

## **February 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held February 13, 2018 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Kuehn opened the meeting, along with attending Boy Scouts, with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the February 13, 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 Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Combs and Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Seven Council members were present which created a quorum.

### **Citizens' Comments:**

Mr. Kershner, 121 South Street, requested the Council make the 100 block of South Street Residential Only parking from 5pm-10pm. He explained that the residents in the area of the Elementary Center on Fifth Street have Residential Only parking and he feels his neighborhood is entitled to that as well. Mr. Kershner stated that the Lane Goose bar patrons are using all of the street parking as well as creating problems with drugs and littering. Mr. Vuksta confirmed that it is a constant problem. Mr. Kershner suggested allowing the bar owner to buy spots in the Sunbury Street Parking lot for his customers. Mr. Kuehn referred the problem to the Law and Order Committee.

Jeff Enders, 218 Middle Street, thanked the Code Enforcement Officer for padlocking the property next door to his. The water will be shut off on Wednesday. Solicitor Evans reported that he has been in contact with the owner's lawyer and the owner's plan is to hire someone to begin fixing the property with the next week. Mr. Kuehn instructed the Solicitor to check on progress in a week. Mr. Enders stressed the need for a time for condemned buildings to be repaired as well as times of the day set for repairs to be made.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion approving the January meeting Minutes. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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

### **Communications:**

There were no Communications to report.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to Animal Ordinance #183. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve Jason's Tree Service to remove trees at a cost of \$2600.00. The motion passed as presented.

The expansion of the soccer fields on Delaware Avenue, as requested by Minersville Area Youth Soccer, was referred to the Recreation Committee.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve the lease with Minersville Little League for the former Teener League Field. On the question, item #5 will include that anyone the Little League approves to use the field meet the same insurance requirements as the Little League. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the "Green Light Go" design presented by Entech engineering. The motion passed as presented.

**New Business:**

Mr. Mahalchick reported the purchase of a new club Cadet lawn mower at a price of \$369.99.

The Blight Technical Assistance Grant and Comprehensive Strategic Plan Grant will be discussed in committee.

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

Police Chief Combs reported that a new heater is needed in the Police Station.

Mr. Vuksta stated the current system could be utilized moving ductwork. Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt authorizing the Borough Manager to evaluate all options before purchasing a new heater. The motion passed as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sewer and Water-**Mr. Darosh stated that to ease concerns, the Borough is not currently selling the Sewer System.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Mahal stated the Lion Club pavilion lease is currently awaiting the Lions approval.

Concerning the Schuylkill Firefighters Financial Development request, financial aid would be given to individual fire companies.

**Community Updates**

Plans are being made by the Recreation Committee and Office Staff for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held March 31.

The Council went to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary