

November 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held November 9, 2021. Chairman Katielynn Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the November 9, 2021 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Ms. Sarah Newton, Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Day, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal, to approve the minutes from October 2021. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Smith of Sunbury Street questioned if Borough insurance covered workers riding in the back of the bucket truck. Mr. Firestine stated the insurance company is aware.

Communications:

There were no communications to discuss.

Old Business:

The Budget Committee will meet to work on the ARP funds distribution.

New Business:

The first reading of the 2022 budget was completed.

The Council will keep in contact with the Skate park board concerning their lease renewal.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve soliciting quotes for replacing a window on the Borough Hall. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve Application #2 to Heim Construction. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the use of the Senior Center for Minersville Youth Football Association Cheerleaders for tournament practice, contingent upon their insurance coverage and the facility being clean and ready for use. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the “Miracle on Fourth Street” event contingent upon proof of insurance and liquor license. On the question, Mr. Firestine asked if a special permit license would be needed for liquor sales. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to approve the ATV event of December 4 and 5 from 11am to 5pm, following the same parameters as the previous event. The motion passed as presented.

The return of the Christmas tree on Third Street was discussed. Mr. Mahal expressed concern at the increase in traffic from the years when the tree was placed there. Chief Combs expressed concern for vandalism as well as the expenditure for lights. Following discussion, Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the tree, contingent upon approval of the lights by an electrician and placement of a brace for pedestrians. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kopinetz, of the Lions, expressed their intent to be very involved with the tree expenses and decorating.

Council Reports

Streets and Highways-Chief Combs and Mr. Firestine reported there are thirty-one parking spaces in the municipal lot on Sunbury Street. Twelve of those spots are being used for residents.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The Santa Parade will be held on November 28th at 5:30pm. There will be a photo opportunity with Santa from 6 to 7pm.

Ms. Milbrandt reminded members there is one council meeting in December on December 7th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary