

November 12, 2025

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held November 12, 2025. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the November 12, 2025 meeting: Mr. Jeff Enders, Mrs. Amelia Hopkins, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Justin Frantz, and Mr. Terry Raffety. Solicitor Day, Police Chief Bowers and Borough Manager Megan Paul.

Citizens' Comments: Mr. Mika of 510 Baker Street questioned if there was a height property fences needed to be to contain pets. He reported his pet was attacked and killed when a dog jumped a fence and attacked his dog. The Council offered their condolences. Police Chief Bowers stated all animals need to be under the control of their owner. He informed Council that in this case the state dog law was used. The owner was cited.

Ginny O'Brien stated that the water run off higher on the street is washing the driveway at the property she owns on Teaberry Hill away. Mr. Enders will look at the issue on Friday. Mrs. O'Brien again questioned why the Borough is no longer maintaining her driveway as they had in the past. She has a legal document stating the Borough would maintain the manhole if they were granted an easement. The Solicitor formally informed her the easement meant the Borough would maintain the manhole, not her driveway. The fact that a former worker resurfaced the driveway periodically was done on his part not under the agreement.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Frantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Officers' Reports: Mrs. Enders made a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

New Business: Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to approve the request of the driveway application at 431 North Street after Police Chief Bowers approval. The motion passed as presented.

The 2026 budget draft was read for the first time. There is currently a deficit. The Finance Committee will meet with Megan Paul to work on the draft before the second reading. The County tax rate has not been set which is holding up the setting of a Borough tax rate.

Megan Paul stated Credit Unions could give bank quotes.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the meeting dates for advertisement. Mrs. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Police Chief Bowers questioned the practice of certifying skills games. It is currently very time consuming. Police Chief Bowers, Megan Paul and Mr. Kuehn will work the issue on before the next meeting.

Old Business: With the government shutdown, there is no information for the USDA Building Loan.

Council Committee Reports: Mr. Raffety reported the computers are in the police vehicles.

Community Updates

Santa Parade-November 30 at 5:30.

The Minersville Lions tree lighting will be December 6th with festivities beginning at 6pm and tree lighting at 8pm.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary