

June 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held June 12, 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 June 12, 2018 meeting: Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Leo Securda; Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Combs and Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Four Council members were present which created a quorum. Mr. Vuksta, Mrs. Beach, Mr. Umbenhen, Solicitor Evans and Gloria Capik, Secretary, were absent from the June meeting.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Monica Raczka thanked the Street Department for cutting down weeds and bushes.

Mr. Darosh made a motion approving the May meeting minutes. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Communications:

A thank you note was received from the Historical Society for the Borough's annual support in the amount of \$2,500.

A request was received for the Fire Police to assist in the St. Clair Car Cruise on July 7. Police Chief Combs will forward the request to Bob Laughlin.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the request of St. Nicholas to place a banner promoting their Annual Parish Picnic. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

The sign recognizing the Little League State Championships was granted temporary placement pending permanent approval.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to prepare an RFP for the Strategic Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to form a Blight Abatement Committee consisting of Mr. Mahalchick, Mr. Mahal and Mr. Kuehn.

New Business:

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mike Firestine from the Street Department. The motion passed as presented. Following advertisement of the Street Department position and interviews, Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the hiring of Matthew Leiby, pending results of drug testing and clearances. The motion passed as presented.

Police Chief Combs requested the matter of Class C fireworks be tabled until next month's meeting.

Police Chief Combs reported that he is working with he Minersville School District to fill the position of a School Resource Officer. The District is contributing \$44,294.00 to the cost of the position. The consensus of the Council was to hire a full time officer. Following the hiring, testing for the position of Resource Officer would be completed to fine the proper candidate. That position would be assigned to the school district for 180 days with the remainder of time to be spent in the borough police department. Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal, to instruct the Law and Order Committee to co-operate with Police Chief Combs and Mayor Securda, following legal advice by our arbitration attorney, to set a salary and advertise for a police position. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve on the recommendation of Police Chief Combs, the driveway application at 321 North Delaware Avenue. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick will be researching quotes for shredding of old documents.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to find and name a replacement to the Sewer Authority Board should it become necessary after consulting with Solicitor Evans. On the question, Mr. Darosh questioned if a councilperson could be on the board. It was determined that they could hold both positions but can only be paid for one. Mrs. Raczka questioned what if a resident is interested. Mr. Kuehn stated the Council would need to find a replacement as soon as possible. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve Tropp Contracting be paid \$800.00 for a ramp at the Street Department building. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick gave an update on the pool opening. Opening is presently scheduled for June 26th. Mr. Mahalchick, Amy Klink and Mr. Mahalchick as well as the Recreation Committee will consider options for season pass holders.

Mr. Kuehn reported that the Pottsville JFK pool managers extended an offer to convert our season passes to theirs and offered our lifeguards employment for the summer season if necessary.

An online community feedback survey was discussed.

Community Updates

The Community newsletter will advertise for neighborhood feedback on the future of the Penn Street playground.

Ms. Milbrandt questioned if dates for Trick or Treat had been set. Mr. Kuehn stated they would be forthcoming at next month's meeting.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary