

March 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held March 8, 2022. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the people of the Ukraine.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the March 8, 2022 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Rafferty, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Don Cuff, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager. Councilwoman Katie Milbrandt has a new baby boy.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick, to approve the minutes from February 2022. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mrs. Securda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Laughlin reported the fire police would need to ask outside communities for their help with coverage. Mr. Mahalchick questioned if they would be covered by their own community's insurance. Solicitor Evans instructed Mr. Mahalchick to check with our insurance carrier.

Communications:

The Little League's request to enclose the batting cages was referred to the Recreation and Public Property Committee.

Following Council's concerns of taking away parking from the public, the Minersville Fire Rescue's request for fire personnel parking only was tabled until Police Chief Combs can talk to Fire Chief Eichenberg.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of Hudson's Heart to place a sign advertising their cupcake sale fundraiser on the highway entering the borough. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to approve the request of the Navy Club to waive their garbage fees, as they are a non-profit veteran organization. The motion passed as presented.

A thank you note was received from the family of Bill Angelo for the donation to the Minersville Public Library on his passing.

Old Business:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to accept the quote from Tropp for an accessible walkway for Dustin's Adventure land. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to use borough funds from the general reserve in an amount up to \$11,000.00 for the walkway. The motion passed as presented.

Following Chief Combs' request, Mr. Rafferty made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to increase the part time police officer rate to \$24.00 per hour for all part time officers for all shifts. The motion passed as presented. Police Chief Combs reported that his advertisement for full time officers wends on March 15. Mr. Firestine questioned the cost of body cams. Police chief Combs stated he is getting quotes.

New Business:

Mr. Rafferty made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to advertise a public meeting for the sale of borough properties acquired with CDBG funds. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to advertise for a 2-½ year sanitation contract. The motion passed as presented.

Don Cuff presented the following bids for the Multimodal Sunbury Street lighting project.

Kuharchick Construction, Inc.	\$226,743.00
Telsco, Inc.	\$314,755.00
Herr Signal & Lighting Co, Inc.	\$316,702.50

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to accept the bids. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to award the bid to Kuharchick Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$226,743.00. The motion passed as presented. Don Cuff reported that repairs to cracks in the new sidewalks would be repaired at the contractor's expense. Lighting is scheduled for September. DCED will respond to where extra grant money can be used.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to approve the Resolution for the CFA LSA Grant in the amount of \$292,500.00 for Dustin's Adventurland All-Inclusive Playground site improvements. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Cuff will submit the zero match grant application tomorrow. Funds would be used for the parking lot, stairs and bathrooms.

The council met in Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting for personnel purposes. Mr. Slovick made a motion to terminate police officer badge #62 effective immediately, Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to terminate police officer badge #36 effective immediately. The motion passed as presented. Chairman Mahal stated these actions follow a proper investigation and there would be no further comments on the actions.

Council Reports:

Finance and Personnel-Jamie Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Rafferty to advertise for pool management and lifeguards. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn will have a job description for pool management for the next meeting.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Mayor Palmer reported that proof of insurance for the Lions Club Event on March 26 would be dropped off at the borough office tomorrow. The mayor stated that twelve to twenty vehicles would participate in the event. Eleven vendors and a dozen local vendors will participate. Rain date is the following day.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16 dependent on COVID issues. Dustin's Easter Bunny parade will be on April 16 as well.

Mr. Kuehn stated submissions for the newsletter are needed by the beginning of April.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary