

May14, 2024

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May14, 2024. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the May14, 2024 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Day, Kyle Crouse, Sargent Bowers and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the minutes from April 2024. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Communications:

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the use of the 2nd Street Playground for the last day of Vacation Bible School on the condition they have insurance and will be doing the cleanup. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to deny the request of the owner of 607 Front Street to forgive the liens on the property. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve Frank Hutsko to drop the trees on the walking path ASAP in the amount of \$1000.00. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve Jason's Trees in the amount of \$1800 for Delaware Avenue tree cutting and removal on the condition the amount includes hauling away. If the price does not include hauling away Frank Hutsko will be given approval in the amount of \$1575 for dropping only. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahalchick will contact Jason's trees to see if hauling away is included in the cost.

The Citizens of the year, to be honored on Memorial Day, are Mike Melochick, Luke Heffron and Oscar Rivera. It was suggested by Mr. Slovick to have a First responder and a citizen honored each year,

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to advertise for bids to repave the upper lot at the recreation complex. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, on the recommendation of Mr. Crouse, to approve the driveway application at 259 Middle Street. Mrs., Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The mayor suggested updating the Borough Website. Mr. Mahalchick will look into options.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to deduct \$10,000 from the Reading Outdoors off road account to improve the borough playgrounds. The Mayor and several councilpersons have visited the playgrounds and have developed a punch list. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to increase the lifeguard salary to \$12.00 an hour with a bonus of \$150 after attaining hours as determined by Mr. Mahalchick. The motion passed as presented. The salary of the pool manager will be discussed at the June meeting. Mr. Mahalchick will post the announcement on social media.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to permit Entech to proceed with a scope of the 400 and 500 blocks of Sunbury Street for the application for the 2024 Multi Model Grant. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal reported he toured the Link Bank property and met with the president. He will meet again for a price on the property and securing a favorable loan.

Old Business-

Temporary fencing has been installed at the soccer field.

The remaining old poles and meters on Sunbury Street will be replaced. Sargent Bowers stated notices of the beginning of parking meters being activated have been distributed. Mr. Slovick questioned if Rodnick's will have to pay the business rate of \$500 for the parking space they have reserved. It was determined that is not an official reserved parking spot and they will have to pay the \$500 fee.

The Mayor asked for action on the Historical Society's request for \$5000 from ARPA funds. Mr. Mahal stated action would be taken next month.

Mr. Mahal reported The Army Corp of Engineers would do a scope of cost of the River Street Wall if it were not included in Penn Dot's bridge project.

Mr. Mahalchick stated the center of the roof at Borough Hall is leaking again and he will get quotes to replace the entire roof.

Sargent Bowers stated applications are being accepted for a full time officer.

Mr. Mahal informed members they have 24 hours to respond to his email concerning committees.

Mr. Mahalchick and police will research the feasibility of bringing back Handicapped parking applications.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary