

August 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held August 8, 2017 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Angelo opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the August 2017 meeting: Mr. William Angelo, Council President; Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Walter Miscavage, Mr. Ian Mahal; Mayor Joseph Post; Solicitor Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Combs and Kyle Crouse Code Enforcement Officer. Seven Council members were present which created a quorum.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion approving the July meeting Minutes. Mr. Miscavage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the Officers Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments

Monica Raczka, 622 Baker Street, asked Council members who of them belonged to the Lions Club or Civic organizations. Mrs. Raczka shared a list of the Lions contributions to the community beginning in the organizations early days. John Consugar, Pottsville, spoke on behalf of the Lions. Mr. Consugar asked the Council what was intended for the Pavilion if the lease was not renewed. Mr. Consugar stated the organization was hearing rumors of the intended use of the pavilion. Mr. Kuehn stated that a lease agreement had been done following a meeting with the Lions and submitted to them but the Lions were not agreeable to it. A subsequent meeting to approve an agreement has not been held. The Lions could not agree on a date to hold the meeting. Don Butler, Sunbury Street, questioned why the former twenty-year lease was now a one-year lease. Ms. Milbrandt stated that issue had been addressed at a meeting with the Lions. Mr. Kuehn stated that the Lions representatives attend the committee meetings and then the entire body of the Lions do not approve the agreements that are reached. Mr. Kuehn stated the Borough had shared several dates to meet with no response from the Lions. Mr. Miscavage stated that he does not feel he needs to answer for what organizations he wishes to join. Mike Brennan, West West Terrace suggested a date and time be agreed upon right now. Both committees agreed upon Thursday, August 10 at 7PM at Council chambers.

Mr. Sorokach questioned the legal space from corner intersections for parking. Police Chief Combs stated that most corners are painted in the Borough. Mr. Sorokach questioned if side streets were painted, as the intersection of Baker and Quality Streets needs to be painted. Police Chief Combs replied that intersection is scheduled to get painted.

Communications:

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Church of St. Patrick's request to place a sign for their annual picnic. The motion passed as presented.

Mayor Post will share the request of the Schuylkill Haven Borough for fire police at the Annual Schuylkill County Firefighter's Convention Parade on September 16, with our fire police.

Mr. Kuehn suggested the Recreation Committee meet with Jerry Sitkus to discuss his request to erect a sign honoring Little League.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve Seltzer Hose Co.'s request to erect a sign on the highway for their annual Seltzer Day. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to draft a letter of support for the Miners Lofts Project to sell space to the Borough for \$1.00. On the question, Mr. Kuehn, stated that the motion should reflect Council's commitment does not reflect their intent to occupy the space. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion; second by Mr. Miscavage to approve Mr. Mahalchick send a letter to the Schuylkill County Land bank that the Borough concurs with their process of purchasing properties at tax claim judicial sales.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to purchase a used roller for \$2200. On the question Mr. Kuehn suggested trying to sell the current roller for \$1500. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the additional cost of paving Heffner Street due to the inaccurate estimate by Penn Dot. The cost would come from Liquid Fuels. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta, to approve a payment to MJ Excavating for the South Street Project in the amount of \$69,286.35. The motion passed as presented. The Borough will be holding the difference between the payment and \$75,000 until completion and inspection of the project.

Unfinished Business:

Solicitor Evans reported that our Rental Ordinance is currently good. It allows for a \$1000 fine to be levied and no license to be issued if property taxes are not paid.

Community Updates

Spirit Day will be held September 10.

Fall Cleanup is scheduled for September 18-23. No electronics are allowed. Mr. Kuehn reported that the IU is having recycling of electronics for their employees. He will forward the information to Mr. Mahalchick.

The Halloween Parade will be held October 28 at 6:30pm.

Trick or Treat will be held October 29 from 6 to 8pm.

The Haunted House will be held October 28 and 29.

Santa Claus comes to town November 26, with the parade at 5:30pm and visits with Santa from 6 to 7pm.

Mr. Mahalchick reported that Penn Dot is scheduled to mill Sunbury Street and install curb cuts in 2018.

Mr. Miscavage stated he wanted to acknowledge that the Miners Journal is a top-notch publication due in large part to Mr. Kuehn.

Mr. Miscavage stated a decision needs to be made to house the Borough offices and departments. Mr. Miscavage stated that currently the Souchalk family is offering to sell the former drugstore at a nominal fee, which with the acquisition of the former Miners Bank, would house both Police and Borough offices with parking in the rear. Another consideration is the former Senior Center over the Lions Den.

Mr. Mahalchick reported that paving is at a standstill as asphalt is in short supply and what is available goes to Penn Dot.

The Council went to Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 7:50. The Council returned at 8:02.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Vuksta made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

