

October 09, 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 October 09, 2018 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, 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. Six Council members were present which created a quorum.

Citizens' Comments:

Alicia Poslosky shared her concern about loitering in the Post Office lobby after hours. Police Chief Combs stated he is aware of the problem. Ms. Poslosky is also concerned about teenagers walking into traffic. Additionally, Ms. Poslosky suggested making it mandatory for landlords to change locks on rental units between tenants.

Monica Raczka, Baker Street, questioned the smell of heating oil on Second Street on Tuesday at 8:30 am. Mr. Crouse stated he investigated but did not detect the smell. Mr. Mahalchick stated it would be checked again tomorrow morning.

Mr. Kerschner, South Street questioned the progress of solving the flooding problem on South Street. Don Cuff responded that Sewer Specialties inspected the area and found no blockages,

Mr. Kerschner reported that the newly opened Woody's Bar is very loud and the back door is open making the noise worse. Mr. Mahalchick will speak with the owner about closing the back door. Mrs. Raczka stated she spoke with the owner about cigarette butts and loitering on the steps in front.

Mr. Laughlin of the Fire Police stated the Fire Police would report to the Police Station before the Halloween Parade for their assignments. Mr. Laughlin has asked the Branch Township Fire Police to help at the parade as well.

Ms., Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the minutes from September 2018. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs., Beach made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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

Communications:

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the request of St. Michael the Archangel Parish to hold a parade on October 13, 2018. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Police Chief Combs and the Fire Police will assist.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request of the South Cass Citizens' Fire Company to place a sign advertising their annual haunted hayride alongside the Pottsville/Minersville Highway. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the request of SKIP to participate in the Fall Cleanup. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the purchase of twelve hats for the Fire Police at a cost of \$12 each. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the Legion Park Project being put out for bid. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve insurance coverage by Selective insurance at a savings of approximately \$6000 compared to last year. The motion passed as presented.

On the advice of Police Chief Combs, the Council will not amend the ordinance to reflect PA Title 8 Subsection 1202.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the sub-recipient agreement between the Borough and Schuylkill County concerning CDBG Funds. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion to accept the quotes received for oil. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The sole quote was from R.E. Reedy & Sons, Inc. at a rate of ten cents off the street price, with a cap of \$2.94. Mrs. Beach made a motion to award the bid to R.E. Reedy & Sons, Inc., at the quoted price. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Unfinished Business:

Police Chief Combs reported that the "One Way" and 2 MPH signs for the Youth Soccer area have arrived and will be installed as soon as possible.

The next issue of the Community newspaper will include a questioner on the future of the Penn Street Playground.

Police Chief Combs will meet with the Solicitor to discuss amending the Police Ordinance for no soliciting.

Mr. Mahalchick will be meeting with the Finance Committee to work on the 2019 Budget.

Community Updates:

The Halloween Parade will be held October 27, at 6:30, with October 28 being the rain date.

The Haunted House will be held October 27th and 28th from 6pm to 9pm.

Trick or treat is October 31, from 6pm to 8pm, with November 1st being the rain date.

Santa will come to town on November 25.

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:34 for legal matters. The Council returned at 8:11.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary