minersville Little League to hold a splash party. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Slovic to approve Change Order #1 to the Multi Model Project with the approval of the 300 block of Sunbury Street being approved. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the purchase of eight benches at the Recreation Complex. The motion passed as presented.

With the use of American Rescue Plan Funds, Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve hiring The Gulotta Group as consultant for Borough Hall renovation Phase 1 plans at a cost not to exceed \$1500. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion; second by Mr. Raffety to approve Borough Hall Engineering plan for renovation cost for Phase 1 not to exceed \$10,000. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Slovic made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Civilian Camera Program with the additional language that civilians cannot be made to release their cameras. The motion passed as presented.

The Parking Meter Committee has not met yet.

The subject of Police Salaries was tabled for members to present their own proposals and present them to council possibly at a special meeting.

Old Business:

Police Chief Combs is waiting for Nerdy IT for a quote on borough emails.

Mr. Mahal would like a noise ordinance as soon as possible.

Mr. Crouse reported the property on 610 Sunbury Street conservatorship hearing is scheduled for June 30th. We will then have the ability to remove the squatters and junk cars. Police Chief Combs contacted Trail Towing. Chief Combs was reminded the Borough has a contract with Mark Hammer. Chief Combs feels it is too big of a job for one company.

Mr. Firestine made motion, second by Mr. Slovick to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary