

November 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held November 10, 2020. Due to the Covid19 Virus, social distancing was practiced. President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the November 10, 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, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

The Council met in Executive Session from 7:03 to 7:10 personnel matters. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to terminate the current cborough hall cleaning person. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to hire Jenn Hossler at the same rate as a 1099 contract employee. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

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

Citizens' Comments:

Due to COVID regulations there were no citizens at the November meeting

Communications:

A thank you note was received from the Reber family on the passing of Lynn Reber.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve the request of Dustin Adventure Land to post signs for the coming playground at the entrances to the borough. The motion passed as presented.

The request by QSP for no parking on the Delaware Avenue side of the Miners Lofts was tabled until the December meeting and following a meeting with QSP.

Old Business:

The second reading of Ordinance 333 non-uniform pension plan was completed. Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 333. The motion passed as presented.

Following the second reading of dangerous building Ordinance 332 Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the ordinance. The motion passed as presented.

On the recommendation of Mr. Crouse and Police Chief Combs, Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the driveway application for 403 New Castle Street. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion not to oppose the repository sale of 124 Spruce St. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

The first reading of the 2021 Budget was completed. Questions regarding the budget should be referred to Mr. Kuehn prior to the December meeting.

Mr. Mahal will arrange a meeting between the Little League, Dustin's Adventure Land and the Recreation Committee to address concerns by all involved.

Mr. Mahalchick stated that the purchase of a street sweeper would not be possible with the 2021 budget.

Due to COVID there will be no Veterans' Day ceremonies.

Committee Reports-

Finance-Mr. Kuehn questioned the extra charges by the Solicitor. Solicitor Evans stated the charges stemmed from QSP's zoning issues with certificate of occupancy for the Miners Lofts. Following phone calls with Mr. Quandel and Mr. Crouse and a hearing for the zoning, an I4 determination was made.

Streets-A hole on North Delaware Avenue at the gutter line needs to be repaired.

Sewer/Water-Mr. Darosh stated the curb issue at 229 North Street determined the owner had stated four years ago that the curb was what she wanted.

Community Updates-No additional Hometown Hero Banner requests will be taken due to the upcoming Streetscape Project.

The Santa event announced on public media should have been decided by Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

