

## **August 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held August 10, 2021. Chairman Katielynn Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance:**

The following Council members attended the August 10 2021 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Ms. Sarah Newton, Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Sean Palmer, Attorney Eric Prock, Police Officer Chief Combs, Attorney Paul Datti, Kyle Crouse and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Attorney Datti presented documents for the Streetscape Financing Ordinance and additional line of credit.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Ms. Newton, to approve the minutes from July 2021. The motion passed as presented.

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

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

### **Citizens' Comments**

Several citizens spoke to Council regarding the upcoming insurance premium for the Skate park Association. They reported their frustration at not being able to offer help to the current Skate park Association. Following discussion, Mr. Mahal stated he would try to meet with the current officers to seek a solution.

The Council moved to Executive Session at 7:40 for contract negotiations. The Council returned at 7:59. Mr. Kuehn thanked all involved in the negotiations. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to approve the three-year contract, which included insurance premium and salary increases. The motion passed as presented.

### **Communications:**

A quote of \$7,847.90 was received from Berks-Fire Water Restoration for mold ruminantion for clearing mold and throw out of affected items. We are waiting for a quote from Serve Pro.

A thank you was received from K&B Recycling for their successful collection event.

An advertisement will be placed I n the Schuylkill County Fireman's Convention booklet from the Flower Fund, which is no expense to tax payers.

### **Old Business:**

The Nuisance Tenant Ordinance was tabled until the Code Enforcement Officer, Police Chief Combs, Mr. Mahalchick and Mr. Mahal can meet to discuss the ordinance. The addition of the County notifying Mr. Crouse of Section 8 inspections will be a great improvement.

The Fireworks Ordinance was tabled.

Megan Paul is composing a form for the sponsorship for flags at Veteran's Park.

The new refrigerator for the swimming pool was tabled until the new season.

Solicitor Evans and Mr. Crouse are researching vacation rentals in the borough on VRBO.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve, effective immediately, the part time police rate at \$21 per hour. The training rate will be \$19 per hours. The part time rate for will be \$24 per hour, which includes shifts from 11PM on Friday thru 7am on Monday. An incentive of payment immediately at \$24 per hour after 1000 hours per calendar year- training hours do NOT apply. With the rate pro rated and approved annually. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to rebid the 236 Laurel Street demolition. The motion passed as presented.

**New Business:**

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the Penn DOT Resolution and amendment. The motion passed as presented.

Amr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to approve the advertising of a Crossing Guard at the Elementary Center at a rate of \$13.50 per hour for two hours per day providing the school district provides a letter requesting the crossing guard.

**Council Reports**

Streets and Highways-Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve a \$200 gift card for Mr. Kellman for his electrical consulting work on the Fourth Street project which resulted in a \$1200 savings on the project. The motion passed as presented.

Law and Order-Police Chief Combs reported a letter would be sent to residents in the area a parking ban will be needed for the Fireman's Parade on September 11.

Mr. Kuehn thanked Mr. Crouse and Police Chief Combs for addressing a problem on the Pine and School Street neighborhood.

**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

The Community Pool will close on Friday.

The Doggie Swim to benefit the Library will be held on Saturday.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

