

March 14, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held March 14, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the March 14, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Day, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Citizens' Comments:

Ray Jones, candidate for County Commissioner commended the borough on a great job of revitalization.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the minutes from February 14. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Approval of Officers' Report:

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

Communications:

Letters of interest to purchase were received from Aaron Boyer and Selina Hower, relator on behalf of her client, for the 610 Sunbury Street property.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request from Minersville Fire Rescue for their annual block party from July 13 thru July 15. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of Minersville Fire Rescue to hold a Boot Drive on May 26. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the demolition of 28-30 South Street using CDBG funds. The motion passed as presented.

The issue of the condition of 510 North Second Street was discussed. The current owner is delinquent on taxes since 2020. Currently the property is occupied. Mr. Crouse sent a letter to the owner stating property violations. Attorney Day will research legal solutions to the problem.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the Resolution for application for County demolition funds. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve Amendment #1 for the proposal by the Gulotta Group for an additional \$750.00. The motion passed as presented.

The 2023 paving projects were discussed. Mr. Kuehn asked that area from Front to Second Streets on North Street be looked into. The area is currently a Water Authority project. Mr. Mahalchick will talk with engineer Don Cuff to see if the contractor created the problem, if so they need to fix it.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to advertise the towing contract, which begins in June, when new rates are included. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

A notice for eviction by tenants in the 16 North Delaware Avenue property was discussed. Currently three units are occupied. Mr. Crouse will ask the tenants what their current rents are. Mr. Crouse will hand deliver the eviction letters. Attorney Day reported Mr. Celmar's lawyer is not responding to any of his messages. Attorney Day stated bids to demolish the property could be advertised. Attorney Day stated the borough could change the locks on the building. Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to advise the tenants they have sixty days to vacate with a moving allowance of two months rent based on the tenants current rent. The motion passed as presented. Chief Combs questioned if an eviction notice needs to serve if a tenant does not move. Attorney Day stated that eviction notices could be sent out after thirty days. Attorney Day will inform HUD that Mr. Celmar is no longer the owner of the property.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to hire Jen Land as pool manager and Karrie Beury as assistant pool manager and concession stand manager. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to advertise for lifeguards and concession stand workers. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the engineer to distribute the RFP for the USDA Communities Facilities Loan Pre-Application. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve \$2400 in ARPA funds to United Environmental Services, Inc. for environmental consulting services for Phase 1 of the borough hall project. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Lions using North Street for their Dirt Track Racing Festival on April 1. The motion passed as presented.

The committee will meet to discuss the Police Department ranking structure.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to purchase two AED devices for the pool and police station including additional tot pads. The motion passed as presented.

The Minersville Little League fence request was tabled.

Council Committee Reports-

Fire-Ms. Milbrandt reported there would be two workshops, one on April 3 and one on May 8 at the Minersville High School.

Mr. Mahalchick announced that there would not be an annual Easter Egg Hunt due to time restrictions. Ms. Milbrandt stated Dustin's Adventurland is holding an egg hunt on April 2 for children with special needs.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary