

June 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held June 11, 2019 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. President Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the June 11, 2019 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Solicitor B.J. Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

Citizens' Comments:

Mike Andrews, 420 Pottsville Street requested there be no parking on the 400 block of Hickory Street. Mr. Andrews reported that Hickory Street is very narrow and when people park along the street, you cannot access your garage. Police Chief Combs stated he would look at the area.

Crystal Zaharis, Sunbury Street, questioned the Council's decision last month to not allow for drive way parking behind her residence. Mr. Kuehn reported that the drive way did not meet the mandatory width requirements. Mr. Kuehn suggested since the property infringing on her driveway is a rental, the lease should stipulate not blocking the area.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019. 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.

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

Communications:

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen, to approve the request of Monica Pahira to refund her 2018 Borough Occupational Taxes paid, as she did not earn the required \$5000 in 2018. The motion passed as requested.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta approving the request of Michele Burke to hang purple ribbons throughout the borough for the Relay for Life with the stipulation the ribbons be removed the week following the event. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the requests of the Spirit Day Association for the Annual Spirit Day September 8, 2019 from 10am to 5pm. Police Chief Combs will meet with the Association regarding street closings. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve the request to provide a training area for the 2020 Census workers and to advertise the available jobs on our social media sites. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve, as custodians of the property, the Minersville Historical Society's request to restore the Captain Lawrence Memorial. The motion passed as presented.

The request of the Schuylkill Haven Borough for coverage by our Fire Police at their borough's Borough Day, September 28, 2019 from 9am to 4pm, will be forwarded to Bob Laughlan.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

The following bids were received and opened for the paving projects-

Barletta Materials and Construction	\$58,830.00
Franzosa Trucking Co.	\$47,846.00
H&K Group, Inc.	\$48,591.55
Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc.	\$42,876.15
Schuylkill Paving, Inc.	\$57,822.70

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to accept the bids. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion to award the bid to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$42,876.15, with a suggestion to question the paving of the walking path while his equipment is in the Borough. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve the demolition of 246 Laurel Street, retroactive to June 4, to AMC Enterprises. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, on the recommendation of Police Chief Combs, to approve the handicap renewals of 400 North Street and 461 Carbon Street. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kerschner reported that he and Mr. Mahalchick attended a Revitalization Forum in Reading. The Mayor is hopeful the Borough will be able to use HABITAT services in conjunction with Penn State Schuylkill. The Mayor is in the process of planning the Borough's first annual National Night Out on August 6.

Community Updates:

The Community Swimming Pool had a successful opening Memorial Day weekend. Additional lifeguards have been hired.

The Fourth Street playground updates are scheduled to begin, weather permitting.

The Veteran's Park project has started. Mr. Vuksta suggesting using artificial turf instead of grass. Mrs. Beach expressed concerns regarding artificial turf in case someone tosses a cigarette. She suggested using stone. Mr. Mahalchick will get a price but warned the Council any changes will require a Change Order to the original project.

The Little League fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 15. Mr. Vuksta stressed that we lease the land to the Little League are not held liable for any damages.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary