

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., June 8, 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 7:06 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 Police Chief Michael Combs; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; and Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve May's Council Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Droskinis stated that under Senior Citizens and Recreation the motion needing clarification. The motion should be:

- Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the plans of the Minersville Area Youth Soccer Committee pending and agreement letter with the Minersville Little League Association; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Droskinis with corrections. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

Miss Olivia Massari and Amanda Wrona, Minersville Leo Club, stated they would like to hold a sleep out to raise awareness to homelessness. They would like to hold the event at the grassy area by the Minersville School District sign coming into town. All money raised will be given to local food shelters. The event will be held June 25-26, 2010. Mrs. Droskinis stated she thinks the event is a great idea but the location is of some concern. Mr. Adams stated he also has some concerns with the location and whether the students would be safe. The council agreed to allow the Recreation Committee to work with the Leo Club to find a better location for the event.

Mrs. Jean D'Attilio, 204 Line Street, questioned the new ordinance in place for motorized vehicles. She stated her lawyer sent a letter questioning the amount of time that is permitted for loading and unloading of motorized trailers. Chief Combs stated he responded to the letter sent by Mrs. D'Attilio's lawyer and stated the police will allow a 24 hour period for loading/unloading. Chief Combs stated the ordinance was not put in place to punish any individual but to limit the amount of time that valuable parking spaces would be occupied by the larger vehicles. The Borough will work with any citizen that needs slightly longer to load/unload their trailers.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

After changes to the ordinance read in May, the first reading was held for an ordinance amending the Borough traffic patterns by making Parsonage and Middle Streets one way. The ordinance will need to be readvertised prior to passage.

The bids for paving of various streets were opened, the results are attached to the minutes. Mr. Adams made a motion accept the bids as read and to allow the Streets and Highway Committee to award the bids after review; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Angelo stated St. Michael the Archangel Parish is requesting to block Lewis Street from Fifth to Sixth Street for their Annual Parish Picnic. The area will be available for emergency access at all times. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to grant the request as presented; seconded by Mr. Adams.

Fire:

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

Law & Order:

Chief Combs stated Reilly Township has returned the Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented. Chief Combs stated there has still not been a response from Cass Township.

Chief Combs stated he would like Council to grant No Parking on N Fourth St from Sunbury to Pine Street. Chief Combs stated with the traffic from Rodnick's and Quandel's that area is extremely congested. Mr. Adams made a motion on Chief Combs recommendation to prohibit parking on N Fourth St from Sunbury to Pine Streets; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated the contract with Chief Combs has been completed. The Law and Order Committee and Chief Combs are in agreement with the contract. Mr. Adams made a motion to allow the Law and Order Committee to execute the contract after Solicitor Evans review; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passes as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Minersville Fire Rescue has a freightliner ambulance that they are selling. This vehicle could be used as a command center for truck inspections. The cost would be \$10,000. Chief Combs stated at the present time both police cruisers are down for repair. He would like Council to look at purchasing a new vehicle to replace the Dodge Intrepid. Chief Combs stated if he would have to choose he would like a new vehicle for everyday use. Chief Combs has submitted a grant application for the vehicle and has gotten pricing from Costars dealers. The price for a Ford Explorer is around \$25,000. Mr. Adams stated he would be willing to look at getting both the vehicle from the Fire Rescue and an Explorer. Chief Combs stated he will forward more definitive numbers for the Explorer by the next meeting and Chief Eichenberg and Mr. Vuksta would talk to the Fire Rescue to see if the payments could be split for their vehicle.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to begin an Environmental Review for the Middle Street Reconstruction Project; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Solicitor Evans read a resolution for the Borough to take ownership of the Wynn Ann Restaurant at 100 Sunbury Street. The only stipulation for the transfer of title is that the Rodnick's are requesting a release from liability for the cleanup of the fire structure. Solicitor Evans stated he does not see a problem accepting the stipulation. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to accept the resolution as read; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Council questioned the status of the other fire structures. Ms. Paul stated we are currently waiting on escrow money from three of the structures.

Finance & Sanitation:

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

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

Water & Sewer: Nothing to report.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis stated she would like to see the health officer compensated for the work he did in helping the Borough when Mr. Bainbridge was on medical leave. The matter was referred to the Finance committee to determine an amount to be paid after Mr. Bainbridge has returned from leave.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Enders stated the island has been removed at the Fourth Street Recreation Complex and additional spaces have been painted. The remainder of the project will be completed after Little League is completed. The paving of the area may be done in house if Pottsville can bring their paving machine for the day.

Mr. Adams stated the pool will be opened on June 12 as scheduled with the same services being offered as last year, i.e. swimming lessons, water aerobics, baby & me.

Mr. Enders stated he is trying to get a company in to cut down the trees at the recreation area for a parking lot.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A complaint was read from Mr. David Sincavage, 210 Oak Street. Mr. Sincavage is requesting to place a balis on his sidewalk to prevent people from driving on his sidewalk. Solicitor Evans stated as long as it is placed on his sidewalk there is no liability to the borough.

A letter was read from the New Minersville Softball team requesting to use the New Minersville Field for their annual tournament on June 18-19, 2010. A copy of their liability insurance is included with the request. Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Adams stated he would like all members of council to submit names they feel should be on the Miners Development Corporation. The names should be submitted to Ms. Paul by Friday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Enders questioned whether there is a list of equipment from each municipality in the COG. Mr. Bobinas stated he will have to get a list for Mr. Enders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Enders stated he would like to install two 275 gallon tanks at the compost site for off road diesel fuel. The current tank was on loan from Schuylkill Contracting who would like it back. Mr. Enders is looking into the regulations for having the tanks with Labor and Industry regulations.

The first reading on an ordinance regulation domesticated animals at the recreational complex was held.

An executive session was held from 7:55 p.m. to 8:33 p.m. for a personnel issue.

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary