

September 9, 2025

A Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held September 9, 2025. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the meeting, the Council met in Executive Session for personnel matters.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the September 9, 2025 meeting: Mrs. Donna Palmer, Mrs. Amelia Hopkins, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Justin Frantz, and Mr. Terry Raffety. Mayor Palmer, Solicitor Amato, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Bowers and Megan Paul.

Citizens' Comments: Teresa Smith, Carbon Street, reported an infestation of yellow jackets at the apartment building next to her. In addition, there trash is out for a whole week as other violations. Mr. Crouse stated an exterminator would be at that residence tomorrow. Mrs. Smith once again stated the potholes have not been repaired. Megan Paul stated Liquid Fuels funds couldn't be used as that is deemed a "non-street". The borough will have to use it's own funds for repair.

Mike Firestine questioned the progress of off road parking. Mr. Kuehn stated he and Police Chief Bowers looked at 150 Sunbury Street.

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

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

Communications: Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to approve the request of Holy Family Parish for their annual Rosary Walk on Sunday, October 19. The Fire Police will provide coverage, as always.

New Business: There were three letters of interest for the Borough Council appointment. Mrs. Palmer nominated Robert Smith. Justin Frantz nominated Keith Adams. The nominations were closed. On a roll call vote for Robert Smith- Mrs. Palmer voted yes, Mrs. Hopkins no, Mr. Kuehn, no, Mr. Frantz, no, Mr. Raffety no

Mr. Adams- Mrs. Palmer voted no, Mrs. Hopkins, yes, Mr. Kuehn, yes, Mr. Franz, yes, Mr. Raffety yes. Mr. Adams will fill the vacancy until the January when it will be a two-year seat, which will be on the November ballot.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to approve the advertisement for heating oil bids. Mr. Frantz seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to adopt the Resolution giving Good Will Hose borough co-operation on their grant application. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn and Mrs. Capik will be the signatures.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to approve the MMO obligation for uniform and non-uniform. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Frantz made a motion, on the recommendation of Police Chief Bowers and Mr. Crouse, to approve the driveway application at 405 North Delaware Avenue. Mr. Raffety seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hopkins to approve the Work Order for Entech Engineering in the amount of \$5000.00 to prepare the pool grant application. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business: Megan Paul reported at a meeting with Entech and the architect on September 3, the USDA building loan was reviewed. A new cost analysis will be complete in six months.

Mr. Frantz made a motion, second by Mrs. Hopkins to appoint Megan Paul as interim Borough Manager at a cost of 5% salary increase. The motion passed as presented.

Mayor Palmer reported on the basketball court upgrades. The Mayor is looking into a new 8-foot fence and a pickleball court.

The 2010 truck needs a motor. An estimate will be available for the next meeting.

Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mrs. Palmer to advertise the 2000 Ford Ranger for scrape parts with a minimum bid of \$500. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Palmer made a motion, second by Mr. Raffety to direct 2026 CDBG funds for housing rehab and demolition. The motion passed as presented.

The council went to Executive Session at 7:35 for personnel purposes. The council returned to session at 7:46. Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to advertise for a part-time office secretary with a 30-hour a week limit. The motion passed as presented.

Community Updates

The Lions Spirit Day is September 14. Mr. Raffety made a motion, second by Mr. Frantz to accept a donation of \$250.00 from Fidelity Bank for prizes for the event. The motion passed as presented. There will be no parking in the area of the event from 7am to 5pm. Police Chief Bowers will post the No Parking.

Fall Cleanup is September 11-12 from 8am-3pm and September 13 from 9am-12pm. Mrs. Hopkins has been in contact with the Soccer organization to inform them of the Saturday event. Three workers will be at the event on Saturday.

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

Trick or Treat-October 30-reaindate Nov. 1

Santa Parade-November 30.

Mr. Raffety made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary