

March 4, 2025

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held March 4, 2025. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the March 4, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joe Slovick, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety Police Chief Bowers and Office Manager Megan Paul.

The Council went to Executive Session for personnel matters. Mr. Mahal did not participate. Council returned at 7:13.

Mr. Mahal announced his resignation effective Sunday, March 9 at 11:59 PM. Mr. Mahal thanked the council for their cooperation during his ten years on council. He thought his grandparents would be proud of his accomplishments during this time. Mr. Mahal will accept a position that requires he move to Pottsville.

Citizens' Comments: No citizens attending had any comments.

Communications: The Minersville Fire Rescue will hold their annual block party Thursday July 10 thru Saturday, July 12. Police Chief Bowers will handle closing streets.

New Business: Mr. Kuehn made a motion accepting Mr. Mahal's registration with regret. He thanked Mr. Mahal and said it has been a pleasure working with him and feels Mr. Mahal has made an impact during his tenure. Mr. Kuehn stated council will make an appointment within 30 day of Mr. Mahal March 9 registration. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented. Mr. Mahal abstained.

Old Business: Mr. Mahal reported he has been informed that the remaining DCED Multimodal Funds are not allowed to be used for paving the lot across from borough hall as was hoped.

Megan Paul will be completing the Police Ordinance containing no parking and tow away zones.

The Solicitor has the paperwork for the Ride Along with Police Program.

On the recommendation of Chief Bowers, Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the handicap applications for 324 Laurel Street and 413 Church Street. 533 Carbon Street was denied. 137 Carbon Street was approved for parking in front of the church. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Chief Bowers stated the police car was sold to Pottsville School District for \$5800.

Four applicants have been interviewed for Borough Manager. The matter will be discussed in Executive Session following the meeting.

Mrs. Palmer made to table The CBA Police Contract for discussion. Mr. Raffety stated concerns and suggestions should be forwarded to him before the committee meets with Officer Kavanagh. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to table the Work Order to prepare the application to apply for a matching grant for the River Street Wall for \$5000. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. Mr. Mahal will contact the Army Corps of engineers concerning the project in conjunction with Penn Dot repairing the bridge.

Council Reports

Streets- Mr. Enders stated the following streets were proposed for paving-Locust Street, Snyder Street, Teaberry Hill Road and Slane Street. Megan Paul stated smaller projects could be added to the list. Mr. Firestine questioned the street repairs. Mr. Enders responded no milling would be necessary, Mr. Enders stated line painting on Sunbury Street would be done. Mr. Lohin of Arlene Street questioned the progress of updating the Teaberry Hill playground. Mrs. Palmer stated \$10,000 funds from the off road agreement with Reading Outdoors is earmarked for playgrounds each year. Mr. Mahal stated remaining COVID relief funds are being used for playgrounds as well.

Law and Order-Chief Bowers reported a part time officer has been hired to cover for sick days and vacations. A project with an Elementary Center student with the Police Station being the location for a food drop is being planned. Mr. Raffety stated our police patrol is now 24/7.

Community Updates-Megan Paul reported the annual Egg Hunt is April 13, with registration at 11:30 and the hunt starting at Noon.

The Annual Yard Sale will be held June 7. The registration fee of \$5 is used to finance the annual Santa visit and egg hunt.

Mr. Mahal removed himself from the council table and suggested council proceeds with reorganization or the Vice Chairman takes over. Mr. Enders made a motion to reorganize at next week's meeting. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion.

Mr. Enders made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The Council will continue to meet in Executive Session for Personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary