

October 8, 2025

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held October 8, 2025. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the October 8, 2025 meeting: Mr. Jeff Enders, Mrs. Amelia Hopkins, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, and Mr. Terry Raffety. Mr. Keith Adams, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Borough Manager Megan Paul.

Citizens' Comments: Teresa Smith, Carbon Street, reported the infestation of yellow jackets at the apartment building next to her has been taken care of, however a hole in the building was left open. She stated that the potholes are being taken care of. She requested the occupants of that apartment building be given garbage cans as their garbage is out for a whole week and questioned the fire escape on the property. Mr. Crouse stated the hole needs to stay open until they are sure the bees are gone. There was no issue with the fire escape when inspected. Mrs. Smith questioned the issue of children on her street that she feels may be abused. Mr. Kuehn stated she needs to contact Children and Youth but the Police Chief will look into her concern as well.

Mr. Laughlin of the Fire Police thanked the borough for the crosswalk at Holy Family Parish. Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the Fire Police assist in the Pine Grove and Tremont Halloween Parades. The motion passed as presented.

Robert Smith of Sunbury Street expressed his concerns for Handicap Parking in the Sunbury Street lot as well as signage that the lot is for paid parking. Megan Paul stated all three borough lots would be getting new signs.

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

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

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

New Business: The following bids for heating oil were received: Reedy Oil-2.79 cap with 10% discount. Central Highway-2.55 cap. Mr. Enders made a motion to accept the bids. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Raffety made a motion to award the bid to Central Highway for 5,000 gallons. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the 2025 CDBG Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, on the recommendation of Chief Bowers to approve the handicap parking applications for 213 Lewis Street and 321 Pottsville Street. Mrs. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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Old Business: Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the LSA Grant Application for the pool slide. The motion passed as presented.

Megan Paul stated there was applicants were interviewed for the part-time secretary position. Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve hiring Samantha Billman at a rate of \$17.50/hr. Mrs. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Raffety authorizing Megan Paul to set a start date for her. The motion passed as presented.

Repairs to the 2010 truck are estimated to be \$13,000.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Adams to scrape the 2000 Ford Ranger. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion to accept the bid of \$2750 for the 2010 Explorer.

Community Updates

Articles for the newsletter are due on Thursday.

The Halloween Parade is Oct 26-formation at 6:30, parade at 7pm, rain date October 28.

Trick or Treat-October 30. Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve an alternate rain date if necessary. The motion passed as presented.

Santa Parade-November 30.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary