

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2010 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street.

Mr. William Angelo presided and opened the meeting with the Flag ceremony at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Council members attended: Mr. William Angelo, President; Mr. Keith Adams, Vice-President; Mr. Albert Bobinas; Mr. James Kimmel; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Mayor Joseph Post; Solicitor Albert Evans; and Megan Paul, Secretary. Also attending were James Cleary, Infrastructure Manager; Fred Bainbridge, Code Enforcement Officer; Police Chief Michael Combs; Deputy Chief Theodore Daniels; Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor; and Donald Troutman, Water Authority Laborer. Mrs. Helen Droskinis was absent.

Six Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Kimmel made a motion to approve January's Council Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

None.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Cleary stated he received quotes for the Middle Street Project. The only section that will need to be bid is for street paving. The stone, pipe and storm grates will all be under the sealed bid amount. The pipe work will be done in house and the paving will be contracted.

Fire:

All council members received a copy of the fire report submitted for January by Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg.

Law & Order:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the Minersville Borough Police Pension Ordinance eliminating the Killed in Service section; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Stephen Panak, 461 Carbon Street, submitted a handicap application for Council's approval. Chief Combs reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented

Chief Combs reported things are moving along with the department. They had 99 arrests in January. Also, Chief Combs wanted to thank the borough workers for all their help over the last month.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Cleary stated he has had five contractors look at the tree removal and all have declined because the job is too small. He can get quotes to pay to have the trees removed because the trees are too large for the borough staff to cut down.

Mr. Kuehn questioned the status of the skate park. Mr. Cleary stated they had not come into the Borough Office with their requests. Mr. Cleary stated Entech has not surveyed the area because they are not sure the size they are requesting. Also, a lease should be drafted but a committee needs to be formed to lease the land to. Solicitor Evans stated it will take a couple of months to form the type of committee to be able to receive grant funding. Mr. Kuehn stated maybe the borough should be the committee. Mr. Angelo stated he was under the impression the committee would form and get their own insurance coverage. Mr. Kuehn stated he will get a hold of Mr. Hoptak to find out what the status

is of the committee.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Soccer Association will be contact Mr. Cleary to discuss using the remaining funds in the North Delaware Avenue Account to build a concession/bathroom building.

Finance & Sanitation:

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the bills properly signed and pay the bills as presented; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the reports of all officers as presented; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

A resolution was read setting the Insufficient Check Fee at \$40 for all Borough payment receivers. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the resolution as read; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Water & Sewer:

Mr. Cleary stated the Sewer project is going smoothly. The trunk line is being put in and the plant project is currently waiting for materials.

Personnel:

Mr. Bobinas questioned if the employee evaluations have been completed. Mr. Enders stated he will make sure they are done.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Enders questioned whether the signs stating no dog, bikes, scooters, etc. should be taken down at the recreation facility or should they be enforced. After a discussion, Council agreed to give the people warnings for a month or so and then enforce the signs.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the payment requestion for the pool in the amount of \$27,594.85; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from the Minersville Fire Rescue Co. requesting to hold their Annual Block Party July 8-10, 2010 and to close North Street from Second to Fourth and Third Street from Carbon to Lewis Street. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Cleary would like to send the Housing Corporation and Redevelopment Authority to committee to review.

Mr. Kimmel made a motion to begin proceedings to take over the Welsh Baptist Cemetery at Church and Spencer Streets so improvements can be made to the cemetery; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bobinas questioned if Council had a chance to review the sex offender ordinance he sent. Solicitor Evans reviewed the ordinance and does not see a problem with passing the ordinance. Council instructed Solicitor Evans to have a draft ordinance for the next meeting.

Mr. Bobinas stated the lease addendum is part of a larger program that may be better to look at in depth before passing an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

A brief executive session was held for a personnel matter from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Kuehn Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary