

January 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held January 8, 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 January 9, 2019 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Solicitor Arlen Day, Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

Citizens' Comments:

There were no citizens wishing to comment.

Ms. Milbrandt made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve the minutes from December 2018 with the correction of "Ms. Milbrandt" in paragraph 4, Page 1. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

Communications:

A letter was received from Tom Barber asking the Borough to recognize his father, Milan Barber, who was killed in the line of duty in 1970. Officer Barber was given a Congressional Commendation in 2017 and will be enshrined in the American Police Hall of Fame in Florida in May 2019. Mr. Mahal and Mr. Kuehn will reach out to Mr. Barber concerning his request.

Police Chief Combs will co-ordinate with the Borough of Girardville for their request for our Fire Police to assist in traffic control for their annual St. Patrick's Day parade on March 30.

The council thanked Entech Engineering for their donation to the Minersville Are Food Drive in the borough's behalf.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

The second reading of the Tax Levy 325 declaring no tax increase was completed.

The Animal Ordinance 326 was read for the first time with changes to section 5 subsection B.

The Police Ordinance 327 was read for the first time with paragraph b iii added with regard to solicitation.

Thomas Eltringham was appointed to the Sewer Authority unanimously.

James Kimmel was appointed to the Water Authority unanimously.

Harvey Frantz was appointed to the UCC Appeals unanimously.

Brandon Kopinetz was appointed to the Planning Commission unanimously.

Unfinished Business

The Recreation Committee will schedule discussions with the Minersville Area Youth Soccer regarding their request to install a permanent fence and to discuss traffic control.

Kyle Crouse reported that our Ordinance for UCC 2015 codes is good.

Police Chief Combs will meet with Boran Dental in regards to their request for designated parking spaces. A “customers only” sign can be installed at their expense but will not be police enforced.

Mr. Mahal will investigate legislation on vaping in drug free zones.

Mr. Jeff Leonard requested the Borough help beautify the area of the train station. The Council informed Mr. Leonard that we couldn't plant on that area, as it is owned by the railroad.

New Business

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to authorize Jason Noecker to remove trees at the Union Cemetery not to exceed \$1000.00. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to authorize Mr. Kuehn and Mr. Mahalchick to award a bid for the Legion Park, if necessary, before the bids expire on January 19, 2019.

Community Updates:

Articles for the Community Newsletter are due as soon as possible. Reminders not to throw snow on the streets and to avoid flushing baby wipes will be included.

Solicitor Day reported on the Hutsko property. The conditions of the former complaint were met. Any further action needs to be a civil suit between the homeowners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

