

April 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held April 13, 2021. President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the April 13, 2021 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Sarah Newton Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Police Chief Combs, Kyle Crouse and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine, to approve the minutes from March 2021. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

Citizens' Comments:

Rose Crochunis, 415 North Street, questioned how many people could occupy a rental. Mr. Crouse stated it was dependent on the square feet of the home. Mrs. Crochunis stated there are currently ten occupants at the home adjacent to hers. The occupants are excessively noisy to the point she can no longer sleep in her own bedroom. Additionally, the children shout obscene language. Police Chief Combs will contact the owner to inform him the residence is over occupied. The school district will be contacted as well to be sure the children are registered and are not truant.

Communications:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request of Brittany Doyle to hold a Memorial 5K on June 27, 2021 at 9am. Firefighters will help with traffic control. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the request of Minersville Fire Rescue to hold a boot drive on Friday, May 28th from 4pm to 7:30pm. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of the Minersville Fire Rescue to hold their annual Block Party July 8-10. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request of the Minersville Firemen's Relief to hold their convention events in the borough September 5 to September 11. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the request of the Minersville Little League to hold a Corn Hole Tournament on June 26, 2021 on North Street between Third and Fourth Streets from 9am until dark. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the request of the Black Diamond Ship No 257 to sponsor a flag as a prize for their annual essay contest, with money being taken from the Flower Fund. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the request to hold a boot drive on Sunday, May 30th from 8am to 4pm. At Sixth and Sunbury Streets. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the purchase of a dump truck for the Street Department as a cost of \$78,624, complete with plow and salt spreader. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to purchase a skid steer for the Street Department in the amount of \$45,952.98. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the purchase of a milling attachment for the skid steer in the amount of \$16,280.40. The motion passed as presented.

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve the contract agreement with K&B Recycling to hold an electronics recycling event on July 15, 16, 17, open to all Minersville Area School District residents. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the county's request to use Union Hall as an election location. On the question, Mr. Mahalchick stated the County would be responsible for setup and disinfecting the location. The motion passed as presented.

The issue of tree removal and planting on the walking path was tabled.

The possibility of establishing Borough email accounts was tabled.

Mr. Crouse and Mr. Eichenberg are revising the Outside Burning ordinance. The first reading of the Flood Plain ordinance was completed.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to approve the driveway application of 415 Lytle Street on the recommendation of Police Chief Combs. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the handicap application for 405 Lytle Street on the recommendation of Police Chief Combs. The motion passed as presented.

The handicap application of 124 North Street was denied by Police Chief Combs as the resident can walk 200 feet without assistance.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve 2021 pool season passes at the 2019 rates. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to approve advertising for demotion of 236 Laurel Street. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahalchick will question why the Life Geisinger vans are parked on North Street and not in their lot.

Calling in on May 11, 2021 at 6:30pm will access the CDBG Public Hearing. Mr. Mahal reported the County is currently dragging their feet with properties. Mr. Darosh reported the Fire Police have three new members and they are in need of badges. Mr. Laughlin questioned if the Fire Police have a budget. Mr. Mahalchick suggested referring the question to Mr. Eichenberg and the Fire Committee.

Mr. Firestine requested the Police Department check for unauthorized vehicles parking in the municipal lot. Mr. Firestine stated residents with paid slots all have cards in their windows. Mayor Palmer stated the problem is that the Alibi Hotel bought eleven slots for their customers. Council should reconsider renting slots to business owners. Solicitor Evans suggested approaching Dr. Travarria concerning the purchase of his vacant lot, informing him that once appraised he would be eligible for a tax write off. The matter of renting of those slots and the street meters being reinstated during the Street Scape Project was tabled. Ms.

Newton asked Police Chief Combs to check on a vehicle that is consistently parked in front of the fire hydrant on the 100 block of North Street. Police Chief Combs will look into the issue of a resident on Lewis Street next to the Church of the Broken Pieces, constantly working on his vehicle on the street. Mr.

Mahalchick reported the Little League teams will participate in the Memorial Day Parade but due to COVID, will be given the option to disburse at the end of the parade at Veteran's Park.

Workers for the 2021 pool season will be advertised in the newspaper.

Mr. Mahal gave an update on the Sunbury Street demolition and reported that water is currently going into the basement of The Little Brown Barrel from the demolition of the neighboring building and runoff needs to be re-directed. Currently there is one proposal for the lot.

The annual Borough Yard Sale will be June 5, 2021.

The Council went into Executive Session at 8pm for personnel matters.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary