

## **June 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held June 9, 2020 via telephone conference call due to the Covid19 Virus social distancing President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the June 9, 2020 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Sarah Newton, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

Faith Rickard opened the CDBG Public Hearing. Faith informed everyone that there is Covid funding administered by the County, The CARES ACT. The Borough's share is \$61,779. Mr. Mahalchick questioned if funds were a loan or a grant. Faith stated we should check with the County for guidance. Local restaurants, hairdressers and barbershops affected by virus were ideas for using the funds. Mr. Mahal asked if there were additional rules on how the funds could be spent. Faith stated she is waiting for guidance from HUD. Mr. Mahal suggested forming a committee to consider options for the funds.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh, to approve the minutes from May 2020. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

### **Citizens' Comments:**

No citizens were present at the June meeting.

### **Communications**

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to give our blessings to the Minersville Lions Club on their undertaking of the annual fireworks. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine authorizing Mr. Mahal to meet with the Lions Club concerning their request to hold small games in the parking lot. The Recreation Committee will recommend a contingency plan utilizing the basketball court instead. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh authorizing Mr. Mahalchick to submit a letter approving outdoor seating for the Washington Hotel contingent on their having additional insurance to cover the area and approval by the PLCB. On the question, Mr. Firestine questioned if the same letter should be given to Yocko's. Mr. Mahalchick stated that the outdoor seating at Yocko's is on their own property not the sidewalk. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the Minersville Fire Rescue's request for a Boot Drive on Friday, June 12. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve the Mountaineer Hose Company's request for a boot drive on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Darosh seconds the motion. The motion passed as presented.

**Old Business:**

Maria Casey, Solicitor for Dustin Adventurland spoke on the need for an extended lease due to the investments, in excess of \$200,000, to develop the area. Following discussion, Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine, to grant a 20-year lease with 5 year renewals following. On the question, Solicitor Evans stated he would have a lease by the end of the week. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to amend the lease with the Little League reflecting the area now being utilized by Dustin Adventureland. The motion passed as presented.

Chief Combs reported he met with the Minersville Area School District regarding the SRO Agreement. The district will respond after their board meeting.

An advertisement is being run amending Ordinance #327 to include no parking on a section of Westwood Street.

**New Business:**

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to open the Borough swimming pool following COVID rules and regulations. On the question Police Chief Combs questioned if we would be allowing all county residents admission. Mr. Kuehn responded that we are. Other area pools are opening as well so he does not see a problem with allowing all county residents admission. Mr. Mahal amended to the motion to include should someone test positive, we shut down and test our staff. The motion passed as presented. Police Chief Combs was instructed to increase the Police presence at the pool.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to reopen our parks. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion on the recommendation of Police Chief Combs to approve the enclosed handicap parking renewals. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to award the repair of the borough hall roof to E&S Rubber Roofing in the amount of \$18,250.00. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to accept the following bids for paving projects-

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.	\$55,657.00
Ronnie Folk Paving, Inc.	\$38,392.41
Meckley's Limestone Projects	\$34,242,40
H&K Group, Inc.	\$42,295.98
M & J Excavation, Inc.	\$52,695.00

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to authorize Mr. Mahalchick and the Streets committee to review the bids and award the bid. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of ornamental fence for the Memorial Park to ProMax Fence Systems in the amount of \$6,790.00. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve demolition of 140 – 150 Sunbury Street following historical corridor requirements. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Milbrandt informed the council that there would be a parade for the graduates on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Mr. Firestine informed the council that a new panel box in needed on South Fourth Street and will be completed in house.

Ms. Newton questioned the number of speeding violations and asked Police Chief Combs to set up surveillance on Front Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

