

September 12, 2023

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held September 12, 2023. Vice-chairman Jamie Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of Silence was observed for the anniversary of 9/11.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the September 12, 2023 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Joseph Slovick, Mrs. Katielynn Pothering, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Terry Raffety, Mrs. Ashley Securda, Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Day, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs, Borough engineer Don Cuff, Junior Council Member Kurtek and Mr. Laughlin of the Fire Police.

Citizens' Comments: There were no residents at the September meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mr. Slovick to approve the minutes from August 2023. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Mrs. Pothering made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mrs. Securda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Officers' Report:

Mrs. Pothering made a motion to approve the officers' reports. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

Mr. Laughlin will provide Fire Police coverage for the request of Schuylkill Have Borough for their annual Borough Day on September 30.

Mr. Laughlin and Police Chief Combs will provide coverage for the request by Holy Family Parish for their annual walk on October 15.

New Business:

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety on the recommendation of Mr. Crouse to approve the sale of 447-449 South Third Street. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Pothering made a motion, second by Mrs. Securda to approve the assessment appeal for International Ministries Evangical Church of the Ark Refuge. The motion passed as presented with a majority vote, with one nay vote by Mr. Slovick.

Mr. Firestine suggested selling 610 Sunbury Street as is and let the buyers do the cleanup. After discussion with Engineer Cuff, it was decided to table the matter.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Pothering approve the bills for trench drains at the Washington Hotel and 100 block of Sunbury Street and replacing two ADA ramps damaged by truck traffic at 4th and Sunbury and Front Street at a cost of \$12,342.32 with remaining funds from the muti model grant. The motion passed as presented.

Don cuff reported on the new streetlights on Sunbury Street. As per the contractor, the original supplier just informed the contractor they couldn't supply the order. Other suppliers were contacted with a wait time of an additional 20-40 weeks. As per the contractor's contract, equal or better quality can be substituted for the original and was approved. The electric should be ready in 2-3 weeks and ready for inspection by PP&L. Mr. Cuff will keep council members updated by email.

Don Cuff reported that prefabbed concrete blocks couldn't be used to keep the River Street wall from further collapse as excavation for the base of the blocks may make it worse. Steel bands can be used but Don Cuff will contact PennDot for an update on the bridge renovation project timeline.

Old Business:

There was no update on the Municipal Building Phase 1.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mrs. Pothering, on the recommendation of Mr. Crouse, to advertise the demolition of 28-30 South Street. The motion passed as presented.

The taking down of trees at the Holy Family parish was tabled.

The parking meters have arrived. The Street Department will be straightening the existing posts before installing.

The short-term rental agreement was tabled.

Mrs. Securda questioned where the rates for business parking stand. Mr. Kuehn asked a committee formed from the Streets and Finance committees as well as Mrs. Securda, Police Chief Combs and Mr. Mahalchick look into the matter. Mr. Firestine will chair the committee.

Community Updates-

Fall Cleanup will be held September 14-16.

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

The Haunted House is in jeopardy this year.

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

Santa Comes to Town November 26.

The Council went into Executive session for Personnel Matters at 7:40. The council returned at 8:03.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary