

March 12, 2024

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held March 12, 2024. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the March 12, 2024 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, and Mr. Joseph Slovick. Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Day, Kyle Crouse, Sargent Jeff Bowers and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Mayor Palmer swore in new Police Officer Leo Securda retroactive to March 5.

Mandy Fitzpatrick answered questions on the PA Walk Works application plan. Mrs. Securda questioned if the Borough was in the priority area for the grant. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated we are. Mrs. Palmer questioned if we pay Ms. Fitzpatrick. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the fund covers her fee. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated she is also offering 5 hours. Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve application of the PA Walk Works Grant Application.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Securda made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the minutes from February 2024. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Approval of Officers' Report:

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

Communications:

The Minersville Historical Society submitted a membership drive letter.

Mrs. Palmer stated the Lions are going to continue Spirit Day. Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve the Lions request for streets to be shut down for the event. Mrs. Palmer abstained, the motion passed as presented.

A letter was received from the Schuylkill County Housing Authority thanking the borough for the cleanup of the area.

Mr. Mahal stated that when the Minersville Library receives notice from the county on their acquisition of county COVID funds, the Borough would release rescue funds to them.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the Little League field request. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the Hillside SPCA request to use the walking path on June 29th for two hours, pending proof of liability and clean up. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to approve the ATV Agreement revision. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve Senator Casey's Appropriations Request Application for the borough facility. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Securda made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the 50 Years of Minersville Softball Resolution. The motion passed as required.

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve Advertising and Civil Service Testing to acquire an updated list of Police Officers. The motion passed as presented.

Disability Pension for Chief Combs effective March 11, which puts Sargent Bowers as 2nd in command.

Mr. Mahal stated there is interest in a Police Reorganization with surrounding townships.

Old Business-

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to allow one time payment of \$5,000 for the easement to Schuylkill Reclamation.

Committee Reports-

Mr. Mahal advised Council to check their emails for interest on committees.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 30.

The Mayor questioned where we are at concerning parking meters. Mr. Slovick, the Mayor, Bob Mahalchick, Jeff Enders and Sargent Bowers will meet before the general meeting on April 2 to present recommendations for businesses as well as municipal lots. Meters on the 300 block of Sunbury Street will be taken down as well as poles with no meters on Sunbury Street.

Mrs. Securda stated that volunteer coaches are needed for the girls' softball program.

The Mayor reported that the side-by-side vehicle donated by Reading Outdoors has been received by the Police Department.

Mr. Enders made a motion to adjourn, second by Mrs. Securda.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary