

August 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held August 11, 2020. Due to the Covid19 Virus, social distancing was practiced. President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the August 11, 2020 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Sarah Newton, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager. Megan Paul, Office Manager was present at the August meeting.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen, to approve the minutes from July 2020. The motion passed as presented.

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

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. On the question, Mr. Darosh asked if there were any Officer Reports. Megan Paul responded that the Treasurer's report, etc were enclosed. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

Owners of K&B Recycling were present and addressed council during New Business.

Communications:

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the Minersville Little League's request for fall ball pending their meeting concerning COVID. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the CARES Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve September 17 and 18 from 8am to 3pm, and September 19 from 9am to 12pm for the fall county cleanup. The motion passed as presented. Megan Paul stated the compost cards will be turned off during this event.

Kevin Wasser of K&B Recycling requested permission to setup to recycle electronics at the fall cleanup. Solicitor Evans stated the company needs to provide insurance and is liable for all cleanup following the event and associated costs. Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve Mr. Wasser's request with the rules outlined by the Solicitor. Mr. Mahal seconded the request. The motion passed as presented.

After reviewing the three applicants, Mr. Kuehn made a motion to hire Michael Machita for the Street Department at a rate of \$15.13 hourly for ninety days probation beginning August 24, 2020, pending drug testing; with an additional \$2.50 an hour after probation. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to name Marty Brophy as acting head of the Street Department in the absence of Ed Houser at a rate differential of fifty cents per hour. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Ms. Milbrandt suggested open positions be posted on social media.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve getting quotes for mold remediation or demolition for area of the former borough garage. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated that the issue of a street sweeper will be explored during the budget preparation.

Committee Reports

Community Development/Public Property-Mr. Mahal reported on the Multi Model \$800,000 0% match grant from Borough Hall to the Gratz Bank. Mr. Mahal stated a good job done by personnel during the incident with demotion on Sunbury Street. Mr. Mahalchick questioned who should be billed for the traffic control performed by borough workers. Mr. Mahal stated an itemized bill should be submitted to the Land Bank. Mr. Mahalchick questioned the timeline for completion. Mr. Mahal stated August 31 is the deadline.

Water and Sewer-Mr. Darosh stated that storm drains are being replaced before the paving project.

Streets and Highways-Ms. Newton once again questioned Police Chief Combs concerning the speeding on Front Street. She noted that there were no speeding tickets issued during July. Chief Combs stated that speeding details have been done. Police Chief Combs informed the Council that a crossing guard is needed at the Elementary Center. Mr. Kuehn reminded Chief Combs to get a request for a crossing guard from the school district. Ms. Milbrandt stated that Officer Brown should fill the position until a replacement is hired. Mr. Firestine stated that paving should be completed tomorrow even though residents were driving on Lytle Street during paving,

Community Updates-Ms. Milbrandt that Halloween dates would be finalized in October due to COVID. Ms. Milbrandt stated there is a need to remind parade participants there is a difference in tossing candy and aiming the candy at bystanders. Mr. Kuehn suggested using the megaphone at the parade staging to remind participants concerning candy tossing. Mr. Firestine stated candy tossing is a concern with children running in front of the fire trucks.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary