

May 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May 12, 2020 via telephone conference call. Due to the Covid19 Virus social distancing rules, there was be no work session in May. President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended via telephone the May 12, 2020 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Newton, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager, Officer Brown and Police Chief Combs.

Faith Rickard opened the CDBG Public Hearing. The amount for the borough for 2020 is \$96,329. The deadline to apply is October 28. Mr. Mahalchick stated that the 200 block of Fifth Street needs sidewalk and curb replacement. Ms. Rickard stated that we need income data by block to justify using the funds. She suggested the census data might confirm that. Should that not be approved, the funds would be used for demolition. Faith informed everyone that there is Covid funding administered by the County. The Borough's share is \$61,779. Projects for using the funds are due to the County by Friday. Some ideas for implementing funds are food banks, testing, anything affected by the virus. The County will monitor the projects.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine, to approve the minutes from April 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. Firestine made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

No citizens were present at the May meeting.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

Mr. Darosh made a motion to accept the following bids received for the three-year towing contract-

Trail Towing-\$5,650

Hammer Towing-\$9,500.00

Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion to award the bid to Hammer Towing for three years in the amount of \$9,500.00. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine directing Ms. Newton to negotiate the SRO Agreement with the Minersville Area School District. The motion passed as presented. On the question, a figure of \$65,244,23 was determined to be the figure for negotiation.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen allowing The first reading of Ordinance #327 to be amended to include No Parking on a section of Westwood Street, with passing of the Ordinance at the June meeting. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to table he amending of the Little League lease and the forming of a lease with Dustin Adventure land pending more information from Dustin's Adventure land and the Minersville Midget Football Team. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, pending approval by Penn Dot to advertise the bid for 2020 paving projects, Ms. Newton seconded the motion. On the question, Mr. Firestine stated that bids are for milling and paving not an overlay. The motion passed as presented.

Following discussion, Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to hold a silent fire truck parade on Memorial Day. Legion Park will be closed with the exception of lying of the Memorial wreath by the Legion and Navy Club Officials, practicing social distancing. The motion passed as presented.

The 2020 pool season was discussed at length. A roll call vote was taken with Councilpersons Mahal, Milbrandt and Umbenhen voting to close and Kuehn, Firestine, Newton and Darosh voting to wait until the June meeting to determine if the pool will open for the summer. With the majority of votes in favor of waiting to make a decision until the June meeting, the future of the pool season will be decided in June.

A decision by the YMCA for their summer rental of the senior center has not been made. Solicitor Evans will contact them.

Due to the pandemic polling cannot take place at the High Rise. Mr. Mahalchick will discuss using the Fire Rescue building with them. Mr. Mahal stated if not the Fire Rescue, our Senior Center could be considered.

Mr. Darosh suggested the access cards for the landfill could be available for application online.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to pass the Resolution for The Citizen Participation Plan. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

There were no Communications to be read.

Council Committee Reports

Sewer and Water-Mr. Darosh reported the Sewer generator project is going to be out for bidding.

Streets-Mr. Firestine noted that the recycling truck should be here by the end of the week. Crack sealing is continuing.

Fire-Mr. Umbenhen commended the departments for their parades for birthdays, etc. due people needing to social distance due to the Corona Virus.

Mr. Mahalchick reported that the Miners Loft Project is still scheduled for completion in the fall. Additionally they have purchased two lots for employee parking so no work needs to be done on Lewis Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary