

## **November 14, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held November 14, 2017 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Mr. Angelo opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the November 14, 2017 meeting: Mr. William Angelo, Council President; Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jenn Beach, Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Walter Miscavage; Mayor Joseph Post; Solicitor Evans, Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Combs, Eric Eichenburg, Fire Chief and Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Seven Council members were present which created a quorum.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion approving the October meeting Minutes. Mr. Kuehn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Miscavage to approve the Officers Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Miscavage seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Miscavage spoke on a Point of Privilege. Mr. Miscavage spoke on a letter that was mailed to Borough residents prior to the November election. Mr. Miscavage stated the following- **see attachment 1**.

Additionally Mr. Miscavage stated that fifteenth largest engineering firm in the country, had inspected the former American Legion. Resident Monica Raczka questioned what firm that would be. Mr. Miscavage replied it was Quandel Associates. Mr. Miscavage stated that he was opposed to the Mayor using Social Media to state that he has the power to veto a vote. Mr. Miscavage stated that is not true, he can break a tie vote,

### **Communications:**

Ed Bosack of the Minersville Area Youth Soccer Club presented members with a map of their proposed expansion of the North Delaware Avenue Soccer Complex. A discussion was held on where the Borough would be able to dump snow if the complex were expanded. Joe Karmazin of the Minersville Little League Association, who was present at the meeting, was asked if the Little League would still use the field they are presently using on North Delaware Avenue if they were granted a lease for use of the Teener League Field. Mr. Karmazin stated they would not.

Solicitor Evans stated he would have a draft for leasing of the Teener League Field for the December meeting.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve the basketball sign on the highway, pending sign approval by Committee. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Wigoda of the Basketball Boosters will be informed.

**New Business**

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve the Ordinance to oppose House Bill 1620, "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill". The motion passed as presented.

The first Reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance#323, with millage remaining at **Twenty Point Zero Zero (20.00) for 2018**, was completed.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve a Sewer Rate tax increase of 16%. Following discussion, the motion failed to receive a second.

Mr. Kuehn then made a motion to approve a Resolution raising the Sewer Rate **10%**. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion. On a Roll Call Vote, the **motion passed unanimously** to approve the 10% increase.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta to approve a Resolution for a "tiered" garbage rate increase at **\$10/single; \$12/family; \$15/commercial Per Quarter**. On the question, Mr. Kuehn stated the Financial Committee had not been in favor of a tiered increase. On a roll call vote-Ms. Milbrandt, Mrs. Beach and Mr. Miscavage voted NO; Mr. Vuksta, Mr. Angelo, Mr. Kuehn and Mr. Mahal voted YES. **The motion passed 4 YES, 3 NO.**

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Miscavage, to approve the sale request by the Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau of Parcel # 52-03-0070.000, 353 Penn Street, at a price of \$1,254.00. The motion passed as presented.

**Unfinished Business:**

The lease with the Lions Club for the pavilion has an insurance issue that needs to be addressed.

**Community Updates**

Santa Claus comes to town November 26, with the parade at 5:30pm and visits with Santa from 6 to 7pm.

The Early Intervention Public Meeting will be held Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6pm in the rear of Minersville High School Auditorium.

Plans are being made for a New Year's Ball Drop on December 31, 2017 from 10pm to 12:30am.

The Council went into Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters.

The Council returned from Executive Session and as there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Miscavage made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary