

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., March 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 7:04 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 James Cleary, Infrastructure Manager; Police Chief Michael Combs; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; Thomas Pellish, Sewer Authority Solicitor; Scott Kramer, RBC; Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor; and Donald Troutman, Water Authority Laborer.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

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

VISITORS:

Mr. Thomas Leskowsky, 717 N Second Street, asked why he has to pay a \$60 quarterly garbage fee when he only has one bag and ashes. Solicitor Evans stated the borough calculated a minimum fee to charge residents to ensure the health of its residents. The Borough provides the service to make sure all garbage is removed.

Ms. Ruthann Kulikosky, 591 Sunbury Street, requested to have lines painted in the 500 block of Sunbury Street. Since the churches consolidated there is an increase in people parking on Sunday's, the people do not park properly causing problems for the residents. Mr. Cleary stated when the weather breaks the street department will paint the lines.

Mr. Bud Frankenfield, 591 Sunbury Street, stated he would like to Borough to look at changing the light and signage at the 6th Street intersection. Mr. Cleary stated that light is not a PennDOT permitted light. Council stated a letter should be sent to PennDOT to find out if changes could be made at this intersection.

Solicitor Pellish stated the Sewer Authority is looking to refinance their 2004 Sewer Project Loan. The Authority needs to refinance to stretch out the debt so they do not have to put a severe rate increase on next year. There will still be an increase in rates along with the refinance. The Sewer Authority needs the Borough to back the refinance. A resolution was read allowing Solicitor Pellish to act on the Borough and Sewer Authorities to accept the loan commitment and authorizing the agreement between the Sewer Authority and the First National Bank of Minersville. Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the resolution as read; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve a resolution to file the application for refinance with the DCED; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

The first reading of an ordinance authorizing the Sewer Authority refinancing was held.

Mr. Adams made a motion to advertise for a Special Meeting Monday March 15th at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Kimmel wanted to thank the Borough, Water, and Sewer personnel for the great job on the last snow storm. They did a great job removing the snow in a timely fashion.

Mr. Cleary stated there was a child almost struck on Parsonage Street at St. Nicholas School. The school is requesting the street be blocked when the children go to lunch. This would only be temporary until a permanent fix could be found. After a lengthy discussion, council approved the request and agreed to set a meeting up with the school staff and Chief. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Fire:

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

Law & Order:

Chief Combs would like to freeze handicap applications until the issue can be looked at and redone. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the freeze on applications; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Lester Gibson, 468 North Street, submitted a handicap application for Council's approval. Chief Combs reviewed and approved the application prior to the freeze on applications. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Kuehn stated he would like to discuss the properties to be listed for sale with the committee prior to advertising.

The first CDBG Public Hearing will be April 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Finance & Sanitation:

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

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

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the payment requisition for the pool in the amount of \$34,369; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

Water & Sewer:

Nothing to report

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis and Mr. Adams reviewed the performance reports on the street department. They will be filed in their personnel records.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Cleary reported the quotes for pool chemicals will be sent out.

Mr. Adams stated he requested a sign be designed to recognize the groups that contributed to the North Delaware Avenue Complex.

Mr. Adams made a motion to allow the Recreation Committee to set the pool rates for the 2010 season; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Bobinas stated he heard there would not be movie nights this year. Mr. Kuehn stated the man that did the movies for us retired and sold his equipment. The committee looked into purchasing equipment but have not found a financial feasible solution.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Cleary the Housing Corporation and Redevelopment Authority is moving along.

Mr. Kimmel made a motion to advertise the Middle Street Paving when the specs and CDBG work is ready; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cleary stated we got a good response from the article on the Welsh Cemetery. There is a company that will donate time to remove the trees, and a group that would like to come to rededicate the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS:

There are items in regards to School and New Street that need to be worked out with the solicitor. And proceedings need to be started to revoke the lease on the Laurel Street property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Enders stated the dead tree has been removed from the plot across from the Borough building and he is looking at the possibility of a clock to be placed.

The first reading of an ordinance restricting the residency of sex offenders in the Borough was read.

Mr. Angelo stated there will be a Blue Mass on April 18th at 8 a.m. They are inviting the police, fire and council.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary