

July 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held July 9, 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 July 9, 2019 meeting: Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Kerry Kerschner, Solicitor B.J. Evans, Kyle Crouse, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager and Police Chief Combs.

Citizens' Comments:

Dan Gaskins, 416 Carbon Street, reported the whole street is collapsing. Mr. Mahalchick stated the engineer, Water and Sewer Companies were all there to inspect it. There are no water or sewer lines under the street. Mr. Gaskins said he has a video from Rotor Rooter that shows the line went under the street. Mr. Gaskins will share the video with the engineer. Mr. Gaskins questioned when road repairs were being done. Mr. Mahalchick responded that patching is on main areas now.

Matt Spotts, 261 Middle Street, questioned when the huge hole on Middle Street is being repaired. Following discussion, Mr. Darosh stated that he has stone and would fill it after the meeting. Mr. Spotts also questioned why there is no stop sign coming out of the little league field. Mr. Mahalchick stated he would research putting a sign there.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the minutes from June 11, 2019. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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

Communications:

The council authorized Mr. Mahalchick to reimburse Vanaeyah Tran for \$200, the expense of towing from the Fourth Street lot during the playground reconstruction.

The Solicitor informed Mr. Emil Rizzi III The Borough could not honor his request to purchase the property adjoining his property. Water and sewer lines go thru the property. The Solicitor stated there might be other options for Mr. Rizzi to access his area.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the request of the Branch dale Fire Company to post a sign for their annual Chinese Auction. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The Council will look into the problem of excessive signs on the highway coming into the borough.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the application for payment for \$34,158.87 to Performance Construction for the Legion Park Project. On the question, Mr. Mahalchick stated that that the idea of using sod was too late and the cost would be too great. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the purchase of a dump box for truck #10 at a cost of \$12,663 from EM Kutz. Liquid Fuels funds will be used. The motion passed as presented.

Exercise equipment purchased and installed by an Eagle Scout for his project, will be placed adjacent to the walking path.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve Tropp Contracting for paving of the walking path at a cost of \$5,092. On the question, Mr. Darosh stated the pool manager's parking spot was being paved at no cost. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the Resolution for the Multimodal Transportation Grant at a cost of \$100. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to purchase two high-resolution cameras for behind the pool house, in the amount of \$1040 from Nerdy IT. The current camera will be relocated. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to award the quote for netting for the Little League field to BSN Sports using grant funds. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn requested Chief Combs look at the narrow street parking on Water Street behind the Mountaineer Hose Co.

Committee Reports:

Sewer – Mr. Darosh reported the rebuilt pumps have arrived and should be running tomorrow.

Streets and Highways – Mr. Darosh reported he has compiled a list of fourteen items for the Street Department that are already being addressed. Additionally he stated that on Pottsville and Snyder Streets there is a tree over hanging the sidewalk. The Solicitor stated the Borough would need a tree ordinance to make homeowners keep trees trimmed to not obstruct a street or sidewalk. A resident questioned what about a tree from one property obstructing another property. The Solicitor stated that is a civil issue. Mr. Crouse stated our ordinance does not cover trees. Our quality of life ordinance does not cover trees either. Mr. Crouse and the Solicitor will research the problem.

Community Updates:

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to change the date of the August agenda meeting from Tuesday the 6th to Wednesday the 7th due to the National Night Out on the 6th. The motion passed as presented.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6th.

Spirit Day is September 8 from 10am to 5pm.

The Halloween Parade is October 26, with staging at 6pm and the parade at 6:30pm. The Rain date is October 27.

The Haunted House is October 26 and 27 from 7pm to 0pm.

Trick or Treat is October 31 from 6pm to 8pm. The rain date is November 2 from 6pm to 8pm.

Ms. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary