

May 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May 8, 2018 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the May 8, 2018 meeting: Mrs. Jenn Beach, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen; Mayor Leo Securda; Solicitor Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Combs and Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Six Council members were present which created a quorum.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Kerschner, 121 South Street asked for a mileage report on the Police Department vehicles. Police Chief Combs reported that is hard to do as one of the odometers is not working. Mr. Kerschner again asked for a Police Report and again, having no copies for the public, Police Chief Combs gave his copy to Mr. Kerschner. Mr. Kerschner questioned how many of the police calls were from rental units. He suggested keeping track of constant offenders to address those issues.

Monica Raczka questioned when cleanup of weeds would begin. Mr. Vuksta reported as soon as the summer helpers begin. Mrs. Raczka reported that branches need to be cut to make the Stop sign visible at Second and Baker Streets.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion approving the April meeting minutes with the following correction on Page 2, paragraph 9 to **\$4,000**. Mrs. Vuksta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Vuksta made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request of the First Congregational Church to sponsor God's Chuck Wagon with the stipulation the bus be placed on Fourth and Sunbury Streets. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal reported that the Land Bank would obtain the property at 539 School Street.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request by The Spirit Day Association to hold Spirit Day on North Street from Fourth to Front Street, with vendors not approaching Front Street and including a 5K race and Beer Garden-with Special Even Permit. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

On the recommendation of Solicitor Evans, Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve Kyle Crouse to approach the bidder for 228 Spruce Street to get assurance that the property will be updated and maintained. The Public Property Committee will then make the decision to approve or object to the sale. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta suggested having Youth Soccer sign their lease agreement as fill is being delivered to the site.

Bids for the paving of 200 North Street-driving lanes only and 200 North Fifth Street were received.

The lone bid was from Tropp Contracting in the amount of \$32,800.00. This bid is for equipment and operators only.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to accept and award the bid to Tropp Contracting.

Pool prices will remain the same. Applications are being received at the Borough Office. The caulking will be done this week in preparation for the opening.

The future of the Penn Street playground will be discussed in the upcoming Community Newsletter.

Mr. Mahal made a motion nominating Sister Katherine as Citizen of the Year. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Mahalchick is studying Reading's Housing Nuisance Ordinance for options to strengthen our ordinance.

Mr. Mahal reminded Council it would need to approve Strategic/Comprehensive Plan at the June meeting. Funding would come out of the 2019 budget.

We need Mr. Mahalchick and two Council members to form the Blight Abatement Committee.

Mr. Crouse reported 408 Jones Street was treated today for bedbugs at a cost of \$1215 then Biros will come in for the sewer problems. At a cost of \$1575. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to approve a 10% Administrative Fee be added to those amounts and billed to the buildings owner. Solicitor Evans will include a letter stating a lean will be put on all of their properties until the amount is paid. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the request of Mr. Nasados to remove trees on the Borough playground adjacent to his home on Josephine Street, as his expense. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta on the recommendation of Engineer Don Cuff to approve Concrete Alternatives in the amount of \$4,900 to repair the pool pad. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick asked the Solicitor his opinion regarding a member of the Sewer Authority who does not reside or own property in the Borough. The Solicitor will check the Borough and Sewer Authority Codes and advise.

Mr. Vuksta informed the Council that the street sweeper is still an issue. A replacement is approximately \$200,000. During the last three years over \$28,000 has been spent to keep the sweeper running. It is a 1991 model.

Mr. Mahalchick reported he is hoping for a Recycling Grant that has no match.

Mr. Mahalchick reported that Reilly Mechanical has begun recycling at their site on Second Street. The Solicitor stated that is a zoning issue.

Mr. Vuksta reported the Little League has offered to sell its griddle to the Borough for use at the community pool. Mr. Kuehn arrived at the meeting and stated the Recreation Committee will meet with the Little League to work out a deal.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Municipal Promulgation Statement updating the Municipal and County Emergency Operations Plan. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to pass the resolution approving the DCED Recreational Grant Application. The motion passed as presented.

Accepted the Solicitor's opinion regarding no conflict of interest for housing rehab for 322 Pine Hill Street.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the driveway application for 319 North Delaware Avenue. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the list of handicap parking renewals as presented by Police Chief Combs. The motion passed as presented.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Vuksta reported that Mr. Ed Bosack has offered to inspect the deterioration of the River Street wall. He is a bridge engineer.

Committee Reports:

Street and Highways-Mr. Mahalchick stated that Penn Dot had begun hole patching.

Community Updates

The Memorial Day Parade will be held at 9am.

The Community Yard Sale is June 2.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary