

June 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held June 8, 2021. Vice Chairman Steve Darosh opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the June 8, 2021 meeting: Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Arlen Day, Police Officer Clink, Don Cuff, Borough Engineer and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Mayor Palmer swore in Bob Keifer, Vanessa Logan and Matt Gould as Fire Police.

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

Mr. Mahal made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Firestine 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:

John Vuksta questioned if Gallows Row was going to become a one-way street. Mr. Mahalchick responded that it is not but parking has been limited to one side so that emergency vehicles can access the street.

Communications:

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to approve the Mountaineer Hose Company request to hold a boot drive July 2, 2021 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the entrance to the borough on the Minersville/Pottsville Highway. The motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

On the recommendation of Police Chief Combs the request for disability parking of Jamie Flocarri was denied.

The Nuisance Tenant Ordinance was tabled until the Code Enforcement Officer returns from vacation.

The Fireworks Ordinance was tabled until all ideas on the subject can be discussed.

Don Cuff informed the Council that bidders on the Multimodal Project couldn't get prices on the light poles, as the poles are currently not available. To expedite the project, the chairman of Finance, Public Property and Streets, along with Mr. Mahalchick will award the bid, if allowed, for the curbs and sidewalks and ramps separately from the lighting to the sole bidder-Heim Construction. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to amend the amount of financing, if necessary, at the Gratz Bank. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine and contingent upon removal of all branches, to Jason's Tree Service in the amount of \$1600 at the Borough Garage and \$1200 for removal of trees on power line.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal for the Police Department to sign over to the Borough the 2010 Explorer for use of the Borough Manager. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal to pursue the \$3500 bid by Foran Transmission for repairs on the 2010 Explorer. The motion passed as presented.

The request by Lazarchick's Café to continue sidewalk dining is a zoning issue. The COVID outdoor dining has ended. On the question by Officer Clink on how to enforce issues, Mr. Mahal will inquire with the PLCB office on rules concerning noise and outdoor alcohol serving.

Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to allow a CDBG survey on North Fifth Street for resident income. The motion passed as presented.

The issue of sponsoring flags at Veteran's Park was tabled until a form for sponsorship is drafted.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets and Highways-Mr. Firestine stated the street repairs would be completed by the end of July.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The Lions Club will sponsor the community fireworks on July 5.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

