

January 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held January 14, 2020 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 14, 2020 meeting: Mr. Paul Vuksta, Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

Chairman Kuehn congratulated Councilman Firestine and Mayor Palmer on their election.

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

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

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

Communications:

The request from the Borough of Girardville for Fire Police for their annual parade on March 28, 2020 will be forwarded to Bob Laughlin.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request of the Minersville Little League for field use. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Council held a discussion concerning increasing fines on quality of life citations in the borough. The current fine is \$25. Other municipalities are higher. Following the discussion, Mr. Firestine made a motion to increase the fine on Quality of Life violations to \$35 for the first offense, \$60 for the second violation with \$10 refund if paid within 15 days. The third violation to \$70 with \$10 refund if paid within 15 days. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion with the addition that tickets are purchased with blank amounts. The motion passed as presented. Ms. Milbrandt made a motion to rescind the prior motion, second by Mr. Vuksta until more information can be attained. The motion passed as presented.

Council held a discussion on the upcoming use of access cards for recycling and compost. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Vuksta made a motion to accept the rules for cards as written beginning April 1. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Applications for access cards will be available in the newsletter, online and in the Borough Office.

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Foran trnasmission gave an estimate of \$2,714.50 for a rebuilt transmission for repairs on the 2010 police vehicle. Mr. Mahal made a motion to conditionally approve the estimate if a transmission is deemed necessary after towing the vehicle to Foran and determining that is the problem. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion on the condition that the above has the approval of the solicitor due to the borough contract with Hammer towing. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn distributed the list of committee assignments for Councilmen and women.

Unfinished Business:

The engineer submitted a building analysis for 200 South 4th Street in the amount of \$473,000 in upgrades. Renderings will not be available until mid February. Mr. Mahal made a motion to have 200 South 4th Street appraised at a cost of not more than \$2500. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Vuksta suggested the public meeting be held at the borough garage so that the public can see the condition of the current building.

Mr. Kuehn announced that articles for the newsletter are due by Friday.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary