

July 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held July 10, 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 July 10, 2018 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Bob Umbenhen, Mayor Leo Securda, Solicitor Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager, Police Chief Combs and Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Six Council members were present which created a quorum. Mr. Kuehn and Gloria Capik, Secretary, were absent from the July meeting.

The Council went to Executive Session for contractual purposes.

The Council returned at 7:35pm.

Citizens' Comments:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion approving the June meeting minutes. Mr. Darosh 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.

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

Mr. Kerschner, South Street, questioned how he would be able to access a Police Report. He was informed he would need to go to the Borough Office; however, the office is closed by the time he is done work for the day. Police Chief Combs responded that he does not process the report so he will talk to the office. Mr. Mahal stated the public information could be made available at Council meetings.

Mr. Kerschner questioned the mileage report for the Police Department. Police Chief Combs responded that the odometer is not working and it would cost \$700 to be replaced. He is waiting for inspection for that. Chief Combs also commented that the odometer is not used to log miles.

Communications:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request of the Citizens' Fire Company of Branchdale to erect a sign for their Chinese Auction on July 29. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request of the Citizens' Fire Company of Branchdale to donate a Family Pool Pass for 2019 for their Chinese Auction. The motion passed as presented.

Police Chief Combs reported that Mr. Laughlin has the information related to the request of the Borough of Schuylkill Have for Fire Police for Saturday, September 29.

New Business:

Mr. Mahal stated that Community Newsletter articles are due to Mr. Kuehn by the end of the week. Mr. Mahalchick will include an explanation on the pool situation.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve purchase of a wet saw, the cost of \$1500 to be split equally with the Sewer Authority. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to pass a resolution for the Multi Model Grant Application. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the application for the Schuylkill Conservation District Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Grant. On the question, Mr. Vuksta stated the road in question- the road to the Lions Pavilion-needs to maintenance as soon as possible. The motion passed as presented.

There was one bid for the dump truck for \$2000.00 that was rejected by Council.

Kyle Crouse reported that currently no permit is needed for temporary pools so they cannot be inspected. The ordinance under Property Maintenance needs to be amended so this type of pool will need a permit. The matter was referred to Mr. Mahalchick and Mr. Crouse. Mr. Darosh questioned if owners of pools that were previously approved would be grandfathered. Mr. Crouse replied that they would be.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the Repository Sale of 19 Spencer Street for \$5200.00 and 124 Spruce Street, for \$2265.00, providing the background check of the bidder is acceptable. The motion passed as presented.

The handicap application for 446 Lewis Street was tabled at the request of Police Chief Combs.

Unfinished Business:

The future of the Penn Street playground will be discussed in the next issue of the Community Newsletter.

There is nothing new to report of the River Street wall.

Old Business:

Mr. Crouse addressed the issues at 141 North Street with the homeowner.

Charlie Leonard, 135 Carbon Street, requested that “Children at Play” signs be placed on the 100 block of Carbon Street to reduce the speeding in that block. Police Chief Combs stated he would check the area. The “Children at Play” will be painted in large letters on the street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary