

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held September 12, 2017 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the meeting: Mr. William Angelo, Council President; Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Council Vice-President; Mrs. Jennifer Beach; Mr. Ian Mahal; Mr. Walter Miscavage; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Solicitor Albert Evans; Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Chief Michael Combs; Kyle Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer. Absent were Mrs. Katielyn Milbrandt, Mayor Joseph Post and Gloria Capik, Secretary. Six Council members were present which constituted a quorum.

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

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

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

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Sorokach, 424 North St, questioned if there was something wrong with the new trees on S Fourth Street. Mr. Mahalchick stated he contacted the Pottsville Shade Tree commission who stated the trees are fine.

Communications:

A letter was received from the Minersville Skate Park Association requesting the Borough make a donation to help defray the cost of the liability insurance. Mr. Miscavage stated he feels this would start a precedent with other organizations if we made a donation for insurance. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Mr. Kuehn stated he has been in contact with Mr. Sitkus about the sign recognizing the State accomplishments of the Minersville Little League. The placement of the sign would be closer to the Sewer plant and the design would be the shape of PA with the Little League logo. Mr. Miscavage made a motion to approve the sign with the location approval to be done by the Recreation Committee; seconded by Mr. Mahal. Mr. Mahalchick questioned who would be erecting the sign. Mr. Kuehn stated they will have volunteers or a sign company erect the sign, it would not need to be done by Borough workers.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to allow a sign to be erected at the S Fourth Street courts with the Recreation committee approving the final placement; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to accept 467 North St from the Schuylkill County District Attorney Office contingent on the Borough getting tax forgiveness and a walk through being done by the Code Officer and engineer; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to begin the Civil Service procedures in anticipation of Officer Malis leaving in January; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to approve the Green Light Go Agreement and establishing an Interim Financing with the Gratz Bank; seconded by Mr. Mahal. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve hiring Derck and Edson as the designers for the Legion Park Project at the cost of \$25,000; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Mr. Kuehn stated local artist Marty Heffron offered to help with the design. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to approve a resolution naming the officers of the Borough who are authorized for signing document; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to approve the Minersville Youth Soccer Association to submit designs that meet the wetland boundary guidelines, showing the area they would like to utilize where the water main is and describing the use of that area; seconded by Mr. Mahal. Mr. Vuksta stated the Borough would still need areas available for snow removal. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to send a letter to State Representatives stating the issues with the state mandated electronics recycling and the illegal dumping the Borough is experiencing because of the law; seconded by Mrs. Beach. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to approve the final payment of \$13,344.65 to M&J Excavating for the South Street Drainage Project; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the CDBG Plans and Policies, the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, the Fair Housing Resolution, and the Section 504 Transition Plan; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension \$48,988 and the Uniformed Pension \$110,747; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuskta made a motion to approve obtaining a debit card for with a single signature with the Gratz bank; seconded by Mrs. Beach. Motion passed as presented.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Nothing to report.

Fire:

Nothing to report.

Community Development & Public Property:

A public hearing for CDBG will be held October 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kuehn stated Mr. Marty Heffron would like to get a state marker for Joseph Balsis. Mr. Miscavage stated Mr. Heffron should talk to the Historical Society.

Water, Sewer & Sanitation:

Nothing to report.

Personnel:

Nothing to report.

Law & Order:

Mr. Mahal stated there is an increase in the Part Time officer hours due to new officers in training.

Finance:

Nothing additional to report.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Miscavage made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Paul