

## **September 10, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held September 10, 2019 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. President Kuehn opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the September 10, 2019 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Solicitor B.J. Evans, Kyle Crouse, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

### **Citizens' Comments:**

A resident at 245 Laurel Street asked for help with the parking problem on her street. Cars from apartments stay parked for two and a half weeks although they have parking in the rear. Police Chief Combs will ascertain why a vehicle is parked and not moved for more than two weeks. Mr. Kuehn suggested the resident, who is handicapped, file for a handicap parking spot, although any handicapped person may use the spot.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen, to approve the minutes from August 13, 2019. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Special Meeting. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

### **Communications:**

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve the request of the Catholic Community of Minersville to hold their Our Lady of Fatima Crusade, which will begin and end at the parish center on October 13, 2019. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request of the Community Mission Church to forgive the Borough portion of their taxes, \$470.77, and to send a letter to the Minersville Area School District suggesting they do the same. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request of the South Cass Fire Company to place a sign advertising their annual Haunted Hayride. The motion passed as presented.

**Old Business:**

The Solicitor suggested sending a letter to Cass Township stating that a vertical grate be installed on the Wolf Creek Tunnel with criminal penalties and reporting to DEP implemented if is tampered with.

**New Business:**

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve the Resolution the CDBG funds for 2019. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve payment #3 to Performance Construction Service for the Legion Park Project in the amount of \$50,741.82, which is grant funded. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve the 2020 MMO for non-uniformed at \$52,776 and uniformed at \$121,792. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the temporary change of traffic flow to one way on N. Delaware Ave from Lewis to North Street. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed u unanimously.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to accept the bids for the Green Light Go Project. The motion passed as presented. The following bids were received:

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| Herr Signal Lighting, Co., Inc. | \$324,899.40 |
| Telco, Inc.                     | \$347,689.00 |
| C.M. High, Inc.                 | \$372,000.00 |
| Wycoming Electric and Signal    | \$373,602,90 |

There are matching grant funds for this project. Work will begin in the New Year.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to award bid to the qualified low bidder. The motion passed as presented.

**Mayor Report:**

The mayor reported he and Mr. Mahalchick would attend a meeting Friday concerning a Habitat for Humanity re-store. Mr. Kerschner expressed his appreciation for the recent police drug busts.

Mr. Kuehn reported he has been informed that co-op work release is available for students.

**Community Updates:**

Spirit Day was held without incident but the committee requested help for next year.

Fall Cleanup is September 19 and 20 from 8am to 3pm and September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am to noon.

A "Battling for Chrissy" 5K/1K/fun run will be held October 26 at 9am. Police Chief Combs is working on a route with Jen Laudeman.

The Halloween Parade is October 26 with formation at 6pm and starting at 6:30pm.

The Haunted House will be held October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Trick or Treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8pm. The rain date will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Vuksta requested a moment of silence in memory of 911 victims.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary