

October 10, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held October 10, 2023. Chairman Ian Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the October 10, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, Junior Council Member Kurtek and Chris Guallata.

Citizens' Comments: Rob Lohin of Arlene Street, Teaberry Hill, spoke about his opposition to the closing of the Teaberry Hill playground. Mr. Lohin stated the demographics on Teaberry Hill are changing with young families moving in. Mr. Mahal stated no decisions have been made.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve the minutes from September 2023. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

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

Approval of Officers' Report:

Following their readings, Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve the officers' reports. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Chris Guallata gave an update on the proposed municipal building renovations. He presented a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for local share account funding through the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Resolution will need to be voted on at the November meeting following submissions for proposals for Environmental Phase II.

New Business:

Mrs. Securda made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to authorize training for fire departments at 2 Sunbury Street. Mr. Firestine abstained from the vote. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve the County Demolition Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve the resolution modifying the balance of the CDBG-CVD funds to the Minersville food pantry. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the Skate Jam on October 28 with funds being deposited to the borough. The motion passed as presented.

The parking meter rates for business are being determined.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to accept the bids for oil. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to reject the bid by Central Highway, as it did not meet the bid specifications. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to award the bid for heating oil to Reedy Heating at \$4.399 cap or .10 off of street price under that amount. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick will be securing quotes on 400W generators for power outages at traffic signals.

Mrs. Securda made a motion to approve the request of Mountaineer Fire Company for reserved parking for firefighters on South Street. On the question, Mr. Kuehn questioned requests for reserved parking by fire companies. Mr. Firestine stated all four companies would now have reserved parking. Mr. Slovic seconded the motion. Mr. Firestine abstained from the vote. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine will let Police know if the reserved parking will include their Sunday breakfasts.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to purchase 28 and 30 South Street at the repository sale. On the question, Mr. Slovic asked why the borough should buy them. Mr. Mahal responded so an absentee landlord does not purchase. They are currently slotted for demolition funds. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Joe Slovic questioned what would happen if we do not get funding for stabilizing the River Street Wall. Police Chief Combs stated it is a truck route. Mr. Mahal stated we need to get prices on stabilizing the bridge. Mr. Mahalchick will check on the progress of removing the cemetery trees.

Committee Reports-

Streets-Crack sealing and meter bases is being performed. The sliding board at the 2nd Street playground was removed for safety issues. An advertisement for a Street Department employee was placed. Mr. Mahalchick reported that Penn Dot has once again pushed off the resurfacing of Sunbury Street.

Fire Departments are participating in Fire Prevention Week at schools.

Financial-Megan Paul is currently working on quarterlies.

Public Property-The landlord ordinance will be sent to Solicitor Evans next week with a vote in January.

Community Updates-

Halloween Parade will be October 22 with rain date of October 29.

Trick or treat is October 31 from 6-8 with November 1strain date.

Santa Comes to Town November 26. Parade at 5:30, meet with Santa immediately after.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary