

May 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May 14, 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 May 14, 2019 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Solicitor B.J. Evans, Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Officer Clink.

The following were sworn in as Fire Police by Mayor Kerschner-Richard Weiner, Jared Kelburn, Tricia Hunt, Joe Haas, Rose Toney and Karla Toney.

Citizens' Comments:

Bill Angelo, 301 Arlene Street, requested a sign be placed at Sixth Street on Thursdays advertising the dinners being served at the Minersville Fish and Game. Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve the request. The motion passed as presented.

Theresa Smith, 408 Carbon Street reported a list of complaints concerning the apartments at 406 Carbon Street. She suggested the Borough needs stricter code enforcement. Mr. Crouse stated the apartment owner has been fined and he pays those fines. After the fines are paid, Mr. Crouse stated, there is nothing else he can do. Ms. Smith stated she is calling the Attorney General. She also stated that there are huge potholes on the street. Mr. Mahalchick stated that repairs are scheduled but the weather has not cooperated. Mr. Mahalchick also stated that as far as code enforcement is concerned, Minersville is the envy of other towns. Mr. Mahal stated that the council is in the process of strengthening our landlord/tenant ordinance.

Monica Raczka, 602 Baker Street, reported that the drain in front of the Mowers' gate is completely blocked. Mr. Mahalchick stated he will send someone, he also stated that the other drain Mrs. Raczka previously reported has been fixed. Mrs. Raczka stated there is still a cone over that drain.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the minutes from April 9, 2019. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ms. Milbrandt 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:

Mr. Mahal made a motion authorizing the Borough and the Minersville Little League to enter into an agreement authorizing Mr. Mahalchick to execute forwarding funds for the Little League's portion of the DCED Greenways Recreation Grant. The Little League agrees to repay no less than half the of amount in 2019 and the remainder in 2020. The Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to authorize the Mountaineer Hose Company to have a Boot Drive on July 5th from 4pm to 7:30pm upon approval of Police Chief Combs. The motion passed as presented.

The Council denied the Little League's request for financial assistance for their annual fireworks. Mrs. Raczka questioned if players still canvassed the town for collections. Mr. Kuehn stated they do not for safety reasons. Mr. Mahalchick stated that should the Borough decide to sponsor the fireworks in the future as a holiday event, the expense would need to be budgeted.

A discussion was held concerning what items should be placed on the Borough's Facebook page. It was decided by Council that Mr. Mahalchick should use his judgment and should be involved in the postings.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach approving the request of the Clinical Outcomes Group to access the pool one day a week for two hours during the summer season for programs for our youth. The motion passed as presented.

Both the request to sponsor a veteran for the annual Schuylkill County Veterans trip to Washington, DC and the request by WAVT-FM T102 to sponsor commercial time for Medal of Honor Day, were denied. Mr. Kuehn stated that the Council is steward of the taxpayer's monies and are not a business.

Old Business:

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to honor Milan Barber as Citizen of the Year at this year's Memorial Day ceremonies.

New Business:

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the twenty-one Handicap Parking Renewals approved by Police Chief Combs. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the repository sale of 19 Spencer Street in the amount of \$1200. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt, to authorize the resubmitting an application for the Dirt Gravel Road grant. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to pass the CDBG Fair Housing Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to resubmit the grant application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the resolution for interim financing for the Veteran's Park grant in the amount of \$105,00 with The Gratz Bank. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to pass the resolution for interim financing for the Recycling Grant in the amount of \$123,000 with the Gratz Bank. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal; to deny the request for a driveway at 309 Sunbury Street, rear, due to safety concerns, as this does not meet our minimum width for driveways. The motion passed as presented.

The Council authorized Mr. Mahalchick to contact PP&L to install a 4500 lumen streetlight replacing the current one, next to the Fourth Street playground.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve the renewal of the Comcast Franchise Agreement. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the advertising of the three 2019 paving projects.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Green Light Go Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt, on the recommendation of Solicitor Evans, to authorize the Land Bank, on behalf of the Borough, to prepare an RFP for the Sunbury Street properties. The motion passed as presented.

Community Updates:

The Memorial Day parade will be held at 9am with the program following at the Little League Field. There will be no speaker. Officer Barber will be honored, posthumously, as Citizen of the year. Mr. Mahal stated that Representative Goodman is sponsoring a House Citation for Officer Barber as well.

The Community Yard Sale is scheduled for June 1st.

The Community Swimming Pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

