

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., January 12, 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 7:01 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve December's Council Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

**VISITORS:**

None.

**COMMITTEES:**

***Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:***

Mr. Cleary stated for the Middle Street Project CDBG funds will need to be reallocated. The project will entail storm separation. The project will be done in house, materials will be bid out, and design work will need to be completed. Mr. Kimmel made a motion to reallocate the funds to Sewer Rehabilitation; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cleary stated quotes have been received for a 2010 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck. The Borough will save approximately \$9500 by using the State Piggyback Program. The truck the Street Department is currently using can no longer plow snow; the plow on the truck will be used on a different truck that is in need of a plow. Mr. Kimmel made a motion to purchase the 2010 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

***Fire:***

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

***Law & Order:***

The first reading of an ordinance amending the Minersville Borough Police Pension Ordinance eliminating the Killed in Service section.

Mrs. Lewandowski, 34 W Carbon Street, submitted a driveway application for Council's approval. Mr. Bainbridge reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Bainbridge stated there is the minimum access to the area. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Chief Combs stated currently the department is trying to clear outstanding warrants. The Council report reflects an increase in fines for the month of December because of the warrants that have been cleared.

Chief Combs stated all is going well and the office doors will be retrofitted with new locks which have keys that cannot be duplicated.

**Community Development & Public Property:**

Mr. Kuehn stated currently land is being looked at for addition parking at the Little League Field. Mr. Kuehn stated he had Mr. Jim Womer look at the playground to see if it would be feasible to move the playground to inside the complex. Mr. Womer stated once the playground is moved it needs to be brought up to current standards. There are some safety concerns with the current equipment. He does not recommend keeping the equipment if the playground is moved. The swing set can be moved. Mr. Womer stated the total cost would be around \$40,000-\$50,000. The area that the playground would be moved to would need to be graded and there could be drainage issues. A retaining wall may be needed. The equipment can be purchased on the State Contract and grants are available for playgrounds. Mr. Cleary stated he will contact Entech to see if they know of any funding available.

**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.

The second reading of the 2010 Tax Levy ordinance was held establishing the milage at 13.00. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance as read; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Mr. Bobinas stated he would like to consider a ½ mil increase to help pay for a new police vehicle and a playground. Mr. Angelo stated we would have to reopen the budget to reflect the increase and also re-advertise the ordinance. Attorney Day stated he feels there is not enough time to complete the by the February deadline for budget adoption. With Mr. Kuehn opposing the ordinance, the ordinance passed as presented.

Mr. Adams stated he would like to table purchase the lease for the copier machine until further research could be done.

Mr. Adams would like to table the pool rates until a future meeting.

**Water & Sewer:**

Mr. Cleary reported the Water Authority mailed out approximately 3800 letters for the Tier 1 Emergency Notification and only about 500 customers responded. The DEP mandates the authority continue to contact the customers until a response is given.

Mr. Cleary stated the contractor for the interceptor will be starting on Monday. The general and electrical contractors for the headworks upgrade have already started. The project is currently on schedule and should be completed by September.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Senior Citizens & Recreation:**

Mr. Adams stated the Borough will be sending Ed Houser and Ben Schuettler for pesticide certifications.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was read from the US Census Bureau regarding use of the Municipal Authority Building for Census work from February 26 – April 19 from 7 am -3:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

A letter was read from Entech Engineering stating they have made donations to the Minersville Food Pantry as a gift for the holiday season.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Cleary stated the Minersville Little League contacted the office asking for forgiveness for the Vending Machine tax. Mr. Adams stated he would like to table the request until it can be looked into.

Mr. Bobinas stated he would like to look into the ordinance restricting where sex offenders can live within the Borough. Mr. Bobinas will send the ordinance for review to Council and the Solicitor.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Borough has been receiving positive responses from the businesses on the notices being placed at the businesses after hours stating everything was fine at that time.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul  
Borough Secretary