

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., July 13, 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 7:03 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; Solicitor Albert Evans; and Megan Paul, Secretary. Also attending were Fred Bainbridge, Code Enforcement; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; and Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion to approve June's Council meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

**VISITORS:**

Mrs. Karen Fabrizo, 203 N Fourth Street, wanted to speak to the proposal to make N Fourth Street parking on one side. She stated the residents were not aware of the change and they do not want the parking to change. There are many residents that need to leave for work at night and they should not have to walk to their cars down the street. Mr. Angelo stated Chief Combs recommended the change and he will have the Chief meet with the residents to work out the issue when he returns to work.

Mrs. Theresa Smith, 408 Carbon St, stated she feels Rodnick's store should be cited for the traffic problems on the street. They allow delivery vans to park on the street for the whole day. The customers are littering in the neighborhood. Also, Mrs. Smith stated the borough has still not fixed Buckley Street. The road is still a mess and has not been corrected. Mr. Enders stated he will look at the issue to see how it can be corrected.

Mr. Bud Frankenfield, 591 Sunbury Street, stated he is having a problem with the lot for sale next to his property. There are large trees on the lot that are causing problems for his property. He has tried to cut the trees that are affecting his property but they are too tall. Mr. Bainbridge stated he is aware of the situation. He stated that anything that encroaches onto your property can be cut. The Borough cannot force the owner to trim their trees unless it is a public safety hazard. Solicitor Evans stated Mr. Frankenfield can bring a claim against the owner in District Court for the cost of the tree removal/trimming but the matter at this point is civil. Also, Mr. Frankenfield would like to know why the street sweeper stops at Fifth Street. Mr. Enders stated Council changed that approximately 7 years ago. The Streets and Highway Committee will look into the issue.

Ms. Ruthann Kulikusky, 591 Sunbury Street, wanted to thank the borough for painting the parking lines. She stated it has greatly helped the problem with parking and the church. Also, the storm drains in front of her residence need to be cleaned. After bad storms the drains get blocked from the debris coming down the highway.

Ms. Kulikusky stated the tenants at 593 Sunbury Street have not cut the grass and weeds. The only place the tenants will cut is where it is visible from Sunbury Street. The back of the property is not cut at all. Council will refer this matter to the health officer.

**COMMITTEES:**

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

The bids for the Middle Street Paving Project were opened and read, the results are attached to the

minutes. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to accept the bids as read and refer the matter to the committee for award; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

**Fire:**

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

The Minersville Fire Rescue wanted to thank the Borough for all their help.

**Law & Order:**

Mayor Post held a swearing in for part-time patrolmen Christopher Cruz and Jason Klouser.

**Community Development & Public Property:**

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to advertise for a Request for Proposal for Consulting Services for the CDBG Program; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to advertise for a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for the CDBG Program; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Chicora's have asked to purchase the ground from the Borough that their garage currently sits on. Mr. Kuehn stated the area is currently leased and will expire in 2016. Solicitor Evans stated he has reviewed the lease which states at the end of the lease any improvements made to the property then revert to the Borough. This means the borough would not have to pay for the value of the garage should we revoke the lease. Solicitor Evans stated the Chicora's are technically in violation of the lease because they transferred the property to another party. They have offered the borough \$1500 for the land which was the value listed from appraisal. Solicitor Evans stated the borough has some options to consider:

1. Request a new appraisal with the improvements included
2. Continue with the current lease and wait for the expiration to renegotiate
3. Negotiate a new lease with the current owners

The matter was referred to committee for recommendation by the August meeting.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Council needs to set the Trick or Treat Night so it can be published in the Miners Journal. Mr. Kuehn questioned why the borough does not have it on Saturday night. After a discussion, Mr. Adams made a motion to have Trick or Treat Night October 28, from 6-8 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

**Finance & Sanitation:**

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the bills properly signed and pay the bills as presented; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Mrs. Droskinis stated she did not remember signing the bills at presented at the Work Session but she stated she was late to the meeting. 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.-

Mr. Adams stated the insurance renewal process has begun and he will be meeting with Seltzer and Hauptly to get quotes.

**Water & Sewer:** Nothing to report.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report

**Senior Citizens & Recreation:**

Mr. Adams made a motion to purchase a microwave in the amount of \$129 for the pool concession stand; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance 158 was held. This ordinance will establish the curfew for individuals under the age of 18. Mr. Kuehn stated he would like to see a different time for summer as oppose to the school year. Solicitor Evans stated the Council should set a time for the police to follow and not allow it to be up to the discretions of the police force. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Kuehn made a motion to change the ordinance to read from Labor Day to Memorial Day the curfew would be 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and from Memorial Day to Labor Day the curfew would be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. A roll call vote was held: Mrs. Droskinis – no, Mr. Kuehn – yes, Mr. Adams – no, Mr. Angelo – no, Mr. Vuksta – no, Mr. Bobinas – yes, and Mr. Kimmel – no. The motion did not pass. The ordinance amendment will be advertised as read.

Mr. Adams made a motion to allow the Law and Order Committee to gather financing options for the Police Explorer and award the financing on the best option available to the borough; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams made a motion to purchase the vehicle from the Minersville Fire Rescue to use for the vehicle inspections at a cost of \$5,000 at transfer and \$5,000 in January of 2011; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Solicitor Evans stated he will draft a sales agreement. Motion passed as presented.

Mayor Post stated he has reviewed some of the ordinances. Council requested the review be submitted in writing when completed.

The second reading of the ordinance changing the traffic patterns of the Borough making Parsonage Street and Middle Streets one way was read. Also, the second reading of an ordinance restricting domesticated animals from the recreational complex was read. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve both ordinances as read; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

An executive session was held from 8:17 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. for a personnel issue.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to advertise for Borough Infrastructure Manager; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul  
Borough Secretary