

## **March 11, 2025**

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held March 11, 2025. Vice Chairman Jamie Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the March 11, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joe Slovick, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mr. Justin Frantz, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Office Manager Megan Paul.

**Citizens' Comments:** Jimmy O'Brien, 411 North Delaware Avenue, presented members with a plan by the Little League to put a proposed 36x80 pole building on the site for indoor batting cages and fundamentals. Mr. O'Brien stated they are not asking for any funds, just permission to erect the building. The project will be put on the agenda for the April council meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

**Approval of Bills:** Mrs. Palmer made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

**Approval of Officers' Reports:** Mrs. Palmer made a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The council went into Executive Session at 7:30 for Personnel matters.

The Council returned at 8:05.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion to hire Sargent Major Mark Dash as Borough Manager beginning May 1 at a salary of \$62,000 pending his background and drug and alcohol testing. Mr. Dash is hired as an at will employee. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:** The Railway Restoration Project 113 submitted a letter of support.

**New Business:** Letters of interest to fill the remaining council term of Ian Mahal need to be submitted by April 1.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the following Handicap Parking applications approved by Police Chief Bowers-43 Lewis Street, 347 New Castle Street and 208 Oak Street. The motion passed by majority vote. Mr. Slovick voted neigh.

**Old Business:** Megan Paul reported the DCED Multimodal remaining funds will be returned to the state.

The Police Ordinance amending no parking and tow away zones was tabled.

The Police Ride Along Program was tabled.

The CBA Police Contract presented by Mr. Raffety was discussed. Mr. Kuehn opposed the CBA proposal for several reasons. One was that Mr. Rafferty claimed council couldn't "bargain" the CBA proposal and the solicitor clarified that, contrary to Mr. Rafferty's opinion, the proposal submitted to council constitutes bargaining. A second concern Mr. Kuehn raised was that when President Mahal introduced the proposal to council in January the MPOA did not even have an elected president of their organization. Yet another concern Mr. Kuehn raised was that the CBA proposal included terms for the Chief of Police who is not a member of the MPOA, nor is the Chief covered by the CBA. The solicitor confirmed that the Chief is not an MPOA member, nor could he be covered by the CBA. Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the contract, Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed on the majority vote with Mr. Kuehn voting neigh.

### **Council Reports**

**Streets**-Mr. Enders stated North Fourth Street to Sunbury Street would be included in the streets to be resurfaced. Mayor Palmar stated North Street and Fourth needs to be resurfaced. The contractor who did the Water Authority project needs to be contacted concerning that work.

### **Community Updates**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 13.

The Community Yard Sale will be held June 7.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary