

April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 10, 2018 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the April 10, 2018 meeting: Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Council President; Mrs. Jenn Beach, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen; Mayor Leo Securda; Solicitor Day, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Combs and Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Seven Council members were present which created a quorum.

Citizens' Comments:

Alicia Poslosky suggested the Borough Office have a welcome pack for new residents containing all pertinent information. She also suggested the Borough do more to recognize female veterans.

Mr. Kershner, 121 South Street, asked if residential only parking had been removed from Fifth Street by the Elementary Center. Mr. Kuehn explained again the circumstances that made that area "Residential Only" parking, as the faculty and staff have ample parking in the stadium and should not be parking on the street. Mr. Kershner questioned how many vehicles the Police Department has. Mr. Kerschner asked for a mileage report on police vehicles. Police Chief Combs responded that the force has three vehicles. Mr. Kerschner again asked the Police Department to step up their activity in the area of bars. Mr. Kerschner requested a copy of the Police report with Police Chief Combs gave him from his own packet. Mr. Kerschner requested increased police foot traffic. Mr. Kerschner asked what is being done about absentee landlords. Police Chief Combs responded that landlords are fined for violations. The Solicitor responded that there is a Fair Housing Act by which the Borough needs to comply. Mr. Kuehn asked the Solicitor to research what can be done concerning landlords renting to offenders.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion approving the March meeting minutes. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

A thank you was received from the family of Pat Mason on his passing.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the request of the Schuylkill TMCA to access the swimming pool and pavilion, if available, as they did last year, on Friday, August 3.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the request of the Mountaineer Hose Company for a Boot Drive on July 7th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request of the Black Diamond Club to sponsor an American Flag as a prize for their Annual Essay Contest. The motion passed as presented.

The request from Mr. Andrew Rose for a street sign to clarify Kauffman Street, Edgar Lewis Street and South Fifth Street was referred to the Solicitor to consider the cost of changing the street address of two of the properties. A response will be sent to Mr. Rose that Council is considering the option of street address changes.

The request from Mr. Andrew Rose to remove a set of bleachers in front of his property was discussed. Loitering is not an issue during games. Mr. Mahalchick will contact the Little League to inquire if the bleachers are utilized. The bleachers may need support added in the middle so they do not sag.

The request of Schuylkill Keep It Pretty to participate in trash removal was referred to the high school guidance department for students to participate.

Mr. Mahalchick informed the Council that PP&L would be installing routers in the borough prior to their installation of new customer meters.

Old Business:

Mr. Mahal stated the Lion Club Pavilion Lease is currently with the Lions Club to be signed.

New Business:

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to authorize the Work Order for engineering cost for the Multi Mobile Grant in the amount of \$14,000.00. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the Work Order for engineering costs, to be split with the Little League, for the grant for the Fourth Street Complex. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to authorize the advertisement to bid on the 2018 street paving project. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The future of the Penn Street playground will be discussed in the upcoming Community Newsletter. Items for the newsletter are needed by the end of the week.

Sister Katherine and the Kurtek brothers were nominated for Citizen of the Year. The decision will be made at the May meeting.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal authorizing the Recreation Committee to set pool rates for the 2018 season.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Mahalchick reported that Penn Dot has a date of 2025 to fix the Minersville Bridge. Mr. Mahal is contacting legislators to move the date forward due to the deterioration of the River Street wall.

Committee Reports:

Street and Highways-Mr. Vuksta the street sweeper is being repaired and will be back in action soon.

Recreation and Public Property-Mr. Mahal reported the Land Bank is taking more property off of judicial sale. 228 North Street is scheduled for demotion and 218 North 3rd St. will be demolished and use for parking by the fire department; both at no cost to the borough. Mr. Mahalchick stated that joining the Land Bank was the best decision. Mr. Kuehn congratulated Mr. Mahal and Mr. Mahalchick on their work with the Land Bank.

Mr. Darosh reported that the trees at the cemetery are scheduled to be taken down this Saturday. The horses are still there.

Community Updates

Mr. Mahalchick congratulated the Office Staff for their work on the Easter Egg Hunt. Ms. Milbrandt commented that the event was very well organized. Mr. Kuehn noted that two high school students volunteered for the event as well.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held at 9am.

The Community Yard Sale is June 2.

There will be an update on the Green Light Go program in the month's Community Newsletter.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

