

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., May 11, 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 7:02 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; Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor; and Jeremy Kralick Laborer.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Kimmel made a motion to approve April's Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kuehn stated he would like the section under New Business to reflect a conversation will be held with Mr. Charles Fritz in regards to private clinics at the Teener League Field instead of stating Council said this should not be permitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuehn with corrections. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

Miss Angela Mason and Miss Kate Trapani, Girl Scout Troop 1064, stated they are working on their Gold Award. For this award they would like to rehabilitate the North Second Street Playground and Basketball Courts by repainting the equipment, benches and lines at the courts. The girls will meet with Mr. Enders and Mr. Adams to arrange the work to be done.

A resident questioned the new ordinance on the regulation of motorized vehicles specifically the section on motor homes. He questioned whether the residents are allowed to park the motor homes to load and unload. Chief Combs stated the ordinance was passed because motor homes block the visibility at intersections and take up much needed parking. The police will allow for loading and unloading of the motor homes but they cannot be permanently placed on the streets.

Mr. James Mason, 403 N Second Street, questioned whether the Borough will be selling the New Street property. Mr. Adams stated the Borough is in the process of evaluating property to sell and the property will be advertised for sale .

Mrs. Sally Gober, 517 Baker Street, questioned Chief Combs as to whether the residents still need to keep their porch lights on at night. Chief Combs stated there are many alleys that there is limited lighting and it is a great help to the officers patrolling if the porch lights, especially back porch lights, are kept on at night.

Eric Eichenberg and fellow South Vocational Technical students, attended the meeting for their social studies class.

Mrs. Jodi Tobin and Mr. Russell Charowsky, Minersville Area Youth Soccer Association, presented the plans and cost estimate for the building addition to the North Delaware Avenue Complex.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

The first reading was held for an ordinance amending the Borough traffic patterns by making Parsonage and Middle Streets one way.

Fire:

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

A note was read commending the fire fighters for the hard work they did in containing the two major fires in town. Chief Eichenberg also thanked the fire companies that helped with mutual aide. There were no injuries or fatalities with either fire and Chief Eichenberg and council state they were proud of the volunteers.

Law & Order:

Chief Combs stated Branch 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 a review of the Towing Bids was done and Mark Hammer Towing has all the paperwork in order. An award letter needs to be sent so the Performance and Labor Bonds can be completed. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to award Mark Hammer Towing the Towing Contract from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2010; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the CDBG Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise Plan; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the CDBG budget modification for funding years 2006 and 2007; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. John Sep, 425 New Castle Street, and Mr. Randy Nunemacher, 246 Oak Street, submitted driveway applications for Council to approve. Mr. Bainbridge reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the applications; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams made a motion to have Solicitor Evans begin legal proceedings to take conservatorship of 100 Sunbury Street; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. This will allow the borough to demolish the structure without taking ownership. The motion passed as presented. Solicitor Evans stated he will check to be sure but he believes the bidding process can be bypassed because of the emergency situation. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to allow the Community Development and Public Property Committee to review estimates received and award the demolition contract based on the solicitor's advice; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Ms. Paul reported Carl Faust will be helping to building inspections until Mr. Bainbridge is cleared to come back to work.

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.

Water & Sewer:

Nothing to report.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve the Benecon Group as COBRA Administrators for the Borough. The cost would be \$6 per employee yearly and the administrative fees. Mr. Adams stated he would like a further explanation. Ms. Paul stated the Borough will probably have a

couple COBRA cases this year and since the COBRA laws are so stringent with filing dates it would be better to use an outside administrator to monitor the cases. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed as presented.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from St. Michael the Archangel Parish requesting to erect a banner of the Annual Parish Picnic. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the request; Mrs. Droskinis seconded the motion as long as the banner is not placed more than two weeks prior to the event. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from Mr. James Cleary tendering his resignation from the position of Infrastructure Manager effective immediately. Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the resignation; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to award Patrolman Thomas Hoban Jr., Edward Raczka, and Gregory Volkay 2010 Citizens of the Year; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

An executive session was held from 7:36 p.m. to 8:58 p.m. for a personnel issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuehn to hire Mr. Michael Combs and Mr. Theodore Daniels on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Combs will be in the position of Chief and Mr. Daniels will be in the position of patrolman. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Post stated everything is set for the Memorial Day festivities. This year will be a salute to the Vietnam Veterans.

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