

## **November 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held September 09, 2018 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the November 13, 2018 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Bob Umbenhen, Mayor Leo Securda, Solicitor Evans, Don Cuff, Borough Engineer, Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs. Seven Council members were present which created a quorum.

### **Citizens' Comments:**

There were no citizen comments at the November meeting.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the minutes from October 2018. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

### **Communications:**

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the request of the Community Mission to hold a boot drive on December 15, 2018 with Police Chief Combs expressing to the Mission that Santa is not collecting. Police Chief Combs will discuss with them the location of the Boot Drive as well. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

A thank you note was received from Sister Catherine for the help received in the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

### **Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Mahal made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mayor Securda affective December 2, 2018. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion, with regret. The motion passed as presented. Council President Kuehn will become Mayor at 12:01am, December 3, 2018, until the council names a replacement. Mr. Mahal thanked Mr. Securda for his nine months of service.

The first reading of the 2019 Budget revealed there would be no tax increase.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to authorize Mr. Mahalchick sending a letter to Mr. Quandel concerning the Miners Loft Project, stating the borough will commit to street improvements on Lewis Street if the improvements are within our spending range. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve electric rates were approved at the rate of .06198 from Constellation New Energy. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to authorize Mr. Mahalchick to purchase playground equipment for the Fourth Street playground project not to exceed grant funds. The motion passed as presented.

Ian Mahal made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt authorizing a letter of support for the Pennsylvania Housing and Rehab. The motion passed as presented.

**Council Committee Reports:**

Ms. Milbrandt thanked Mr. Mahalchick, Chief Combs and the Finance Committee for their work preparing the 2019 budget.

Mr. Vuksta stated that recycling would remain the same, with month having five Wednesdays not having any pickups that day. Mr. Vuksta stated that berms were installed at Spring and Third Streets to help with flooding. Mr. Vuksta stated that the buses transferring passengers for the Santa train ride scheduled for December 1 and 2 will not be able to drop passengers on River Street. Police Chief Combs will assign an officer to help with traffic control.

Mr. Kuehn reported the Recreation Committee netted a profit of \$1519 from the Haunted House, which will be used to offset expenses for the Easter egg hunt and Santa arrival.

**Unfinished Business:**

The future of the Penn Street Playground will revert back to the Recreation Committee as no citizen response was received.

Police Chief Combs stated that the Ordinance for No Soliciting is a work in progress.

**Community Updates:**

Santa will come to town on November 25.

There will be an "M" drop on December 31 at the Fire Rescue.

The Council met in Executive Session at 7:31 for personnel matters. The Council returned at 8:11.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

