

December 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held December 8, 2020. Due to the Covid19 Virus, social distancing was practiced. President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the December 8, 2020 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Sarah Newton, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Kyle Crouse, Police Chief Combs and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen, to approve the minutes from November 2020. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

Due to COVID regulations there were no citizens at the December meeting

Communications:

A letter from Tyler Sharon requesting forgiveness of his expenses from having his towed car stored at Hammer's Garage was received. Police Chief Combs will contact Mr. Sharon. The fees are from storage of the vehicle and are not issued by the Borough. He will need to contact Mark Hammer. The vehicle in questioned was towed for no insurance, which Mr. Sharon claims was a mistake as he switched insurance companies.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion to approve the request of the Little League to extend its' lease from five years to ten years with Solicitor Evans preparing the lease. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

The second reading of the 2021 Budget with no tax increase was completed. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the budget, second by Mr. Mahal. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to advertise 140-144 Sunbury Street with deed restrictions. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion, the motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2021 as enclosed in the packet with the changing of the December meeting to December 7. Mr. Mahal seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The first reading of the 2021 tax levy at 20.00 was completed.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to appoint Kevin Wigoda to the Water Authority. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to appoint Jeff Enders to the Sewer Authority. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to appoint Harvey Frantz to the UCC. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to authorize Police Chief Combs to move forward with negotiations, along with the Chair of Law and Order, with Cass Township for police coverage. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahal stated the borough should enter into a one-year agreement with Cass as a first step, but he recommended that the borough and Cass should undergo a regionalization/consolidation study to be performed by a third-party to examine a potential long-term agreement. This has been recommended in the past by DCED and most recently was a recommendation through the Early Intervention Program (EIP). The borough is most likely still eligible for funding for a study through DCED, due to the borough having an EIP conducted.

Committee Reports-

Finance-Mr. Kuehn reported work on the 2021 budget was completed.

Streets-Mr. Firestine reported on the Christmas lights on Fourth Street.

Sewer/Water-Mr. Darosh stated the Authorities are working on their 2021 budgets and projects.

Community Updates-The possibility of zoom meetings in the future was discussed.

Personnel-Mr. Mahalchick informed the council that the lobby of the borough office is currently closed. A Borough employee tested positive for COVID.

Police Chief Combs stated that four of his five part time officers would be leaving within a month.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

