

## **May 13, 2025**

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May 13, 2025. Chairman Joe Slovick opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the May 13, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mrs. Amelia Hopkins, Mr. Joe Slovick, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mr. Justin Frantz, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Borough Manager Mark Dasch.

**Fire Police Swear In**-Mayor Palmer swore in Gregory Davidson to the Fire Police. Mr. Slovick thanked Mr. Davidson.

**Citizens' Comments:** Mr. Laughlin of the Black Diamond Club requested the Council continue their financial backing of their annual Patriotism Essay Contest. Mr. Enders made a motion to finance a flag for the contest from the Flower Fund. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion, the motion passed as presented.

Bernie Lescavage of New Castle Street, stated the project completed by the Water Authority has left New Castle Street in need of milling before being paved over. Additionally, Mr. Lescavage stated the lines for parking need to be painted again throughout town and policed. Mr. Enders stated Mr. Lescavage should attend the Water Authority meeting to bring up the issues of the street.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. 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' Reports:** Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

**Communications:** Mr. Frantz made a motion to approve The Annual Doggie Swim event by the Minersville Public Library. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the request of the Minersville Library to hold a free Tie Dye Event at the pool area, contingent the tie Dye will be away from the water. The motion passed as presented.

The request for funds for the Strides Against Stigma 5K by the Minersville High School Aevidium Club was approved with a donation of \$50 from the Flower Fund.

A thank you note was received from the family of the late Gerry Maley family.

**New Business:** Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the sale of the 2010 Ford Explorer. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the list of summer hires prepared by Mr. Frantz, using REDCO Funds should they become available. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. On the question, it was stated by Mr. Dasch that the pool manager and assistant would be school on loading the pool chemicals.

Mr. Frantz made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the private sale of 504 North Delaware Avenue to Cashmoney Realty LLC. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to deny the purchase of 113 North Fifth Street to Moredechai Rothenberg as the taxes owed are more than the bid price. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders questioned buildings that are condemned being occupied. The Fire Police Chief stated they have a list of buildings they will not enter due to safety.

**Old Business:** The USDA Building Loan is waiting for documentation of the flood plane and approval by USDA.

The Mayor stated the Police Ride Along Program would begin during the 2025-2026 school year.

A variance meeting for 610 Sunbury Street will be held June 3 with Mr. Dasch attending testifying the Borough is not opposed, with closing on June 10.

The 2025 Paving bids received-	Meckley’s Limestone Products	\$56,914.00
	H&K Group Inc.	\$73,000.24

Mr. Raffety made a motion to accept the bids. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Enders stated he has no negative reports on either company. Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to award the bid to Meckley’s Limestone Products. The motion passed as presented.

Bids fore demolition of 50-51 Westwood Street received-		
	Affordable Construction	\$17,344
	MP Custom Services	\$67,000
	Bill Davis Cement Contractors	\$47,750

Mr. Enders made a motion to accept the bids. Mr. Frantz seconds the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Enders made a motion to award the bid to Affordable Construction in the amount of \$17,344. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Council Reports**

**Mayor-**Mr. Enders made a motion to approve resurfacing of the three playgrounds' basketball courts being done with FRO funding. Schuylkill Paving will be doing the work at a cost of \$3800 for all three Playgrounds-2nd Street, Teaberry Hill and New Minersville. The courts will have an overcoat and sealing applied and line painting. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Slovick thanked Mr. Enders and Mrs. Palmer for their work studying the playgrounds. Mrs. Palmer stated Schuylkill Leadership would be working on the Second Street playground at a future date.

Mr. Dasch asked council members to schedule a time to meet with him individually.

Mr. Raffety thanked the food drive initiated by a Minersville Elementary student and the Police Department to the Salvation Army.

Painting of Cross Walks will be done after the end of the school year.

### **Community Updates**

Mr. Laughlin informed the Council that the Black Diamond Navy Club would have a Color Guard for the Memorial Day festivities. Additionally the Navy Club and Mr. Frantz and his football team are placing flags on Veterans' graves.

The Community Yard Sale will be held June 7.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary