

## **December 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held December 11, 2018 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Mahal opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the December 11, 2018 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Bob Umbenhen and Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt by conference call and Mr. Jamie Kuehn as acting mayor; Solicitor Arlen Day, Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

### **Citizens' Comments:**

Mr. Mahal asked the citizens present, who had expressed their interest in serving as Mayor until the November election, to say a few words. Mrs. Helen Droskinis, Mr. Sean Palmer and Mr. Kerry Kerschner spoke.

Mr. Mahal opened the floor to nominations for the office of Mayor. Mr. Vuksta nominated Mr. Kerschner. Mr. Mahal nominated Mr. Palmer. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, Mr. Vuksta, Mrs. Beach, Mr. Mahal, Mr. Umbenhen, Mr. Darosh, Mr. Kuehn and Mrs. Mahal by conference call all voted for Mr. Kerschner. The vote being unanimous, Mr. Kuehn swore Mr. Kerschner into the office of Mayor.

Mr. Kuehn continued to chair the meeting.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the minutes from November 2018. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

### **Communications:**

The request by Boran Dental Associates for designated parking spaces was referred to the Streets and Highways Committee for consideration at the January meeting.

### **Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### **New Business:**

The second reading of the 2019 Budget confirmed there would be no tax increase.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the Ordinance setting s tax on real property in the Borough of Minersville and establishing the mileage at twenty point zero zero (20.00) for 2019. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to accept the bids received for the Legion Park Project. The motion passed as presented.

The motion to pass the Ordinance for the tax levy was rescinded and the first reading of the tax levy ordinance was heard.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the meeting schedule for 2019. The motion passed as presented.

The filling of vacancies for all boards will take place at the January meeting.

Police Chief Combs reported that he has been meeting with Superintendent McBreen to solve the traffic problem on Fifth Street in front of the Elementary Center during pickup and drop-off hours. Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal, to pass the new traffic pattern on a temporary basis with an update at the January meeting. The motion passed as presented.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Public Property**-possible funding from the Land Bank will be used for demolition on Laurel Street.

**Sewer and Water**-The Sewer Authority passed its' 2019 Budget. The Water Company suit for timbering has been resolved.

**Streets and Highways**-The Christmas decorations are deteriorating and will need to be replaced as well as the wiring.

**Finance**-The prepared budget has been approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Mahal recommended the closing of the Penn Street Playground. On the recommendation of the Solicitor, notices that the playground is closed will be posted immediately and equipment will start to be demolished on Friday.

**Community Updates:**

There will be an "M" drop on December 31 at the Fire Rescue. Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta for North Street between Third and Fourth Streets is blocked to traffic beginning at 10:30pm until 1am. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

