

September 10, 2024

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held September 10, 2024. Vice Chairman Jamie Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for former Mayor, David Dutcavich.

Patrolman Jakob Kerby was sworn into the police force by Mayor Palmer.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the September 10, 2024 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mr. Justin Frantz, Solicitor Evans, Mayor Palmer, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Borough Manager Bob Mahalchick.

Citizens' Comments: Theresa Smith questioned if her request for handicapped parking had been approved. Police Chief Bowers will respond. Mrs. Smith questioned "house flippers" who do not improve the quality of life and the excessive weeds at properties of absentee landlords. Mr. Kuehn suggested calling Mr. Crouse concerning the weeds. The amount of money for road repairs from the government was questioned. There is \$100,000 from Liquid Fuels.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13 meeting. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

Communications: Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the request of Holy Family Parish to approve their annual Public Square Rosary Crusade. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. Traffic control will be by the Fire Police.

New Business: Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to accept the two bids received for the sanitation contract. The motion passed as resented. Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to award the bid to Valley Waste in the amount of \$850,907. The motion passed as presented.

The Sidewalk Ordinance will be advertised and approved next month.

Mr. Slovick made a motion, second by Mr. Enders to approve the MMO Obligation for Non-uniform at \$67,200 and Uniform at \$130,456. The motion passed as presented.

Heating oil quotes are due October 1, 2024.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to approve the Winter Maintenance Agreement Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to approve the transfer of liqueur license from Mock Gut to 0 Sunbury Street. The motion passed as presented.

A plan has been submitted to Penn Dot for turn arrows at the Pottsville/Minersville Highway.

A cost of heating for the Union Hall will be determined for possible rental.

The Amusement tax Amendment need information on changes and inclusion of VRBO fees.

Engineer Don Cuff will review the bids received for paving the recreation complex addition lot. Current bids exceed the grant received.

Municipal parking lot fees were again discussed. Police Chief Bowers, Mr. Slovick, Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Mahalchick will review fees and tow away restrictions for an Ordinance to be advertised prior to the next meeting.

Old Business:

The Feasibility of hiring two full time officers was discussed. A dollar amount for the Resource Officer including medical and pension is needed.

The Mayor has a name for the UCC Appeals Board vacancy.

Council Committee Reports:

Law and Order-The coverage with only our current officers were discussed.

Recreation, Public Property and Community Development-The pool is closed and winterized. Volunteers will be painting the playgrounds.

Street Department/Public Works-hydrant marking is completed. The broom on the street sweeper was replaced.

Community Updates: Halloween Parade is October 27 with rain date on the 29th. Staging is at 6:30 at the stadium. Forms to participate are at the Borough Office.

Trick or Treat is October 31 with rain date November 1.

Spirit Day is this Sunday!

Mr. Enders made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Slovick seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary