

October 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held October 13, 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 October 13, 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 Day, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

The Council met in Executive Session from 7:03 to 7:25 for fire personnel matters. Upon returning, Solicitor Day stated the Borough does not have the authority to reinstate fire personnel after they have signed a separation agreement. That includes traffic duty.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine, to approve the minutes from September 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.

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

Citizens' Comments:

There were no citizen comments at the October meeting

Communications:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request from Pine Grove Borough for our Fire Police to assist with their parade on October 17, 2010. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the request of the Tremont Borough for our Fire Police for their Halloween Parade. The motion passed as presented.

The letter concerning the correct street address of Andrew Rose will be referred to the 911-call center. Mr. Mahalchick will contact them.

Old Business:

The Halloween Parade will be held on October 24,2020 at 6:30 pm following CBC guidelines. Trick or Treat will be held October 31 from 6-8pm following CBC guidelines. There will be no haunted house this year. Mr. Kuehn stated that health and safety are the priority.

New Business:

The first reading of Ordinance 333 non-uniform pension plan was completed. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the Life Insurance premiums of \$56,369 for Liability and \$48,207 for Workers' comp. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to accept the sole bid for oil from Reedy's Oil. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to award the oil bid to Reedy's Oil at \$1.949. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the Mayor's request to purchase 100 parking meters from the city of Pottsville at a cost of \$20 each. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a 2021 Sport Utility vehicle in the amount of \$43,100.00. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Mr. Firestine voting no. Mr. Kuehn explained that there is a reserve fund for purchase of police vehicles. Mr. Firestine questioned if other quotes were received. Police Chief Combs responded that it is a co-stars price so would be the same everywhere.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to grant Mr. Mahalchick permission to apply for a USDA Grant/loan for the purchase of a street sweeper. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion authorizing Mr. Mahalchick to proceed with interim financing with the Gratz Bank for the multi-model grant, at a rate of 2.65%. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of Good Will Fire Co. to designate Geisinger EMS/Minersville as our primary Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support emergency medical service for the Borough of Minersville and Geisinger EMS/Tremont as the second. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton question where council stands on the issue of borough hall. During COVID the topic has not been discussed.

Committee Reports-

Finance-Mr. Kuehn stated that the draft for the 2021 budget will be available for the November meeting. Ms. Milbrandt stated that Ms. Newton's name is still not included on the bills report sign-off sheet.

Personnel-The new street worker is working out great.

Fire-With COVID Fire Prevention week was not held and fund raising is hard for the companies.

Ms. Newton reported the agreement with the school district is included in member's packets.

Streets-The importance of ticketing people violating parking in front of hydrants and along yellow lines was reinforced. Curbs are being painted and new stop signs are being installed.

Water-Mr. Darosh stated timbering is continuing and new flow meter installed.

Sewer-The Laurel Street Project will begin the third week of October.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary