

February 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held February 13, 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 February 13, 2019 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

Citizens' Comments:

Joseph Kowalchick of Seltzer taped the meeting following a discussion and discovery by Mr. Mahalchick that the Sunshine Law allowed for taping of public meetings.

Monica Raczka, 622 Baker Street reported that a storm grate at 620 Baker Street is worn away and is a hazard. Mr. Mahalchick will send someone out tomorrow to check on it.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve the minutes from January 2019. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

Communications:

The request from St. Michael's Parish to change lighting behind their church was referred to the Streets and Highways Committee. Mr. Mahalchick will contact PP&L as well for charges that may be incurred. Police Chief Combs will report on the intensity of the lighting at the March meeting.

The request from Yocko's Restaurant for no parking for deliveries was tabled until it can be determined what days and times are necessary for deliveries.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

The second reading of the Animal Ordinance #326 was completed. Mr. Mahal made a motion to adopt the change to the Animal Ordinance. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The second reading of the Police Ordinance #327 with solicitation changes was completed. Mr. Mahal made a motion to adopt the Police Ordinance with the change for soliciting. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to adopt the Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program. The motion passed as presented.

New Business

Mr. Mahalchick, Mr. Vuksta, Megan Paul and Ed Houser compiled a list of vehicles and equipment to list for sale. If items are not sold, they will be scraped. Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve advertising the vehicles and equipment using the least expensive accepted media. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The Solicitor stated that the items could be sold, if approved by Council, if bids are rejected. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve to request a six month extension to the 2014 contract #C000061746 CDBG funds. The motion passed as presented.

Unfinished Business

There will be a meeting in March with the Minersville Area Youth Soccer concerning their request to install a permanent fence.

Community Updates:

Mrs. Raczka asked if there is going to be a new gate installed at the compost site. Mr. Kuehn stated there will be and cards will be issued to residents. Funding was received thru a grant. Any lost cards would incur a fee. Mr. Vuksta stated that a resident of the borough must use cards. Mrs. Raczka asked if the borough has four dump trucks and if they were used every day. Mr. Vuksta stated they are used and one is the current recycling truck. Mrs. Raczka asked the Mayor if it was true that he does not answer calls. The Mayor informed her that is not true.

Mr. Vuksta thanked the Fire Departments on the excellent job they did on a recent cold in freezing conditions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

