

March 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held March 21, 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 March 2017 meeting: Mr. William Angelo, Council President; Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mrs. Jennifer Beach, Mr. Paul Vuksta, Mayor Joseph Post; Solicitor Albert Evans; Robert Mahalchick, Borough Manager; Police Officer Jeff Bowers; and Kyle Crouse Code Enforcement Officer. Four Council members were present which created a quorum. A moment of silence was held for a member of Police Chief Comb's family.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion approving the February meeting Minutes. Mrs. Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the Officers Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Beach made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Vuksta seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Tom Sorokach questioned who responded to complaints on snow removal. Mr. Crouse responded that he responds. Mr. Sorokach questioned if Mr. Crouse took a pro-active response. Mr. Crouse responded that he does and many people were cited and fines issues.

Dora Santorelli of the Historical Society thanked the Borough for their donation to the Historical Society.

Communications:

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the fields' request of the Minersville Little League for the 2017 season. The motion passed as presented.

A note was received from Sandy Jones thanking Officer Bowers for his assistance with the paramedics on an ambulance call.

A request was received from the Berks County Men's Senior Baseball League for use of the Teener League Field. Mrs. Beach made a motion, second by Mr. Vuksta authorizing the Recreation Committee to approve the request if there are no conflicts with field usage. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the agreement with the Minersville Area School district to accept financial responsibility for the crossing guard at the Elementary Center for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years in exchange for tax abatement for the former American Legion property at 3 Sunbury Street, Minersville. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Ms. Milbrandt to approve the request of the Soccer Association for funds awarded last year for field improvement, if those funds still exist. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick reported the Borough was awarded \$35,000.00 funds for the Early Intervention Program Gant with the Borough investing an additional \$15,000.00.

The curbing project for Pine Hill Street has been put on hold until other options can be explored.

Mr. Mahalchick reported he has been in contact with the Pennsylvania State Police on a program to inform elementary students on the dangers of needles they may find and what to do should they find them.

Demolition of the former American Legion building will begin in mid-April.

Mr. Mahalchick and Mr. Crouse met with their counterparts in the city of Pottsville to discuss delinquent rental property owners. The Solicitor is reviewing a joint agreement communicating bad landlords between the two communities.

Unfinished Business:

The Pavilion Lease extension with the Lions Club was tabled.

The Minersville Little League's request for financial help with the fireworks was tabled.

The towing contracts have been advertised and are due on April 4.

The sanitation hauling contracts have been advertised and are due April 4.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion, second by Mrs. Beach to approve the purchase of a heating unit for the Penn Street building from Reading Foundry at \$5,280.06. The motion passed as presented.

Police Chief Combs will be in contact with the Spirit Day Committee concerning street closings for their annual event.

The question of acquiring the Santander Bank building was referred to the Property Committee on the question of using the property as is or with renovations.

The Solicitor approved the closing of Spruce Street during dangerous weather conditions.

Mr. Mahalchick reported he would like to meet with three council members and Mr. Quandel to discuss the future of the renovations of the former factory building.

Mrs. Monica Raczka reported seeing used needles in the street by the St. Nichols School.

Mayor Post reported there would be a ceremony in Washington, D.C. honoring fallen officer Milton Barber.

Mayor Post presented a Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming Monday, April 21, 2017 to be Power Talk 21 Day.

Mayor Post reported a parade honoring the Minersville Area Girls' Basketball Team would be held on Thursday upon their return from Hershey at approximately 3:30 PM.

The Council heard the first reading of the Ordinance to replace Ordinance No. 200 to incorporate the provisions of both Act 98 of 1992 and Act 93 of 1994, providing that in certain fire losses the insurance company, association or exchange shall transfer insurance proceeds to a designated officer of the Borough as a portion of the insurance proceeds to be held as security against the total cost of removing, repairing or securing the damaged building, providing for fees, providing for penalties for violation and setting forth procedures and requirements pertaining to such insurance proceeds and to the implementation of said legislation in the Borough of Minersville.

The Council went to Executive Session at 7:30 for personnel matters. The Council returned at 7:50

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Vuksta made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Milbrandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

